

Shirley Rod and Gun Club Minutes

4-11-24

Call to order: 7:45pm

Members Present: ~53

New Members

Sean McGuirk; Shirley; Range

William Grady; Devens; Range

Maxwell Parvey; Lunenburg; Range/Events/Fish/Ground/Archery

Terry Williams; Medford; Range/Events/Fish/Grounds/Kitchen/Archery

Brian Sheahan; Worcester; Range/Events/Grounds

Vadims Dvornikovs; Lancaster; Range/Events/Grounds/Kitchen

Scott Milan; Lunenburg; Range

Mark McGrady; Ayer; Range/Fish/Grounds/Archery

Daley McArthur; Shirley; Range

James P. DaPonte; Fitchburg; Range/Grounds

Jim F gave the new member speech.

The range orientation will be tonight.

Secretary Report:

Craig C

Report accepted as read.

Treasurer Report:

Jim W

Went over income and expenses for March 2024.

The report was accepted as read.

Communication and Bills:

Jim F

Canopy 2024: Climate and innovation forum flyer at the head table

Reloading expo in Florida in July. At the front table

Leigh

Club ground under conversation restriction will be inspected shortly. Need volunteers to take down no trespassing signs. Jim W said he will take care of this. Could also be taken care of during spring cleanup.

Archery:

Jerry N

3D archery first shoot was last night. There were eight shooters. Shoots start at 5pm. Make it by 6:30 and you can shoot the whole course. \$7 to shoot.

Gave a brief explanation of what 3D archery is.

Grounds:

Jeff M

The clean up will be this Saturday 4/20 starting at 9am. Will paint the sign out front on the road. Bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes, and leaf blowers. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

He has the burn permit.

Building: Jeff A - No Jeff no report.

Kitchen: Dan J - Fried turkey dinner tonight. Thanked the kitchen crew with special thanks to guest helper from Florida Nancy Machester.

Bar: Craig C - The March meeting brought in \$177. The Chili cookoff brought in \$86.

Ranges: Pete - Mike Suscavage did some work with his machine on the pistol range. Did some general clean up to prevent ricochet.

Fishing: No Eric no report.

Fish were supposed to be stocked on Wednesday but the pond was too full. Combined stocking will be on 4/25.

Derby for kids only. Special prize for biggest fish. Prizes for all participants. Food will be served. Please bring your kids down. It's a blast.

Membership: - Mike T . We're at capacity but over 200 members have not renewed.

New Business:

Buff

Shoots coming up. Bowling pin shoot this Friday, 4/12. Went over required guns and ammo. \$10 and starts at 6pm. Come down and shoot or just watch. Have some fun. Don't have guns? Just bring ammo and you can borrow it.

PCC shoot on Saturday 4/13. The set up starts at 9am. Went over ammo requirements. Shooting starts at 10am. Come down, it's a lot of fun. Each round is 75 rounds minimum.

Scout Leader

The scout troop is offering to help out at the fishing derby. Welcome to help and they should bring their fishing poles.

Don O

As a member, please police the pond and make sure nobody is fishing between 4/25, stocking, and 4/28, Derby.

Jim F

Sportsman flea market/yard sale. Propose June 23rd. \$20 a table. Will send an email out to membership for first shot at tables. Only hunting, shooting, archery, and fishing gear only. Will be cash or venmo only. No firearms or anything that requires 4473. Let's try it out.

Motion made to have swap meet on 6/23. Motion passed.

Jim F

We are at the cap for membership. Would like to raise the cap from 400 to 500. We have 250 members that still need to renew. This is not in the bylaws.

We rarely have full ranges. Only during pre-hunting to sight in.

We most likely will lose membership by June and stay under 400.

Motion made to raise cap to 500. Motion was passed.

Leigh

Still need to check on prices for port-o-potties. Will do by next meeting.

Old Business:

Leigh

Mike asked for money for the trailer to get fixed. Stayed under budget. Thank you Mike.

Joe

The BOW seminar will be held on Saturday 4/6. Thanked the club members who helped out. Lots of moving parts to make this work. The hunt will be on opening day 4/29. Will see you again in June to ask for permission to use club for deer hunt in fall.

John E

Had over 30% of repeat attendees that also attended the fall program. Two of the women who went the fall program harvested deer on their own. Has received a lot of feedback from women who said without the program they would not have had the confidence to go out on their own.

Dan J

Chili cookoff had fifty people and five chilis. Frank Hoffman won this year. Need more chilis for next year. Like to have at least a dozen chilis. Scouts were a big help.

Jerry N

We are still looking for someone to head the archery committee.

Pete

There will be a close border rally on 5/4 at 10am at the state house.

Good and Welfare:

John

Looking into the condition of the trap houses. Cleaned around the trap houses. One is pretty much intact. The second one would need some reconditioning.

Trees in front of the range would need to be cut to use the range.

If there is an interest in getting this going again it would be feasible. Would need to be steel shot.

Leigh stated this would require someone to step up and take over this effort. The club would support anyone who wanted to try.

Don O

Turkey season start on 4/29. Herring are starting to hit runs on the cape.

Adjourn:

Don O

Made motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.