



Northern York County Rod & Gun Club

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March 2010 Newsletter

- 1) Call meeting to order
- 2) Early bird raffle – **winner: no early bird raffle this week**
- 3) Number of officers and members – 4 officers, 5 Board Members, 18 members
- 4) Secretary's report : Last **month's newsletter read**
- 5) Treasurer's report – **Read and accepted. Account dollars moved around to maximize interest returns**
- 6) Membership report – 31 Senior, 53 Family, 3 Honorary Life, 58 Regular, 0 Junior – 146 total
 - Chris will be sending out a mailing to members that did not pay 2010 dues in attempt to get them to remain members
 - Questioned asked if we have seen a drop in membership since moving the meeting night to Thursdays. The response is no – at 146 members so far in 2010 is above average membership especially for this point of the year. Also the meetings in 2010 have been very well attended – especially for winter time. 27 attendees at this meeting (March) is tremendous meeting attendance.
- 7) Board of Directors Report –
 - a. 4/17 is a club grounds clean up date and turkey shoot. Tom C is chairing the cleanup and we are set there. Paul Smith is listed as chairing the turkey shoot but we have not heard from Paul. Frank C. will attempt to contact Paul to verify he is running that event.
 - b. 4/10 is boaters' safety at the club from 7:30AM – 2:00Pm with a break for lunch. We are reserving all seats to club members until 4/1. Any open seats at that time will be open to the public – so contact Shawn Cavanaugh if you want to reserve a seat. Cost is \$5.
 - c. 5/22 – Shelter and Survival Course at the club
 - d. 12/11 – Club Christmas party at the Newfield town hall. It is open to the public. We need an insurance binder for this event. Tim C. to contact Jean Morrison for the binder and will get it to Dennis Bean.

- e. Conservation Camp – Board had a lengthy dialog about this. Club sponsors 1-2 kids at the camp every year but it is getting expensive. See Old Business section for detailed discussion.
- f. Gun Show – also length discussion. See Old Business section.

8) Committee Reports

- a. **Hunter Safety** – Scheduled for Tuesday 3/16 (6-9:00PM) and Saturday 3/27 (8:00-5:00). Prior to the meeting we had no one signed up (there is a HS class in Kezar Falls around the same time that has been well advertised), but we had 7 people sign up at tonight's meetings. We like to have at least 10 to hold the class. Tim C has run small ads in the local Shopping Guide and Smart Shopper for the weeks of 3/8 and 3/15 – so we should be all set. Contact Tim C (793-4512) if you want to sign someone up.
- b. **Pheasant Committee** – Tim C and Will S to walk the club grounds when the snow is gone to identify potential pen sites. There is a lot going on concerning pheasants in terms of grass-roots sessions around Southern Maine. Tim C has not been able to attend any sessions due to work, but he will be calling around to get an update on what is happening.
- c. **Trap Range** – no update
- d. **Fishing Derby** – Saturday Feb 20th good event – got it in just in time. 51 Adults – winner took home \$250. 22 Kids entered. Winners were: Colten Donnell – largest Bass 3.23, Jeffery Currin – largest Lake trout 2.18, AJ Davis – largest crappie 1.27, Colton Donnell – largest perch .46, Dustin Dunnells – largest pickerel 3.03 AND the largest overall fish. Club profit of \$205 dollars (entry fees, raffles, food) after paying for trophies (\$95), Portapotty (\$65), Rolls (\$20). Thanks to all who attended and helped out
- e. **2010 Raffle** – Tim C to order guns and print tickets this month.

9) Bills & Communications

- a. Plowing Bill – there was some confusion around this. After the meeting Tim C confirmed that Paul Colwell had received the previous bill payment which was for all storms prior to 1/19. This bill is for storms 1/19 and after (which was a total of 3 storms). Tim C to have Bob send Paul Collwell a check for \$150.
- b. Ken Knapp – a senior member has passed away. Club sends condolences to Ken's family.

10) Old Business

- a. **Membership cards went out in February. If you did not receive a card please let us know**
- b. **Gun Show** – much discussion around this. Unfortunately the past chairs of the event who were scheduled to attend the meeting to discuss this were not able to attend. But there was significant dialog on this ranging from will someone chair the event, is it worth the effort (profit wise now we paid a significant insurance amount for the event), can we have it at the club instead of the fair grounds and does the clubhouse even have the necessary room for the event? Though we still do not have a chair for the event, Shawn Cavanaugh will query several dealers to see if there is an interest to have the show at the club. At this point it is looking unlikely that we will hold the event – but we are still considering it pending further research.
- c. **Conservation Camp** – much dialog on this topic. What was determined is that due to the expense of the camp we will limit the number of children we will sponsor to 1. We discussed options for potentially funding this cost (\$550) which we will pursue further. We will also open this up to non-club members for \$1 – while club members can submit their essay for free. Tim C to form a team of 3 to review essay's and select a winner. Tim C to also Contact local papers to advertise this. The hope it is an opportunity to promote the club and attract new members.

11) New Business

- a) No new business submitted
- b) **New members** -Brain Peebles – Wakefield NH, Jeff McKay – Standish, Donald Smith – West Newfield, Robert Stone – West Newfield
- c) .

12) Other

- a. Sick and distressed – .None
- b. SAM Opinion Pole – we reviewed many of the questions posed in the SAM pole. We also talked about the need to be covering more hunting/fishing related topics at the meetings – after all we are a rod & gun club. Clayton Chute agreed to give this a try for the next several meetings. He will research hunting/fishing related issues and bring information to the meeting to share with the membership. There appeared to be a consensus that this should be a higher focus for the club at each meeting.
- c. Snacks in March – **Lou Polianites**
- d. Snacks in April – Shawn Mohan
- e. Meeting Adjourned