



## Northern Virginia Archers August 2019 Meeting

Date of Meeting: August 1, 2019  
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:26 pm

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe  
Willy Whitlock  
Frank Bradt  
Steve Daniels  
Jimmy Jin  
Bob Foster

John McKenzie  
Uwe Jacobs  
Paul Whitlock  
John Shea  
Frank Jones  
John McGrath

Rodney Roberts  
John Hoffman  
Dave Grant  
Jim Libovicz  
Chris Foster

Visitor: Lance Elzie

**Notice: The August orientation will be held on Aug 17. It's postponed one week from the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.**

## **Message from the Board**

As required in Article 4, Section 9 of NORVA's by-laws, this Newsletter is a report to the membership of the Board's actions. It also constitutes the minutes from the August meeting.

## **Message from the President** (Joe Wolfe)

President Wolfe lead the August meeting. The following topics were discussed.

Club's Insurance Policy. President Wolfe informed the club that the club's insurance policy was coming up for renewal. It was scheduled to expire on August 11. Its coverage includes:

General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$3,000,000 aggregate; \$50,000 per accident  
Directors and Officers Liability: \$1,000,000    Crime: \$25,000        Equipment: \$3,000

The policy provides coverage for club-sponsored events with up to 300 participants. President Wolfe explained that without a policy the Occoquan Regional Park would not allow NORVA to operate.

The fee to renew for another year is \$2,445.35. There was a motion to renew the policy. It passed unanimously.

Federal tax-exempt status for NORVA. President Wolfe presented an IRS information sheet on how social and recreational clubs can attain tax-exempt status under IRC 501(c)(7). The initial submission to request this status is significant. Once the club is granted this status, however, subsequent filing for renewal will be much less onerous. President Wolfe opined that the club meets the criteria to be granted this status.

Once the club obtains non-profit status under this provision, it will receive a certification to that effect. This certification will allow the club to be exempted from sales taxes on its purchases.

This issue will be addressed at next month's meeting. Information on tax-exempt status for social and recreational clubs can be found on the IRS' web site at

[https://www.irs.gov/irm/part7/irm\\_07-025-007](https://www.irs.gov/irm/part7/irm_07-025-007)

Club audit. President Wolfe informed that an audit of the club by a certified accountant would cost between \$3,000 to \$5,000. A less expensive option would be to ask five club members (chosen at random) to do a review of the club's finances and provide a financial report back to the club. This review would go back three years. The club will need to submit an audit or a financial report to the IRS as part of its request for tax-exempt status.

There was a discussion of the options to obtain a report. They were:

1. Contract a certified accountant to do an audit.
2. Find a certified accountant who would do the audit for us for free.
3. Ask a group of five club members (chosen at random) to do a review of our finances for the last three years. This group would provide a financial report back to the club.

There was a vote. Option 3 passed unanimously.

Membership update. President Wolfe reported that the club was up to 344 members. Our VBA dues are paid up. He commended Membership Chair Gerry Petraitis for the great job he does in the new-member orientation. It appears that the club may hit 400 members this year.

There was a question as to the number of club members over the last few years. President Wolfe stated that he would check.

New Business: Club Mailing Address.

NORVA has had the same mailing address as the Occoquan Regional Park. We now have a Post Office Box. Thus, our address is:

**PO Box 1073  
Fairfax Station VA 22039**

New Business: The Gate

John Hoffman reported that it is difficult to open the gate. We will work on fixing it.

New Business Fairfax County Deer Management Program.

The time for qualifying for the program for this year has passed.

If anyone needs an IBEP Certificate, please contact Bob Foster.

New Business: Nominees for the 2020 Board of Directors

President Wolfe informed that Vice President McKenzie and Treasurer Snider both were stepping down.

Preliminary nominations were made. Joe Wolfe was nominated for President. He indicated that he wanted time to think about this before accepting a nomination for another term.

Chris Foster was nominated for Vice President. He accepted the nomination.

This will be voted on at the September meeting.

#### New Issue: Visit from Occoquan Regional Park Manager Lance Elzie

Mr. Lance Elzie, the new park manager, addressed the club. He stated that he was still learning what were the respective responsibilities of the Club and the Park.

President Wolfe mentioned that mountain bikers occasionally come onto the Club property. Mr. Elzie asked that club members notify park authorities when things like that happen.

Vice President McKenzie asked that the Park inform the Club when activities such as GPS Marathons are held on the rest of the property. He agreed to do so.

### **Message from the Vice President** (John McKenzie)

Vice President McKenzie discussed the need for clubhouse maintenance. The fascia board is rotting out. Also, the French drain in front of the clubhouse is clogged on one side. John Hoffman stated that he would bring a snake to unclog it.

### **Web Master Report** (Uwe Jacobs)

Web Master Jacobs reported that the website is operating well.

### **VBA Issues** (Kevin Brown)

On the agenda for the September VBA meeting are the following:

- The club re-zoning issued.
- A shoot calendar for 2020.
- The nomination for a Silver Arrow award for NORVA's John Hoffman.

# Treasurer's Report (Clint Snider)

At the August meeting, the below report was presented:

## NORVA Treasure Report

08/01/2019

<b>Account Balance as of 30 June 2019:</b>	<b>\$17,105.91</b>
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### **Income**

7/26/2019 - Squire	\$154.25
7/17/19 - Edeposit - Cash	\$350.00
7/15/19 - Square	\$803.28
7/15/19 - Square	\$173.55
7/11/19 - Square	\$160.00
7/08/19 - Square	\$43.12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,684.20</b>

### **Expenses**

8/01/19 - Staples	\$51.73
8/01/19 - Staples	\$48.76
8/01/19 - Staples	\$14.63
8/01/19 - Staples	\$43.99
7/31/19 - USPS - PO Box - Annual Charge	\$366.00
7/29/19 - Verizon	\$55.40
7/16/19 - Dominion Energy Bill	\$76.40
7/16/19 - Waste MGMT - 3 months	\$386.53
7/15/19 - Check 2490 - Frank Jones - Receipts	\$20.00
7/12/19 - Check 2489 - Gerry - Mailing supplies	\$26.00
7/12/19 - Check 2488 - John Mackenzie - Receipts	\$48.65
7/08/19 - Anitas	\$71.75
7/08/19 - Shoppers - Food for Shoot	\$31.19
7/08/19 - Minute Key	\$7.94
7/05/19 - 7-11 Woodbridge	\$59.97
7/05/19 - Walmart	\$78.08
07/01/19 - Check 2392 - Reimburse for Insurance Payme	\$494.03
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,881.05</b>

<b>Account Balance as of August 1, 2019:</b>	<b>\$16,909.06</b>
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## **3-D Course Range Captain** (Willy Whitlock)

Captain Whitlock discussed repairs that were needed on the ranges.

- Putting up a fence section for the 60-yard target.
- Repairing the 40-yard target on the practice range.

He had a list of materials needed for this work. This work was done at the Club Work Party held on August 3.

At the meeting Captain Whitlock reported that the 3-D range was in good shape. We now have 30 targets on 25 shooting lanes. He is working on updating the signs to reflect the increase in the number of targets.

**NEW RULE for the 3-D Range:** Please do not step on the 3-D tassel stakes. Put your foot against them – like you are propping the tassels up. This will prolong the life of the tassels.

## **Field Course News**

At the August 4 work party, we made a list of targets that need to be converted to block targets because the blob is shot out. Quite a few need roof repairs.



*Successful work party on August 4.*

## **Tournament Chairman** (Rodney Roberts)

The Hunters for the Hungry Shoot will be held at NORVA on August 24 (not August 25 as erroneously reported in last month's newsletter).

On August 25, Cub Run will also host a shoot. We have our ongoing competition with Cub Run. Thus, we need people to come out to these shoots.

### **Hunters for the Hungry Shoot (August 24 at NORVA):**

- There will be lots of prizes in the raffle at the HFH shoot.
- There will also be a milk jug novelty shoot.
- Belvoir volunteers will clean up after the HFH shoot.
- All NORVA volunteers will need to do is help them put up the tent Friday night and make sure the courses are clean.

## **Hunting Information**

**Fairfax County Park Hunts** -- The qualification process for this year has closed.

**International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP)** – This class is required to archery hunt the Fairfax county park program as well as on Fort Belvoir. There are multiple places to attend this course. They generally run about 8 hours and are conducting mostly on Saturdays. See link below to find a class in your area. You only need to take this class once (good for life).

<https://register-ed.com/programs/virginia/66-virginia-bowhunter-education-course-ibep/agency:19>

**VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries app for your phone** – Now you can notch your deer tag without the paper tag and without calling the 800-number to report it. The APP can hold multiple digital licenses so you don't need to carry paper ones or deer tags.

**VA phone app:** <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/app/>

**VA hunting and fishing licenses:** <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/>

### **Military installation hunting**

**Belvoir Bowhunters:** <https://belvoirbowhunters.com/>

**Marine Corps Base Quantico:** <https://www.quantico.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/G-F-Installation-and-Environment/Natural-Resources-Environmental-Affairs/Quantico-Sportsman/Hunting/>