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Meeting Notes: May 1, 2024 AVFG Club House – Bath, NH

Gary Griswold called the meeting to order:

The Secretary read the April Minutes summary. The Secretaries report was accepted. The Treasurer read the April Treasurers Report. The Treasurers report was accepted.

Suggestions for activities for the 100th Anniversary were asked for.

Election of Officers was held and the results read.

A suggestion for the By laws was made – the submitter was assured that it was already in the lastest revision. Hunters Education dates were confirmed and posted to the website. Fishing Derby volunteers were called for.

New Business:

Work detail for April 21st has a long list of items.

New Members Voted In:

Salvadore Colombo, Matt Rebello, Alfred Holden and Chris Peppin.

Membership:

Question on current membership was asked answered -174 as of that meeting. Question on life membership - was asked and answered -21 as of the meeting.

There were sign up sheets for the work detail and the fishing derby at the front table. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 and cake and coffee were served.

OLD Business:

Fishing Derby

Don Clark will contact the State, hasn't gotten the permit for the Derby. Also needs a person for Fish & Game to contact with date time of fish delivery for the Derby. Cake, food and fish delivery will be handled by Don Dodge.

NEW Business:

Glock Raffle

There will be 2 Glock G43X handguns for the raffle. The first ticket drawn will get 1st Choice the second ticket drawn will win the other handgun.

Super Raffle

We are going to run pretty much the same.

We are going to give the \$5000 like we always have, but it's going to be segmented, 10 tickets to be drawn 1^{st} - \$25, 2^{nd} - \$50, 3^{rd} - \$75, 4^{th} - \$100, 5^{th} - \$250, 6^{th} - \$500, 7^{th} - \$1000, 8^{th} - \$3000. 9^{th} - a free ticket for the next Super Raffle, 10^{th} - First choice of the Door Prizes.

Supplies for lunches at Shoots

Getting quotes for pre-made hamburgers at Montshire in North Haverhill. Got prices on 4oz, 6oz and 8oz burgers. Asked if they would give us a discount. More to come on that when we have an answer. They are going to be the same. And there will be other door prizes and so forth. We are going to go around

Shoots

We are all set with them. June 23rd – Egg Shoot July 14th – Lew Mardin Rimfire / Plinker Shoot August 11th – Memorial Shoot to honor Other Members who have past.

100th Anniversary Celebration

Asked for ideas on what activities to do. Suggestions – Axe or knife throwing, Trap Shooting

Work Detail

We had 36 people at the April work detail. We got a lot of stuff done. New Benches installed, trees removed. A big thank you to all that showed up. Lunch was served. Thanks to Don C for use of his tractor & winch and for grading the parking lot.

Fishing Derby

We were all set, posters out, fish coming, cake and food to be handled.

Trap Machine

The trap machine having issues. New machine on order. Plans to have current machine re-furbed.

Clay Pigeons

Need to pick up the 2 pallets in Burke VT discussed and plans put into motion. Storage of pigeons discussed

Skeet Machines

2 were donated to us by the Grafton Club down in West Leb last year. Discussion on what to do with them, no decision make. Suggestions from members being sought.

Storage

Need for storage of pigeon, equipment and Hunter Safet items discussed. Going to look into purchasing another storage shed or a shipping container for storage. Gary to make some calls.

Serge What about Murray, Murray's got some

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Float for the 4th of July Parade

Discussion: Trailer available, tractor to pull trailer.

Discussed subject of Float: Definitely highlight the Fishing Derby. Have the 3 youths that caught the biggest fish on the float, Targets, shooting Bench

Donations:

We had donations of \$75 from a member (\$25 each for 3 benches) There are a couple more available if anyone wants them for a small donation.

Website

Thanks extended to those that got the new website up and in place and to those that have contributed info for the new site. Ann Dodge & Paul Doolittle for all the work to get the new host site, the website transferred from old site. Mark Lancaster and Jim Marshal for information on their projects. (Hunter Education and Youth Trap Shooting). Bruce Simonds for the 'history' of the club document he provided.

Vote called to approve the new/revised By Laws

Motion made to approve the By Laws as written

Seconded, and vote was all in Favor.

New/Revised By Laws have been accepted.

Side note – they have been notorized, and will be recorded at Grafton County. A copy will accompany The paperwork to the IRS with our application for the Non-Profit 501c7.

Questions from those attending:

Q: When was the new pad at the rifle range poured.

A: About 2 years ago, Ed Fisher lead the group that worked on that.

Q: Why not plug in one of those two re-furbed machines donated to us so that we had a back up for our current trap machine.

A: The donated machines are skeet machines and do not oscillate so the birds would always go in only the one direction.

Q: What was the cost for the New Website

A: \$100 for the web hosting, \$15 for the Secure Network Certificate.

Q: What did it cost us for the Old Website

A: \$60 per year is what Outdoors Net was charging us, we did not have a Secure Network Certificate. We had issues with access to update and to use our website.

Thank you's extended:

Don Clark: Thank you to all those that volunteered and showed up for the Work Detail. 36 people

Mark Lancaster: Thank you to the instructors that helped with the Hunter Ed field day and the Conservation Officer 'Nicholas' from the Fish & Game. All those that signed up came, plus 1 walk in. Scores were excellent, all passed. Pictures taken during the course and of the instructors and students are up on the website.

Ann Dodge: Thank you to Joshua Page for posting everything I send him on the Facebook page he maintains. He was a very important piece to helping keep our members informed while we were working on the new website.

New Members Voted In:

William Putnam Frank Nassetta Allen Quinde Ron Hurlburt

Other Business & Discussions:

Trap money for April turned in.

Pictures for display at the 100th Anniversary Dean Thompson has some that he would like to include Pictures from current events that members have taken Pictures Paul has located while organizing

More work to be done at the range

Clean up on the right hand side of the driveway as you come into the facility Clean up of the storage area closet in the club house Possible spray foam insulation in the Trap House.

Work day(s) for the float As well as where to assemble it

Group to pick up pigeons in Burke

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8 pm by Gary Griswold