

Ipswich Fish and Game Association

Directors/Officers meeting

July 6, 2009

Attending: Matt Allred, Dave Shea, Charlie Dort, Eric Galicki, Eric Josephson, Len Pappas, Jeremy Nelson, Doug Germain, Dave Clarkson

Archery range update: **Bill Butler** and **Doug Germain** updated the group on the current work with the 3D archery target course. Bill originally expected the target order to arrive on Thursday, July 2, however the order was not delivered until Monday, July 6. Order includes 16 targets, all of which are stored in the basement of the clubhouse. Bill will work with the archery committee to determine placement of a course, placement and storage of targets, etc. Currently on deer target is set on outdoor range, this is a personal target of Bill's.

Range update: **Len Pappas** updated group on plans for a roof structure on the range 100 yard target to contain shots that ricochet, etc. Construction methods discussed including use of surplus telephone poles, manufactured beams, and other ideas to span the target area. Possible widening of the berm at 100 yards as some 50 yard target shots are being directed at the 100 yard concrete blocks. Len and committee will meet later tonight to discuss specific plan and return to board meeting in August.

Trap range update: **Matt Allred, Eric Josephson:** Discussion of need for a safety message to be delivered before all trap shoots given the number of new shooters and new weapons being used at the range. All agreed that club should still remain open and welcoming to novice shooters who want to learn, and that emphasis on safe procedures needed to be stressed. All club members should be alert to any shooters who require guidance or assistance. One non board member at the meeting expressed concern over some of the newer shooters and offered suggestions for posting of range rules as well as pre shoot discussion.

Sponsored Shooting event: **Matt Allred:** Mike Shepard of North Shore Firearms has offered to sponsor a competitive shooting/archery event. Participants would engage in pistol, rifle, archery, trap. Combined handicapped scores would be used to determine winners. Prizes sponsored by North Shore. Handicapping would equalize equipment advantages to place emphasis on shooting ability. Board approved the event and encouraged Matt to discuss at the membership meeting, at which time we would set a date (tentative: 10/11/09).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Membership Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Recap of June minutes provided by **Dave Clarkson**, minutes approved and accepted

June Treasurers report read by **Jeremy Nelson**. Club finances are in solid shape. Currently we have \$27,000 in our operating account and \$10,000 in our reserve account. Report approved and accepted

Range Committee: Len Pappas: Thursday, July 9 will be a rifle/pistol shoot. Informal competition for club members. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be a range committee meeting following tonight's club meeting. Discuss plans for the cover over the 100 yard targets and other range related items. Bill paid for \$1,100 to Eric Wade for work done on the road, which came out very well. There are now some parking spaces in the woods before the hill down to the range.

Trap Committee: Matt Allred: Doubles shooting will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6:00 pm, members only. Matt and the group discussed the ongoing necessity to have safety speech before all trap events, singles and doubles. There are a number of newer members and existing members with new weapons who can benefit from a refresher speech. Range rules to also be posted and stressed at the trap field.

Archery Committee: Bill Butler, Doug Germain: The new 3D targets arrived today (July 6) after being delayed. We have 16 targets in the basement of the club. Bill will work with the committee to determine the best deployment of the targets. Plans are to use some of the woods surrounding the clubhouse for a target range. Bill had some of his vocational students manufacture stands for the targets as well as print out scoresheets for planned matches. Thank you Bill for all of your efforts on this!!

Roof Repair: Doug Germain: The roof appears to have more damage than originally thought. The first estimate totaled \$3,000 and involves stripping the roof in the area of the back porch and above the porch, replacing roof sheathing, storm shield, shingles. Agreed to seek additional estimates before making decision on the work.

Insect damage/clubhouse: Len Pappas, Doug Germain: Some of the members at the June meeting agreed to have exterminator contacts look at the clubhouse. This hasn't moved forward, and Len Pappas has agreed to meet with an exterminator to have an estimate and suggested course of action for the beetles, ants and resulting woodpeckers who are enjoying the clubhouse. Len to set a meeting in the next ten days.

Open house recap: Doug Germain, committee chairs: The June 13 open house was a big success. Over 100 people visited the club and enjoyed the range, trap field, archery field and refreshments. The rifle/pistol range was busy from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and many people fired .22 caliber rifles, handguns, Matt Allred's AR15, black powder rifles and seemed to all enjoy themselves. Trap field was used by approximately 50 people as was the archery range. Joshua Boyd, a reporter from the Ipswich Chronicle wrote a very positive article on the event. Link to article:

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/ipswich/sports/x931194648/Fun-at-the-Fish-and-Game-Ipswich-club-features-outdoor-recreation-opportunities-aplenty>

Many members and donors had a hand in producing the day, and all who helped deserve a thank you. Great event!

Suggestion for next year's open house is to purchase a supply of ear and eye protection for visitors as members loaned theirs but we could have used more.

New members: Doug Germain, Eric Josephson: The following new members were reported. Those with the first reading are able to use all club facilities. Those being read a second time can obtain keys to the gate and clubhouse from Doug/Eric following the meeting. Welcome to all!:

New members, second reading:

Dan Harrigan

Wayne Moses

Bob Mahoney

Eric Poehler

New members, first reading:

Michael Pizzi

William Wallace

Ed Fouhey

Corey Minitier

Patrick Carlin

Ted Spinale

James Russell

Jeff Naugler

New Items: Len Pappas: The Wachusett reservoir land is being opened up to hunting. Also, land in Templeton, MA has been opened to bowhunting only. Both locations are described on the site www.masswildlife.org

Massachusetts proposed bill: A bill has been introduced in Massachusetts that would require that all privately owned land would be open to hunting only after the owner posts it as such. This is a change to current law which states that hunters can access private land if they receive permission of owner. New law would require many signs, effort on part of landowners. Status of this and other bills on website of G.O.A.L.

Haverhill fish and game: Dave Shea visited the Haverhill club, reported that it is a great club and that their planned open house later this summer should be a good event.

Shooting/Archery competition sponsored by North Shore Firearms: Matt Allred: North Shore Firearms (owned by member Mike Shepard) has offered to sponsor a competition this fall with prizes from the store. Format would include pistol, rifle, trap, archery shooting by each entrant. Handicapping of participants to even out equipment advantages (scopes, etc.). Tentative date for this event is October 11, 2009.

Volunteers are needed to mow the lawn, including trap field and clubhouse area. Also needed to mow the rifle pistol range. Anyone interested in contributing time please see Eric Josephson or one of the Directors.

Dates for upcoming events: Doug Germain: Tentative dates were set for upcoming fall events:

Fall trap league begins: September 8, 2009

Lobster bake: September 13, 2009

Northeast competition: October 11, 2009

Pig roast: October 25, 2009

Next gun raffle supported by North Shore Firearms: An M&P .40 caliber pistol will be raffled off this coming month. Fifty tickets will be sold, \$20 each. See Dave Shea.

Raffles:

The July gun raffle was completed (name of winner withheld from minutes)

The July cash raffle: \$50 to Craig Mosher, \$25 to Len Pappas

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

