

Ipswich Fish and Game Association
Membership meeting
June 1, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Doug Germain

New members:

1st reading of names:

Ted Nogler
Dan Harrigan
Wane Moses (with son Garrett)
Robert Mahoney
Eric Pohler

2nd reading of names (provided/will be provided keys to club by Eric Josephson):

John Martori
Jeff Hunt
Mark Sicilio
Peter Prescott
Andrew Prescott
Robert O'Mara
David Carmichael

Committee reports:

Fish and pond: (Barry Leahy) On Saturday, May 30, 2009 120 Brook/Rainbow trout and some catfish were stocked in the pond. Rules for fishing:

- Members only. Must purchase a \$5 license from club (Barry has them).
- Catch and release until August 1, then fish can be kept
- Artificial lures only NO BAIT, suggested single hook, but tri hook lures are permitted.
- Orange flag in range house must be put up when fishing to warn shooters of presence.
- No shooting of fish.

Rifle/Pistol Range: (Len Pappas) On Saturday May 30, 2009 the committee held a work party at the range. Work included rebuilding target stands, berms, grass cutting, weed cutting, prone position shooting stand, wood wall added to front of pistol area, bullet holes in roof repaired, range house cleaned. Suggestion that we create some taller pistol targets (5' versus 4') to keep shots out of the dirt. Also discussion of some of the target legs being shot out by members with less-than-solid aim. All members need to remember that safety is first concern and that bullets should be travelling through the paper targets into the backstop. Next project is to cap the 100 yard target backdrop to contain ricochets. Future range plans include reactionary target shooting, and members may now bring their own

reactionary targets to use. Must stay within the rated caliber of the targets. Len also reminded everyone that in order to shoot at a shorter range, shooter should move targets/support base toward the house, not move the shooter toward the target. All shooting should be done from within the house. Committee will also research retractable targets that can be moved in and out from the house. Future project.

Road repair: Condition of the road was discussed. Contractor Eric Wade has proposed to remove organic matter from the roadbed and replace with a crushed rock product which will give a more solid base to the road, allowing trucks as well as cars to navigate to bottom of hill and range house.

Motion Approved: To appropriate \$600 (labor) and \$800 (materials) to enable Eric Wade to complete work on the roadbed. Work to begin asap.

Trap (Matt Allred): Committee has recruited several new members. Some association new members expressed very positive feelings on the welcome and treatment that they received upon their first visits to try trap. Spring league is now in week 9, with 30 people involved in shooting. Committee will also launch a fall trap league of similar size. On Tuesday nights, there is doubles team competition. Doubles shooters have a handicap similar to golf and each twosome shoots against others with handicap adjustment. Trap field #2 is on hold pending DQE and Conservation Commission review/ruling. Committee and Board are confident that there are no issues, just need to let the process proceed, then construction can begin (utility poles, ballistic curtains need to be installed).

Motion approved: To appropriate \$3,000 to purchase the 2009 supply of clay targets for the league/Sunday afternoon shoots. Matt is researching having the shipment delivered to his business so as to avoid members needing to show up at the club mid day for unloading.

Building and Grounds (Jim MacDowell): Committee noted that the fence between trap field #1 and archery field had two sections fall during Sunday's winds. They will review and assess repair, etc. Other repairs need to be made to the clubhouse roof leak and the inside/outside bug problem (carpenter bees, ants).

Motion approved: To appropriate \$100 for outside bug treatment

Motion approved: To appropriate \$400 for roof repair

Members were encouraged by Jim to donate time to mow the grounds using the club rider mower. Both the upper grounds and the rifle range require mowing. Club mower works well and is located in the shed near the trap field. See Jim if interested.

Archery (Doug Germain/Bill Butler): Bill Butler has agreed to take on a deeper role within the archery committee. He has researched acquisition of several 3D targets. Many other clubs have such an area, and IFGA would likely gain members who enjoy shooting at this type of target (life sized, animal shaped, made of high tech foam product). Bill has had contact with vendor who offered club attractive pricing

for a 15 target package that includes extra midsections (most frequent area hit by the arrows) and free shipping. These targets have inserts which allow them to be refreshed once the prior insert is worn. Archery committee would like to put a 3D course through the woods. Board discussed expenditure, possibility of recovering amount through new member dues, possible location of course away from trap fields and rifle/pistol range. The wooded area behind clubhouse was discussed. Storage of targets during non use may be required but targets are weather resistant easy retrieve foam.

Committee is also researching building a new tree stand with stair access for archery field.

Motion approved: To approve \$3,475 expenditure for 15 3D targets including extra midsections/shipping

Treasurer's report (Jeremy Nelson): Jeremy reviewed the month of May receipts/expenditures, and May 30 cash balances on hand in General fund, Emergency fund, Capital Projects Fund. Balances are all well within expectations for this time of year. Current appropriations pending disbursement include:

\$3,000 for trap targets

\$3,000 for utility poles for trap field #2 (from prior meeting)

\$1,400 in road repair work

\$3,475 for archery 3D course

Motion approved: To accept the May, 2009 Treasurer's report

Open house, June 13, 2009: Doug Germain reviewed the plans for open house on June 13, 2009. Work party scheduled for next Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Overall clean up of grounds and clubhouse. All members welcome to help!

Rifle/Pistol, Trap, Archery committees will all establish coverage at open house for their individual activities. Rifle will include .22 caliber bolt actions and pistols will be .22 caliber only. We will have age limits of 10+ years old in order to shoot the rifles and 15+ years to shoot pistols. In both cases, parents must be present and consent to shooting. Also agreed that we will hold pistols in 'reserve' that day and concentrate efforts on rifles.

Intent is to show club off to potential new members. Lunch will be served, two grills to be used. Kayem foods (thanks to member Ray Monkewicz) is thanked for their donation of lunch meats and food!

Gun raffle (Dave Shea): Our initial gun raffle was a success. Tickets were sold and the lucky winner of a .22 Ruger rifle from Northshore Firearms is [name withheld]. [the winner] will pick up the rifle at the dealer. Dave announced that the next raffle will be an over/under 20 guage shotgun. Tickets (40) will be sold for \$20/each. Good chance to win. Dave will send a thank you note to Northshore for their support. He will include two trap cards for them to use at the club.

Member raffle: We had two months of cash raffle. Winners were:

May, 2009:

\$50 winner Dave Shea

\$25 winner Ed Walsh

June, 2009:

\$50 winner Peter Stapleton

\$25 winner Len Pappas

Len Pappas offered to show the rifle/pistol range work to newer and not so new members following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.