

# Shirley Rod and Gun Club Minutes

4/13/23

**Call to order:** 7:31pm

**Members Present:** ~64

## **New Members**

Greg Ballas; Pepperell; Range

Benjamin Fish; Maynard; Archery

Patrick Hodel; Leominster; Range

Matthew; Holden; Range

Leo Guercio; Shirley; Range/events/Fish/Grounds/Kitchen/Archery

Peter Touborg; Lunenburg; Range

Johan Jansson; Tyngsborough; Fish/Archery

Darren Guild; Lancaster; Range/Events/Fish/Grounds

Nirmal Kumar Mallavarapu; Pepperell; Range/Events

Chris Martin; Lunenburg; Events/Fish/Grounds/Kitchen

Alec Van Wagoner; Leominster; Range

Jiayan Hao (Jake); Chestnut Hill; Range

Thomas Evans; Lunenburg; Grounds

Jim F gave the new member speech.

Discussed upcoming spring cleanup as first volunteer opportunity.

Mike T provided orientation tonight.

**Secretary Report:** Accepted as read.

**Treasurer Report:** Last month reported insurance payment; did not clear until this month.

Reported on March 23 income and expenses.

Accepted as read.

**Membership:** Mike T - Thirteen new members tonight. 390 members total. Two hundred members have not renewed yet. Gate is now down for the season.

## **Communication and Bills:**

Jim F

Flyer for defensive handgun course for women in Princeton MA on 4/14.

Loaves and fish are hosting a 5K race to raise money.

Shirley friendship asking for donations.

Goal asking for donations.

Schedule of events for Shirley Historical Society

**Archery:** Dan L - 13 Shooters last night. Great time. Asked for people to join.

**Fishing:** Eric - The pond has been stocked for club members. Will be 5/7, asking for help.

Will be getting Port O Potty for the event.

Encouraged members to fish now because this stocking is for members. No fishing from 5/4 to 5/7 because this stocking is for the derby only.

Will be holding 50/50.

**Grounds:** Jeff M - Cleanup is coming up on 4/29. Has the burn permit. Asked for help and bring your yard tools, rakes, shovels, and blowers. Starts around 9am.

**Building:** No Jeff A no report.

**Kitchen:** Dan J - Deep fried turkeys tonight. Excellent. Still have turkeys for sale, \$15 for 16lb bird.

**Bar:** Craig - March Monthly Meeting \$250, Chili Cookoff \$107

**Ranges:** Pete - Things are good. The dud bucket on the range cracked and leaked oil.

Bucket has been replaced. Needs some used oil.

**New Business:** Leigh - Received thank you card from Eschilionis family for putting Frank's name on memorial stone.

Guest speaker Brian Goldberg

Live in Shirley; thanked club for time and conservation efforts, and veterans. Representing people in Shirley to pass community preservation act, CPA. Vote on 5/2. Help preserve open space, preserve small town community, and respect veterans.

Has flyers and a website to learn more about this act.

A yes vote will create a fund. If a fund is created the state will put some money in the fund, often matching. A lot of towns around have participated. There is a cost of around \$40 annual per family.

Once the fund is established a committee is formed. The committee must bring all ideas of how to spend money to the town meeting. The town gets to decide how these funds are spent.

Question, is the state match guaranteed? Every year the state match is set. Historically it has been around 35%. Has been talk about this amount rising.

Leigh

Got a call from the state conservation commission. This property is under conservation trust. It is in perpetuity. Even if the club is disbanded the state gets the land. Also have 4.5 acres on the other side of Lawton Rd. We have been holding on to that to prevent developer access. The state wants to buy that property so that can be put in state conservation land. Offered \$2800, which is same amount we paid for land in the 1960's.

What we do with this land is membership decision.

Question, does the club have any intention of using this land? Originally this was intended as potential land to sell if the club needs money. This is not the current situation.

This lot is 99 A6. Taxes for us holding that land are about \$360 a year.

Members can use this land, including hunting.

Joe brought up that when that land was bought it was with the intention of not having that land developed.

BOD is not in favor of selling this parcel.

This is just information for the club membership. A vote is not required. The state offer will be declined.

Buff

Bowling pin shoot next weekend, Friday 4/21. Centerfire pistol and rimfire rifle. Can always borrow a gun if you do not have one. Just bring 9mm and .22LR ammo.

Sat 4/22 will be PCC shoot. Should bring around three hundred rounds. Lot of shooting and lots of fun. Even if you do not shoot come down and watch.

Memorial Stone – Will arrange to have Frank and Gene's name on it.

## **Old Business:**

Buff

Outdoor access to bathroom. Contractor, Sean Keenan, looked at it. Ed Mullen, building commissioner of Littleton, looked at the project. Lots of moving parts in this project. Must be ADA complaint.

Need to put in door from outside to women's bathroom. Door will have card reader. Only members will have access. The hot water heater will be removed and replaced with on demand system. Will reduce annual heating bill since we only use hot water at max 60 days a year. Toilets will have to be moved. Partition will be built. Will only be able to access bathroom from outside. No access to the clubhouse. It will have to be rezoned for heating. Currently two zones in the club. Would have to be 3.

Do not have any price back from Sean yet. Buff made a motion for \$20K to start this project.

Buff believes \$20K should cover it but could go higher.

Motion was carried.

Jim W

High interest savings account has been established. More board members need to be put on account and then will start moving money over.

Joe.

BOW happened 4/2. 10 participants. Thanked Leigh, Mike T, Pete, and Dan for their help. The event and hunt is on 4/24. The seminar itself was extremely successful.

Round of applause for Joe and all the work he does for this.

Dan J

Chili cookoff last month. Great time. Thanks to troop 123 for helping out. Leigh won. Eleven chilis total.

Made motion for \$200 for food supplies for kids fishing derby. Motion was carried.

Leigh

Club pond has already been cleaned up. Thanks to Mike Suscavage for bringing a tractor down and cleaning up.

#### **Good and Welfare:**

John T

The dam at pond is not holding water well. It is 40 degrees and the flow by the dam is quite significant. Suggested we think about fixing the dam. Offered to look into. w to go about repairs. We need someone to drive this effort.

Buff

We need a machine in here to pull stumps. Might be good to take care of the dam at same time.

Don O

Stripers and American Shad are running.

#### **Adjourn:**

Don O

Made motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:42.