

Shirley Rod and Gun Club Minutes

9/8/2022

Call to order: 7:39pm

Members Present: 34

New Members

AiMing Li; Harvard; Range
Fabio De Souza; Billerica; Range and Grounds
Yongqian Zhao; Harvard; Range and Fish

Jim F gave new member speech

Mike T: Range orientation on Saturday

Secretary Report: Accepted as read

Treasurer Report: Accepted as read - Jim – on vacation last month so August and September financials presented

Communication and Bills: Nothing presented

Archery:

Jerry N – last broadhead shoot next Wednesday, last shoot of the year

Jim W – 2 weeks ago last 3D shoot; good year; 15 to 20 shooters every week; last week first broadhead shoot; 15 shooters; top shooter Erik; 2nd place Greg; ended up shooting under lights; invited anyone interested please come out; next week last broad head shoot; thank everyone who has come down over the year; great time; start again in April 2023; love to have new member come and join

Grounds:

Jeff M – lot of rain; snowblower needs tune up; back road needs to be closed when we get the first snows, so road doesn't rutted up

Building:

Jeff A – Have a mouse problem; will set traps; Sept is occupancy month; call in for those people and need to do fire extinguishers

Kitchen:

John C – Hot dogs and hamburgers; Thanks to Jim Wheeler and John Erikson for the help.

Bar:

Craig C

\$69 from August meeting

\$81 from Keg

\$377 to distributor

\$90 for soda and water

Ranges: Pete – all is OK; nothing seems to be broken

Membership: Mike T – 3 new members; 343 memberships; orientation on Saturday

New Business:

Buff – BOD meeting this Tuesday night

Updated bylaws; 2 BOD meetings per year; must attend 2 club meetings and both BOD meetings

Shoots went well; good attendance; cut down on number

15 shoots this year

\$542 from shoots this year

Improvements to the club and preventative maintenance

Remove some overgrown trees; if fall they will damage structures

Mike Suscavage and Buff both looking for someone to do it

Road coming in and parking lot needs to be leveled before winter; need graded base; total job will be around \$3K

Buff made motion to grade for \$3K + costs

Pete asked that when done before first plow moved it all away

Nothing much can be done about this; and it needs to be done every year

Jim asked how much would asphalt be; Buff said around \$200K

Motion passed for \$3K plus costs.

Loggers coming in this year; done every 10 or so years; take 30% or less; will happen in winter when everything is frozen; State pays for this since it is conservation land

Pistol range needs to be rebuilt; berm; last done about 10 years ago; will get estimate for this work

Outdoor entrance to bathroom; tried to get club members to do it for free for years; just can't get it done; need to hire someone; have a contractor Sean Keenan from Littleton; want to do this in spring; one of the bathrooms will be split and access from outside of club.

Catch basin; will always dip and flood and freeze in winter; will be better since re-done; need to cement it or pave it; suggest paving it; more to come

Buff just wanted to bring all these issues up to club so general membership is familiar with the work that needs to be done.

Craig C; Looking for someone to mentor to take over the Turkey shoot event; please come up and see Craig if interested

Sam P; running the archery deer pool; \$5 for biggest buck; \$5 for biggest doe; club members only; MA only; interested see Sam

Old Business:

Mike T; Gate is working; lost a card contact Mike; will be turned on in next week or so; just tap card on number pad; don't try to sneak more than one car through; will damage the gate

Good and Welfare:

Shiloh; Black bear hunts in Canada; she went in Saskatchewan; most bears 18" skulls; will provide information if interest; remote location so takes some logistics to get there; it is a cabin camp; doing fishing and moose as well; took an 18.5in bear on last night of hunt

Adjourn: Jim W; motion to adjourn; adjourned at 8:22