

BSC – Club Meeting Minutes

Date: *August 1,2024,* **Meeting Opened @ 7:38 pm**

Attendance: Dan Luks, John Billings, Mike Noblini, Norm Gemme, Vinny Kotowski, John “Fig” Neri, Glenn Carter, Aaron Latulipe, Mike Wood and Janet Pierce

Absent:

VP’s REPORT

- **The total number of current club members is 156 (Max 175 members)**

Secretary’s Report

- August Agenda and Meeting minutes posted to the BSC Website
 - o **Attendees: - vote total 32 members (3rd and final vote)**
 - o **John Billings will be away for the 9/5 club meeting (chasing elk in Colorado, Mike Wood has indicated he will manage the club meeting minutes while John is away)**
 - o **Read meeting minutes (as they hadn’t been posted to the BSC site at the time of the meeting)**
 - o **Vinny’s event on 11/30 was voted on and approved**

Treasurer’s Report

- report on file
- Invested in CD and earned \$290 in interest and rolled over for another 6 months

Bar

- **No updates**

League and Committees:

1. **Archery** –3-D Archery is underway, weather permitting (5:30 pm shooting time Monday’s). 3 pins 25 yds, 45 yds and over. We’ve been averaging 6/9 shooters weekly, jump in and enjoy the fun October will be here before you know it!
2. **Range-Pistol** – No new updates.
3. **Range-.22 Rifle Shoot** – Bernt Leger and Harry Riendau co-chairing the .22 rifle committee shooting weekly with 10 shooters. Steak dinner Tuesday, August 6th
4. **Range-200-yard rifle** – seeking new lead to run for the 200-yard range.
5. **Sporting Clays** – Committee to evaluate some recommendations based on issues that may need to be addressed on the clays range.

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6. **Trap – POC**—Brent and Emily will be helping Mike with the coordination of the shoot. \$ - \$ and profit on this for \$300 plus on the shoots. Need targets \$1300 to \$2500. Ralf donated a box and previously bought a few other boxes. \$15.80 a case currently and may be more. Mike to reach out to Lowery in Canada for the targets. Members of the club will be here to receive, as a back-up we will look to New Hampshire. Order 2 pallets of targets.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Gun Raffle - Rob**- 9 firearms purchased for the Fall Hunter's Kickoff. Additionally, 2 bows (one compound and crossbow) and a black powder rifle will be included for the September 28th event! \$1,500 balance to pay off. Concerns around the gun bill relating to transfers with firearms, transfers were up there. John to put up a Friday recurring one call to help push ticket sales.
2. **Maintenance/Repairs**—spring clean up in June was a success, Fig worked on some big repairs. Women's room – Fig still looking for a vanity. Vinny created a mount for the new PA system and tied back into the speakers and all set to go! Out of Club FOBs and the company is no longer in service (web/phone #), Glenn looking for a new company to get FOBs support.
3. **Internet Access** - Springhill Rd internet progress, the lines are making their way to the club's area, no ETA as of this time.
4. **WRWAC** – Ware River Water Advisory Committee updates. Mike reported that this is an ongoing dialogue, some gates were locked and there were limitations of horsepower on various roadways/trails. Mike indicated that the tally was no for access to the gates/roads, and they are coming to the WRWAC meeting to speak to those that are open (more roads open). Dan mentioned that the invasive milfoil and it sprouts, so they are hand pulling that currently.
5. **Jeff** – mower and cleared out rat nests and the wiring, carburetor etc., it was a mess and sold for \$1000 for it.
6. **Vinny** - would like to sell the old soda machine in the attic. He also purchased additional beer, liquids for the bar and made a profit as well.
7. **Mike** – bring Kawasaki to the dealer to look at it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bylaw change**—previously mailed with membership renewal forms in April:
 - a. The board reviewed and proposed some changes to the bylaws, which were approved at the February 1st member meeting. (This will require 3

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consecutive meetings for member review and approval once documented): Roll Call vote and record the Yes and No votes (by show of hands).

- i. Elimination of term limits for the President/Vice President positions
 - ii. Updates to the by-law for club dissolution – to be drafted by Cranston & Cranston
 - iii. First of 3 By-laws vote raised and all members were a **Yes (31 members attended). 3rd and final vote - August 1st meeting.**
2. **HD 4885 passage** – 111 pages and deals with transfer, commerce, storage etc. No Semi-Auto's can be handled by FID card holders, needs to be an LTC. After today, you can't sell them to a dealer. Black powder that requires a 209 primer require an FID card. There is anticipated back-log and will want and LTC which will back-log the process. GOAL and the NRA are going to bring multiple lawsuits, but the Gun Law is in effect today 8/1! There will be numerous filings etc., they are going to pursue and who will file the petitions etc. 1,500 petitioners and town-by-town and a priority 1 (register to vote, if you are not registered you will not be allowed on the petition). Galvin indicated that the petition is too late to add to the ballots, so this will be a process. Club members inquired upon joining GOAL, they do offer club training/services if you are a member. Cost is in the hundreds of \$\$\$, Mike will bring the information to the club meeting to review/discuss on September 5th meeting – vote moved a motion to investigate the options. Janet will see if Peter Durant can come out in a future meeting.
3. **Deed/Title**- update and information on the deed/title by Jeff D. Cranston is still reviewing the deed, there are some nuances to this, and signatories and legal filings may be needed. More information to follow.
 - a. **Jeff D** – provided an update on the by-law changes and the deed discussion (at the June meeting):
 - i. Apparently, the by-laws and Deed were a point of discussion a few years ago when solar was entertained. Jeff will submit to the court to assign a deed and conduct a title search for \$400. The title search may have old records and an order for a title to go to probate and have trustee via a corporation filing fee in probate court \$300. Total estimated \$1000 to clear this aspect of the club holding up. Jeff will be listed as the designated trustee and the club members approved this for funds of \$1000 up to \$2000 if needed.
 - ii. Jeff submitted the deed \$400 to the clerk. Used to be Barre Sportsman's club trust and should have transferred to the corporation. This is what is being performed now. Paul Craston had Paul/Janet sign and they will send to the court.
4. **250th Barre Anniversary youth target shoot** –the town of Barre 250th celebration will include a youth target shoot on Saturday, September 7th and will need some volunteers from the club to assist. Mike has a meeting with the Police Chief and Rich Stevens and a Firearms office will act as the range officers

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if we are compliant. If we can, then we will do the event. Hot dogs/burgers, chips and sodas will be served. Need to setup the trap range and 5 or 6 members giving an exhibition for shooting trap. We will move them around the fields from Trap, other stations to shoot. .410- and .20-gauge shotguns, basic shoots a few shots a kid. Mike will update the board and officers with the info.

5. **Prepaid heating oil** – Janet indicated that McDonalds, past year only used a little than what we needed. So, we have 300 gallons pre-paid, so the cost is \$3.29 a gallon, purchase 500 gallons \$1645. Motion to buy 700 gallons was motioned to purchase \$2303 and approved.
6. **Youth Pheasant Hunt** – Need to determine a date on October 26th for the Youth Pheasant Hunt, will also need volunteers to assist. Youth are now going to be restricted from hunting 12 years to 15 years of age. Mike to seek clarification on the laws prior to proceeding with this event. Club will purchase 20 birds for the shoot, motioned and approved by the members.

NEXT MEETINGS – Sept 5th @ 7:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:45