

**Ipswich Fish and Game Association
Membership Meeting Notes
May 4, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Club has a number of new members who were presented by Doug Germain:

First reading:

John Martori
Jeffrey Hunt
Mark Sicilio
Robert O'Mara
David Carmichael

Second reading:

Linny Wood
Chris O'Neil
Jesse Fowler
David Corning
Jack Sabino
Curt Smith
James Dooley
Dan Dooley
Dan Hughes
Stephen Hughes
Barry O'Brien
Suzanne O'Brien
Travis Houseman

Treasurers Report: Jeremy Nelson presented a Treasurer's Report showing club account activity through April 8, 2009. Report approved.

Trap Committee: Committee is active and eager to have new members (if interested contact Matt Allred). Non club members who attend the Sunday open trap shoot are receiving 3 day memberships in order to shoot. Reminded existing and new members that there are always committee members ready to show how to shoot, and that inexperienced shooters are very welcome. Shot must be #8 or smaller, 1,250 feet per second or less in order to protect the ballistic curtains.

Archery Committee: Committee had a winter season year end dinner. Outdoor league for summer will be discussed by newly constituted committee. Member Bill Butler volunteered to join group and research establishing use of 3D targets for use in the woods.

Rifle/Piston Range Committee: Lenny Pappas reviewed the range rules for members (listed on website). The committee will oversee installation of 50 yard and 75 yard targets in addition to the 100 yard rifle and 25 yard pistol existing targets. The 100 yard targets will be capped so as to reduce possibility of ricochets. Eleven new committee members have joined and will have a May 30 work party to get the range cleaned up for open house. Reminder: Badges must be worn at all times when on range. Member is responsible for guests adhering to the rules. If alone, you are both a member and the range officer! Group had a discussion of instances of rapid firing which did not seem to be 'controlled firing.' This is against club rules and observers of this type of firing are encouraged to note the badge number of the member responsible. We need to keep the range safe and friendly!

Fishing Pond: Barry Leahy reported that the committee will arrange stocking the pond on May 23. A supply of 8-10" rainbow trout will be stocked. Fishing is catch and release for members only. As of July 4, fish may be kept. Licenses will be available from the club (Barry). If anyone catches a trout before May 23, please notify Barry as we are interested in learning if any of the 2008 fish wintered over.

Building and Grounds: Jim McDowell indicated that there will be a building and grounds work party on June 6th, rain date June 7th. This is to clean up the club in advance of the open house. Please maintain things neatly after that date to make the open house easier.

New battery will be purchased for lawn mower. Machine is running well.

Committee will solicit additional proposals to repair roof leak, possible partial reshingle job. Will also coordinate exterminator treatment of walls, ceiling.

Summer Camp Scholarship: Doug Germain reported that the club had granted a \$600 scholarship to Drew Schimmell, a high school student who will attend an outdoor skills oriented camp this summer. This will be an annual scholarship available from the club. Drew will be invited to return to a club meeting following the camp to brief the members on his experience.

Fishing Trip: Trip date: Saturday, May 9. From Gloucester, 7:00 am. Slots sold very well.

Future trips will be posted on website.

Summary of Work Dates:

May 23, 2009 Fish pond stocking

May 30, 2009 Rifle/Pistol Range

June 6, 2009 Building/Grounds clean up for open house

All members welcome!

Raffle of new gun: Club is working in conjunction with North Shore Firearms in Middleton to raffle off a new gun to club members. Gun will be purchased by club at cost. Members will be able to purchase chances. Matt Allred and Dave Shea will form a committee to arrange and administer the raffle. This can become a repetitive event as long as there is interest in the raffle. Types of guns will rotate so that there will be something that will appeal to everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm