

# Shirley Rod and Gun Club Minutes

2/8/24

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

**Members Present:** ~40

## **New Members**

Janet Dutcher; Littleton; Events

Ryan Dutcher; Shirley; Events

Jaret Splane; Littleton; Range

Christopher Sykes; Shirley; Range

Leopoldo Ulloa; Fitchburg; Kitchen

Leopoldo Ulloa Jr.; Fitchburg; Range/Events/Fish/Kitchen

Oscar Diaz; Shirley; Range/Events/Fish/Kitchen

Scott Haggerty; Groton; Grounds

James Duncanson; Pepperell; Grounds/Kitchen

Shane Thibault; Templeton; Archery

Jim F gave new member speech.

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

## **Secretary Report:**

Accepted as read.

## **Treasurer Report:**

Went over January income and expenses.

Accepted as read.

## **Communication and Bills:**

None.

## **Archery:**

Jim F

Still looking for committee chair. Jim W, former chair, will help out whomever goes for this position. Please contact Jim if you are willing to do this position.

**Grounds:**

Jeff M

No Jeff no report.

**Building:**

Jeff A

No Jeff no report.

**Kitchen:**

Dan J

Tonight was pasta with venison and moose meatballs and venison sausage.

Dan will make a motion for more funds for next month's corn beef and cabbage dinner.

**Bar:**

Craig C

January Monthly Meeting brought in \$74.

Payment to beer distributor for \$389.

**Ranges:**

Pete

Things are good. Thanked Bob for the latest delivery of cardboard for targets. Thanked random person for shoveling during last storm.

**Fishing:**

Eric

Running a 50/50 raffle tonight.

Sam P contacted the stocking company. The first stock will be 4/11 for members. Second stock will be 4/25 and this is for derby on the 28<sup>th</sup>. No fishing from 4/25 to 4/28.

Made a motion for \$2000 for both stockings. Motion passed.

Made a motion for \$200 for porta-potty for derby day. Motion passed.

**Membership:**

Mike T

Ten new members tonight.

We are currently at 384 total members.

Jim F

Next month is the annual meeting and most members renew. Asking for volunteer to help Mike out taking care of all the renewals. Please talk to Mike.

**New Business:**

South Fitchburg Rod and Gun Mike President gave brief talk. Had several representatives. Want to promote camaraderie between our clubs. Would like to build schedules together, not compete, pitch for each other, and establish some friendly competition. Thinks bringing clubs together will help keep clubs alive and thrive.

Jim F

Annual meeting next month. Need a nomination committee. Don Osmer and Lee Turmel have already volunteered. If you want to volunteer let us know.

Need a finance committee to go over annual books. Shiloh Cote has already volunteered. Please let Jim Treasurer know if you are willing to be a part of the committee.

Dave, charter rep for scout troop, said thank you letting them run the polar derby on 2/3 at the club.

Jim Treasurer

Make a motion to move savings money in emergency fund, \$200K to new high interest savings account. Have evaluated it out with a small amount and now want to move over the rest of the money. This will result in about \$800 of interest per month at an APY of 4%.

Eric asked if we should consider investing some of this money in longer-term vehicles. Jim F said this should be another discussion, but it is worth having.

After discussion motion was passed.

Bob

Made a motion to get a new .410 shotgun for the club. Jim F suggested letting us review current inventory and make motion to get whatever is needed. Also, the club can't own guns, but Jim is willing to own it and let the club use it.

Dan J

Motion to buy \$200 of corned beef for next month's meeting from Blood Farm. he motion was passed.

Jerry N

The shoot schedule has been set and will be published on the web site.

**Old Business:**

Jim F

During our turkey shoot people didn't have cash and there is not other way to pay. It was proposed for Venmo but that would require a club cell phone. Jim countered we do have a club PayPal account and he can generate specific QR codes that could pay for the Turkey shoot. No motion required.

Jim F

Crafting new gun control legislation. Just had a listening tour and 3 days later a 140-page gun law proposed. Goal will lobby and fight this directly in courts. Right now, nobody knows what is going to happen.

If you know someone who wants to get a firearms permit do it know. The requirements are going to get overly complicated in the next year.

**Good and Welfare:**

Bob

Passing a card around for Lee Whiting. Lee recently fell and broke his leg and will be laid up for a bit. Please sign the card.

Pete

Please consider helping goal.

**Adjourn:**

Jerry made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm