

Monthly Meeting,

I will update ASAP any change in the status of our meeting due to weather concerns.

Once again, news is a bit scarce as we are not yet running at full capacity due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

To everyone, please send me any outdoor stories that you may have. Hunting season is upon us. We would love to hear about your latest exploits! I will serve as editor and get the story into a presentable format, subject to your approval before publishing. Please email me, Chris Erali, at eralic23@gmail.com Monthly Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse – The October general club meeting is on and will happen on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. It will be held outside from 6 PM to 8 PM. Our repast will either be grilled burgers and hot dogs outdoors or take-out from an outside source. Make it a point to attend if you can.

Communication

*I did not attend the Eboard meeting, so once again I am especially grateful to Maryanne for her minutes of the meeting. I gather that it was a sparsely attended so throughout this month's newsletter I will leave in place the news from last month. If you see this sentence in italics, **"There is nothing new to report in this area."** You will know that what follows under the subheading is from last month. Thank you.*

We received the WCLS Newsletter, American Hunter, and Sportsman's Alliance of Maine newsletter.

Speakers

Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a speaker at a future meeting.

Monthly Safety Tip and Topic for Discussion:

“Wear your safety harness when in tree stands.”

Archery

There is nothing new to report in this area.

There will be no organized shoots at Nimrod for 2020. All have been cancelled. The Annual New Year's Day Shoot has not been confirmed yet. More news to come... May 1st and 2nd in 2021 are scheduled for the IBO shoot.

Bar

Gary will be out for a while. We will have coverage. No events scheduled.

Birds

Stocking bird boxes are being prepared for pheasant season.

Kitchen

There is nothing new to report in this area.

The kitchen remains closed as we are not compliant with Covid restaurant regulations. Dave and Bruce recommend that we serve restaurant take-out and use paper plates and plastic tableware that are available in the kitchen. Single use condiments must be used and are in the kitchen. The days of buffets and shared large containers of condiments are over.

BE SAFE out there. This is the new normal.

Trap

Trap League Banquet was held outside on Thursday. The Turkey Shoot has been cancelled. Trap will hold some small shoots with Lucky White prizes and pick up turkeys for those events. We would like to pinpoint the design and grade of the renovations for the trap field. Soil and concrete will be needed. The EBoard approved \$1,000 to dispose of old asphalt from the old trap field. Most of the renovations will be delayed until spring.

House

Ralph is looking into details for the bulkhead project. We have repeater and cellphone usage now. Discussion was regarding dropping the land line in order to save money. Ralph will investigate the actual numbers and whether everything can be done over a cell line with dependability.

Grounds

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! The Grounds need constant updates from trimming to weeding flower beds. There is always some chore or task like painting which can be done. This is always a great opportunity to get your service ours completed. This is YOUR club! Thanks!

Rifle Range

The Princeton Police Department will use the range from 3 PM to 9 PM on October 15th and the 22nd. Ed purchased a Trauma Kit that will be mounted in the shed. We will need a sign indicating its location. Ralph has two bids on building the walls portion of our range renovation. The Board approved spending up to \$35,000.

REMINDER ONCE AGAIN! PUT CLAYS ON THE BERM, NOT THE LOGS!!!

Here is a plug for our Range Committee. I just ran into a member of the Singletary Club. There, you must bring your own personal target holders. The convenience our committee provides is worthy of our support. Think about where your fired round is going to end up. We are fortunate to have target holders. Please help us continue to enjoy that privilege. Stop and make sure that your fired rounds end up in the berm.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen

The September meeting at Otter River went well outside in their pavilion. All virus protocols were followed. Mel Krouse's project cleaning up a small waterway in Grafton is moving forward. There will not be a raffle this year. Two special committees are being formed. One is for fund raising and the other how to help other clubs in the area who may be in financial difficulty. Check out the WCLS newsletter online. <http://www.wclsc.org/>

Land Use

EJ and John Meyer are planning on cleaning up the current trail to the pond. We will have a work party posted sometime this month. No new trails are planned. Chris Craigue will call the contact who was working with the WPI students. Chris will let them know all pertinent details of the restrictions we have from the MDC. Signage work will continue as the leaves fall.

Membership

We have one new member to induct on Tuesday night. The Board approved Mark Mellberg. Mark, please join us for the best \$5 meal in town on Tuesday, October 13th when we welcome you into our club. Membership renewals will be available in the next few days. We will have the option for auto-renewal. Joe and Isaac are looking at fees and will revisit this option over the next several months. The Board approved \$176 per month to do renewals on our website. Joe was granted \$30 to investigate various

options. Naturally, if this is something we are going to use, we would like to make sure we are getting the best deal.

Isaac is proceeding in acquiring automatic gates for the Club grounds. He has 3 bids and would like one more. There are basically two types of systems. One is a local system while the other is a Cloud based system. An examination will be completed to determine which fit our needs best and is the most cost effective. Maintenance fees and the like will be part of the analysis. Insurance costs may reflect better security by being less expensive. Chris will look into the insurance.

Scholarship

No report

Documentation

No report.

Grant Writing

No report.

Rentals

There is nothing new to report in this area.

We are clear of rentals for the foreseeable future.

Conservation Camp

We received reimbursement for our conservation camp deposit.

Old and Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

Ed Chviruk passed away this past month. Ed, father of our Vice President, Kevin, had been a member of Nimrod League of Holden for the past 15 years. Ed had been active in the club's pheasant program and like Kevin, was known for his volunteerism to our club. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Kevin and the rest of the Chviruk family. Ed sounds like he was quite a man. If you, like me, did not know him, I have included a link to his obituary. It is worth reading. His time here was without a doubt, a life well-lived.

Here is the link to his obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/telegram/obituary.aspx?n=edward-chviruk&pid=196830954&fhid=20771>

Everyone STAY SAFE! It looks like this life may be with us for a while.

Please if you have any news that you would like to have included in this section, good or bad, contact any member of the Executive Board, and we will see that it is included.

Again, check back to the newsletter for any updates on our monthly meeting status.