

Shirley Rod and Gun Club Minutes

1/11/24

Call to order: 7:35pm

Members Present: ~40

New Members

Christopher Martinez; Lancaster; Range/Grounds

Patrick Renna; Dunstable; Grounds

Jake Martin; Westford; Range

Leigh gave new-member speech.

Mike T will give range orientation on Sunday at 9am and 9:30am.

Secretary Report:

Craig C

Report accepted as read.

Treasurer Report:

Jim

Went over December income and expenses.

Report accepted as read.

Communication and Bills:

Ducks Unlimited issue on the front table.

Graviti group sent a letter asking how they can help the club. This group runs a podcast. Leigh will give them a call and get some more information.

Archery:

The committee chair is currently vacant. We need a new chair as the archery season will come quickly.

Jim F will send out club email to see if anyone will take over archery.

Grounds:

No Jeff no report.

Building:

Jeff A

Nothing to report.

Kitchen:

Dan J

Tonight's dinner was elk and venison meatloaf donated from Kevin McDonald. Dan thanked the kitchen crew.

Bar:

Craig C

December monthly meeting brought in \$63.

Soda and water \$62.

Ranges:

Pete

Everything is good. Had a bit of trouble with snowblower but the ranges are fine.

Fishing:

Eric

Running a 50/50.

Membership:

Mike T

374 current members.

New Business:

Jeff Maze, district manager for the local Scout council is looking for a place to run a twilight camp for two districts. He would like to use the SRGC. This would be a 4-day course with each day starting around 5pm and end around 9pm. It would take place around the fourth week of July. The event would be outside, and the council would bring in porta-potties. Jeff is now just inquiring if the club would help out.

The shooting portion would be run by council and require nothing from club. The council would provide approved instructors and they would have their own insurance. Ranges would have to be closed during this time. Shooting would be BB gun, archery, and sling shots.

This would be a cub scout event. Around 40 to 80 participants, not including parents. Things are still really in the air.

It would be weekdays and they would work with the club to minimize impact to club. May need to use inside of club if there is bad weather.

Motion was made to support the scouts pending further information. Motion was passed.

The treasurer is pulling together finance committee for the annual meeting in March. If you are interested, please let him know.

Gate will be up for the meeting until snow is done. Town will not plow or salt if gate is closed.

BOW deer hunt went well. Three women got deer during hunt and one woman got deer by herself the following week. This program gets women from all over New England. Asked for building 4/6/24 for BOW Turkey seminar.

Motion made and passed for 4/6/24.

2024 Calendar of Event Dates

Chili Cook Off 3/16/24

Spring Clean Up 4/20/24

Fishing Derby 4/28/24

Field Day 8/10/24

Turkey Shoot 11/24/24

Jim F will send an email blast out to see if someone will run a game supper.

Pete said we need to replace some of the poles for the bunkers. Buff said hopefully we will have guy come down in spring. But depends on how busy he is. If we get guy and machinery in, we will replace all poles that need it. Otherwise, we will figure out how to get that done sometime this year.

Sam asked if we want to do double stocking again this year. Consensus was it went well and would like to do it again this year. Request was made if double stocking please make one closest to derby include some brookies.

Old Business:

Good and Welfare:

DJ (Proxy for Don)

Congratulations to all who had a successful hunting season and start preparing for next year. Next season will come quick.

Adjourn:

DJ (Proxy for Don) made motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.