

Shirley Rod and Gun Club Minutes

3/9/23

Call to order: 7:35

Members Present: ~71

New Members

James Cronin, Westford, Events

Scott Gelina, Lunenburg, Range/Events/Fish/Grounds/Archery

Christopher Edwards, Bolton, Range/Grounds

Christopher Macleod, Pepperell, Events/Fish/Archery

David Wilson, Shirley, Range

Brandon Florsheim, Lunenburg, Range

David Conrad, Shirley, all committees

Joe Rapallo, Shirley, Range

Michael Fan, Ayer, Range/Fishing

Alicia Amadon, West Townsend, Range/Grounds

Bill Page, Townsend, Range/Events/Grounds/Kitchen/Archery

Jim F gave new member speech.

Mike T will give range orientation on Sunday at 9am.

Secretary Report: Accepted as read.

Treasurer Report:

Reviewed financials for February 2023.

Reviewed financials for the fiscal year since this is the annual meeting.

Report accepted as read.

Communication and Bills: None.

Archery:

Jim W – Targets have arrived and been assembled. Everything is on schedule for season to start on 2nd Wednesday of April. Lot of new members seem to be archers. Went over details of weekly archery shoots on Wednesday nights.

Do not use broadheads on target bags on range.

Can always use help setting up targets. Starts around 3:30.

Shoots happen rain or shine. Under the porch when running.

Grounds: No Jeff M, no report.

Fishing:

Eric – Will be May 7th. Asked for help.

Sam P – Arranged to get pond stocked. Two stockings, one for club members and one for kids derby.

50/50 will be held. Goes to prizes for the kids.

Building: No Jeff A, no report.

Kitchen: Dan J – Tonight corned beef and cabbage. Had lots of help in kitchen.

Bar:

Feb'23 meeting brought in \$162.

Had to pay \$325 for beer/wine permits from the Town of Shirley.

Ranges:

Pete – Broken flag was repaired. Things are OK. Did let new members know they can help any time. Shoveling, trash, etc.

Membership:

Mike T – 3 new life members, eleven new members, 385 total membership.

Finance Committee:

Shiloh – Cash that comes in from new membership or any source should be verified prior to deposit. Overall review was very efficient. Round of applause for new Treasurer Jim Wilson.

Nomination Committee

Don O, Jim W, and Lee T.

President – Leigh Blakely

Vice President – Jim Finnerty

Treasurer – Jim Wilson

Secretary – Craig Carpenter

New Business:

Buff – BOD meeting on Tuesday night. BODs job is to make sure nothing detrimental is happening at club. Did vote two more names for memorial stone. Gene Wixom and Frank Eschlionis. Will get these names on the stone.

Buff - Had several large pine trees cut that were threatening club.

Buff - Have no outdoor bathroom access. With increasing woman participation, it is important to get access. Will price this out for this year. Will be addition to women's room with key card access.

Buff - Catch basin in front yard needs to be leveled and paved or cemented to prevent flooding and freezing during winter. It's a hazard and needs to be taken care of this year.

Dan J – Next weekend is Chili Cook Off. \$5 to taste all competing chilis. Dan will enter you if you want to compete. Need 4qts. Requested volunteer help.

Old Business:

Jim F – Littleton voted against FFL in the Mill. Rent was regardless was tripled. All FFL will be gone in about 1 year.

Joe – BOW Turkey seminar and hunt coming up. Seminar will be April 1. Will be all day, 8 – 4. Hunt will be April 24. Will have first woman guide this year, Sasha. Very excited for this and look forward to more women participation. Ranges will be closed on April 1.

Leigh – Gave brief description of BOW, Becoming Outdoor Woman. Classes and hunts held for both turkey and deer season. It's a great program and encouraged all women, new and experienced, to participate.

Jim W – Still need to set up new savings account with higher interest.

Jerry N – Shoots will start next month. Schedules up front. First three gun will be April 8. Round counts for all events will be on website. Bring more than minimum round count. Even if you don't shoot come down and watch. Do not worry about skill.

Leigh – Septic backed up during weekend scouts did camp out. Did have tanked pumped out but tank wasn't full. Ran snake up drain and found it was blocked. Charge \$175 for digging up covers. But can get around charge if we put risers in so cover is at ground level. We will be doing this.

Good and Welfare:

Don O – April 22nd is youth turkey day. Turkey season if April 24th

Adjourn:

Don O – Made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.