

**Ipswich Fish and Game Association
Membership meeting minutes
October 7, 2013**

Meeting called to order, 7:00 pm

Important dates/Notes:

Monday, November 4, 2013, next membership meeting

Important note: Alarm code for the gate (1996) is no longer active; to drive onto the property you will need your club id badge!

Minutes of September 9, 2013 were read and approved

Treasurer's Report for September, 2013 read and approved.

Income YTD: \$50,723
Expense YTD: \$68,210
Net expense: \$ 17,488

Balances:
Checking: \$29,253
Bldg Fund: \$15,073
Reserve: \$17,632
CARE: \$324
Total Cash \$62,282

New Member Readings (Doug Germain)

First Readings:

Kristen Lacount
8 Meetinghouse Ln
Topsfield, MA 01983

Loralee Farewell Charros
40 Archer St
Lynn, MA 01902

John Lucey
54 Brookside Rd
Topsfield, MA 01983

Joseph Greenwood
10 Boxford Rd, Unit 6
Rowley, MA 01969

Tim Perkins
44 Town Farm Rd
Ipswich, MA 01938

Paul A. Vitale **
3 College Lane
Beverly, MA 01915

** Did not attend the October meeting for introduction to the membership.

Second Readings:

Cheryl Wickers
Kathleen Gelsomini
Paul Kenney

Those listed under second reading were approved for full membership.

Committee Updates:

Trap: (Dave Shea)

Dave reported that the new nets are installed and reminded shooters that we will be enforcing the use of #8 shot and less than 1250 FPS shells to protect our \$9,000 investment, our new curtains. The Board authorized an expenditure of \$2,500 for a new trap machine for trap field #2. In the future the club will be working toward opening the second trap field, poles, and nets will need to be installed after some clearing effort in the field.

The fall Tuesday trap league continues now in the fourth week of the 10 week season. There are 7 teams of 5 members; shooting has been concluded at 8:30. He reminded the membership that this is a handicapped league so shooters of equal abilities are paired against like shooters. Perhaps next fall the second field will be open to support additional shooters as the trap league of 35 shooters fills up quickly once the signup sheet is available.

He reminded shooters that open trap shooting is available on Sunday 12:30- 3:00 pm and Thursday evening from 6:00-9:00 pm.

Dave said they may have to cancel a trap shooting night since he heard that Ipswich maybe spraying for mosquitoes on Paradise Rd this coming week.

He noted that during special events like the lobster bake that shooting at the trap field should be open for special games only as they are fund raisers for the club with cash incentives for the shooters.

Dave also noted that he may be organizing a trap turkey shoot so look for a web posting in early November for the opportunity to bring home a bird.

Rifle/Pistol: (Jeremy Nelson)

The last Rifle/Pistol orientation class was held on September 14 with the next class likely to be scheduled in early November. Please email Jeremy to let him know of your interest in attending the class while keeping in mind that you need to attend the class to shoot by yourself at the range. He reported that the area has been well kept but we need to continue to be diligent in the future. The two cameras are operational at the range to assure we abide by the rules we learned during the class and abide by the rules as posted at the range. There is still work to be done on the berm at the 100 yard range and the pistol range. The range will obviously be shut down during any work event however nothing is currently scheduled as we are working around the contractor's schedule.

Archery: (Kevin Weaver)

We have a new archery chairman (Kevin Weaver) who is looking for support to get the Archery group active again. The group met on September 24 and has initiated the effort to shrink wrap the targets, they have talked about creating a berm for arrows that miss targets. He will be ordering replacement targets for both the field and the basement. Future plans to include lighting the archery field and the construction of an archery platform large enough to hold 2-3 members. Kevin is requesting help to get the winter archery league setup in the basement hoping to get kids, families and women interested in this activity. He is hoping to get this area of the club self-sufficient and looking to update the website with activity events to encourage participation.

Building and Grounds:

Efforts to be completed are clearing of brush for trap field #2 with some marking of trees to be cut. Use of a range finder will be used to survey the area to be consistent with trap field 1. The new club sign needs to be installed.

Camera system is up operational and paid for, there is a camera at the gate, the clubhouse, and two at the rifle pistol range. This was a large effort since cabling needed to be run to the range which previously had no power. The club will be able to go back in time to observe bad behavior but the hope is that this surveillance will aid in assuring the safety of our members and reduce vandalism. This system has expansion possibly so we will likely see more cameras in the future.

Pond: (Steve Charlton)

The pond was stocked last fall 2012 and the plan is to restock in the spring of 2014. Maintenance issues to be done or are under consideration is the screening at the outflow pipe some brush clearing, lawn mowing and a poison ivy control effort. Steve said there was a rowboat available for member use and the oars are underneath the boat. One request was made for consideration was the addition of a small dock, in years past there was a raft but it has long been disposed of.

Lobster Bake:

This was a club success 90 dinners were served with great membership participation in the preparation and cleanup. This event netted the club \$1,000.

Hunter Safety Course:

There is nothing scheduled at the club and it is suggested to go to the Mass Wildlife Association website and get on the list. It seems that attendance at these training sessions exceeds the capabilities of the volunteers who teach these sessions. Members who would like to get this education need to be proactive to get on the list or just need to show up at these course sessions with the hope that cancellations will provide an opening.

Pheasant shoot at Green Mountain (Doug Germain)

Doug has 10 spots reserved for a December 15 shoot the price for the day is \$350 and a deposit of \$150 is required for Doug to reserve your spot which should be done within the next week. In years past this has been seen as a great outing.

Alarm code for the gate (1996) is no longer active; to drive onto the property you will need your club id badge! The effort of providing badges to the membership has been an ongoing 10 month process. Instructions as to how to disarm the building alarm will be posted on the website.

Gun raffle

Dave Shea will be starting another gun raffle soon with the cooperation of Bobs shooting range. In the past Bob has provided the gun at cost for the raffle and the proceeds of the raffle are added to our Care fund.

Trap clinic

John Turner and Pick Thistlewood are trying to see if there is interest in getting a famous trap shooter, Nora Ross, to put on a clinic. The cost of this event is \$350 with 10% of the sales going back to the club if interested please contact John Turner or Pick Thistlewood.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Michael Manning \$50

Vito Sasseville \$25

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm