

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ARCHERS

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New Monthly Meeting Day to be Proposed

Be prepared to discuss and vote on changing the day for NORVA membership meetings during the November meeting (11/01/2016). Historically member meetings have been the first Tuesday of the month. We are finding that a few board members find it difficult to attend Tuesday meetings. One in particular is NORVA's current President, Joe Wolfe. Joe has brought great leadership to NORVA during 2016 and his leadership has expanded with his new teaching position. However, due to his teaching, Joe can no longer attend Tuesday meetings and announced that he would not be able to assume the president's position during the 2017 term. Since Joe's announcement, no members have volunteered to run for the club president's position. The position is very demanding, time consuming, and requires top notch leadership. Despite Joe's heavy schedule, he is willing to accept the president's nomination under the condition NORVA's membership changes the monthly meeting day. During October's club meeting, members and the board discussed their willingness to change the meeting day to ensure NORVA can continue with its high standard of leadership.

There is nothing in our bylaws that states the first Tuesday of the month is the dedicated meeting day. NORVA bylaws only refer to a "monthly meeting."

http://novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA_By-Laws_2012.docx

October 04, 2016 Club Meeting Recap

John McKenzie hosted the October 4th meeting. Here are the highlights:

Ranges are in Presentable Shape

Willy Whitlock reported that the field ranges were in OK shape with some minor issues although he had concerns that after the windstorms, there will be a lot of debris that will need to be cleaned up.

Webmaster Report

Uwe Jacobs reported that we are running out of storage space on our Website. We either delete items such as photos or we invest in more storage. The recommendation is to pay for more storage. Uwe also brought up the possible modification for the online renewal forms. Any changes/modifications need to be presented by the December club meeting.

Suggestions from NORVA's Membership Chairman

We had a lengthy discussion about the rapid increase in membership. Over the last eight weeks, NORVA grew by 50 members. At current, NORVA has over 500 members which is the highest in membership ever. While membership continues to increase at a rapid rate, it is becoming more and more difficult to maintain the ranges. For example, since January of this year, the practice targets had to be rebuilt four times.

John Soma (membership chairman) suggested we consider putting new members on hold at least for a few months to see what type of impact it makes on the club. John feels that if we make it harder to become members, it will make a more "vibrant" membership and makes it more meaningful when a new member is able to join. He also suggested we send out a survey to membership to get an idea of what type of activity our members utilize in hopes of learning if there is a percentage of members that utilize club resources more than others vs just looking at the amount of members total. John said it would be a mini survey, many questions to be multiple choice and questions for very short answers such as "what is your frequency of shooting?", "what are the days of the week you shoot?", and "what are your favorite times to shoot?" Additionally, John would like to ask a few questions such as, "what would you like to see at NORVA?" and "what can NORVA do to make your experience better?" To entice club participation, perhaps have a drawing for a VBA buck knife.

One other issue our membership chairman brought up, there were a few people who wanted to renew their dues in August with a proration. John suggested that NORVA allows up to 30 days after the first of the year. If you do not renew by then, you are out. John noted that NORVA's charter states when renewal dues are to be paid.

It was pointed out that a bylaw change may be necessary to cap membership. These ideas will be discussed further.

Last but not least, new member orientations are no longer being held during club meetings. Instead, orientations will occur the first Sunday of each month. Contact [John](#) for times.

VBA

Frank Jones reported that NORVA voted in favor to keep the current VBA rules for 3-D events but the vote was opposed. The new ruling is that all VBA 3-D events are IBO compliant.

The first NORVA event for 2017 will be the Ice Breaker, 3-D shoot. It is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2017.

Frank also reported the following tentative dates for various shoots during 2017:

3-D Spring Fling Marked Distance - April 8 & 9
Spring Fling 3-D Field Hunter - May 6
State Open at NORVA - May 27 & 28
3-D Hunter Targets (28) - Jun 03
3-D Field Hunter - July 16
3-D State Championship Unmarked (at NORVA) Aug 19 & 20
Belvoir Hunters for the Hungry (at NORVA) - Aug 26

Officer Nominations

President - Joe Wolf was nominated to continue as club president for 2017. If members vote to change the meeting day, Joe will accept the nomination for 2017.

Vice President - John McKenzie was nominated to continue as Vice President for 2017.

Secretary/Treasurer - Kevin Brown is willing to consider accepting a nomination to stay on with the condition he either receives "a lot of help" during the member renewal season or if we can get an online processing system in place for the renewal season.

