



Northern Virginia Archers August 2020 On-line Meeting

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2020
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	John Shea	Uwe Jacobs	Jeff Van de Vaarst
Rodney Roberts	Gerry Petraitis	Bakari Dale	Jim Libovicz

Club elections are coming up!
See below for details.

Signing in at NORVA

NORVA is open! Please note that we have a new sign-in procedure. You must do so on-line.

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 2020 meeting.

Elections Announcement

Elections for the 2021 Board will be held at the October meeting. Nominations will be formalized at the September 3 meeting.

If you are interested in:

- Nominating someone to the Board, or
- Being nominated for a position on the Board,

then please attend the September meeting. It is scheduled to be held outdoors at NORVA facilities.

NOTE: If you plan on attending the September meeting, please be sure to send President Joe Wolfe an email (president@novaarchers.org) to let him know. We are planning on having the meeting at NORVA facilities. If, however, we are unable to do so, the meeting will be held on line. Joe will send a link to those members who have emailed him their intention to attend the September meeting.

Message from the President (Joe Wolfe)

The August 2020 meeting was held on-line and led by club President Joe Wolfe.

Member Jim Brabston reported that the gate lock was in bad shape and he offered to get a new one and change it - while retaining the current combination of course. He did so.

Thank you, Jim for helping out!

We have replaced the locks on the gate and clubhouse door with better weather resistant ones.



Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

The club's liability insurance was paid this month. This is an important and necessary expense.

Treasurer Shea reports that the club is on track to get enough new members in the next couple of months to meet the estimated income for the year.

NORVA Checking Account 2020 Monthly Report

For July (prepared on August 3 by John Shea)				
Beginning balance		13,233.30		
Date	Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
7/2	Shoot & drinks income from cash box	200.00		
7/2	SignUpGenius.com		24.99	For on-line shoot registration (will no longer use once function added to our website)
7/3	Sadler liability insurance		2,674.92	
Note	Membership renewals	304.25		6th & 30th
Note	USS Don's Johns		312.02	9th & 30th
7/10	Home Depot		82.38	Masks and sanitizer for 7/11 orientation
7/13	Anitas		14.37	Breakfast burritos for 7/11 orientation volunteers
7/13	Square new member dues	4,545.78		7/11 orientation — 28 primary plus some family
7/14	Dominion Energy		73.70	
Note	7/18 shoot Square payments	28.23		Deposits made 15th & 20th
7/16	Waste Management		143.44	
7/27	Verizon		55.66	
	Totals	5,078.26	3,381.48	
	Ending balance	14,930.08		
	Projected year-end balance	8,654.00		Assumes ~\$3,488 more dues income (~23 more primary members). Maintain \$5,000 cash reserve.

To meet our goals for the year, we will need to add approximately 25 more new members.

Web Master (Uwe Jacobs)

Uwe updated the electronic sign-ins. A new guest liability waiver form has been posted on the club's web page. It is the member's responsibility to have this filled out once per calendar year by each guest when signing in. The NORVA range rules are linked to the liability waiver. The confirmation emails for the guest has PDF versions of the liability waiver and the NORVA range rules attached.

Uwe will work with John and Gerry on the website renewal forms for 2021. The goal is to establish "self-service" renewals including online credit card payments for next year's membership.

SIGN-IN REMINDER: Please use the electronic sign-in form (<https://www.novaarchers.org/signin.html>) as soon as you arrive at the NORVA range and

follow the instructions. Should you not have a smartphone available, you can sign-in and out from your home computer even after the fact. Also, guests need to sign the liability waiver (https://www.novaarchers.org/guest_waiver.html) once per calendar year; do not use the paper form anymore. For detailed information, see the Electronic Range Book Instructions (<https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA%20electronic%20range%20book.pdf>).

Membership Chairman (Gerry Petraitis)

Gerry informs that he has approximately 35 email inquiries from potential new members. He is planning to hold orientations in September and October.

On August 16 he held a new members orientation. We gained 21 primary members and 16 family members. Thanks to John Shea for helping out and collecting payments.

NOTICE: At the September meeting the subject of dues, late fees, etc. will be on the agenda. We will discuss at the September meeting and vote on any resolutions at the October meeting.

3-D Course Captain (Jeff Van de Vaarst)

Jeff expressed an interest in purchasing another target (a moose). John indicated that the club did not have the money for the purchase.

In the meantime, Jeff continues to work hard making the 3-D course both challenging and enjoyable.

Academy Representative (Dave Grant)

The Archery Academy is still closed for classes due to safety concerns with COVID-19. At this time, it is unlikely that classes will resume this year.

The academy range will be upgraded soon to utilize the new block targets that have been procured. An Eagle Scout candidate is looking to build new frames to hold the targets. Materials for the improved target frames have been procured and construction will commence soon once he is able to complete his paperwork.

VBA Representative (Bakari Dale)

Bakari serves as both the VBA Hunting Vice President and the NORVA representatives. When he travels to the meetings, VBA pays his travel expenses as the Hunting VP.

There was a discussion regarding the birthdate requirement for VBA membership. This information is requested to determine an individual's qualification for youth membership and to make sure a person is competing in the appropriate age group. There is, however, a privacy concern. Bakari will present NORVA's concern on this topic at the next VBA meeting. Uwe will prepare a draft to express our concern.

On September 5, VBA will host a field shoot. In the evening they will have their annual Awards Banquet. Both will be at Two Rivers.

VBA Award recipients for this year include NORVA members:

John McKenzie
Rodney Roberts
Bakari Dale
John Hoffman
Elise Walker
Rich Danyliw

Congratulations to these deserving recipients!

The scheduling and awarding of VBA's 2021 shoots will be held at their September meeting. NORVA will hold our September meeting prior to the VBA meeting. At the NORVA meeting, we will decide on which (if any) VBA tournaments we will bid on for next year.

Tournament Chairman (Rodney Roberts)

On August 15, Belvoir Bowhunters hosted a Hunters for the Hungry shoot at NORVA. They had 54 people turn out, and they raised \$2,500 for a great cause.

The VBA State Fall 3-D Classic hosted by Belvoir Bowhunters had a lower turnout (44 participants) than usual. The weather was great for both days.

September 5 – 6 The VBA State Closed shoot will be held at Two Rivers Archery

September 5 - Urban Archery Deer season opens in Northern Virginia. It is antlerless only

September 12 - Fairfax County Park hunts start. Antlerless only.

Shout out to our Volunteers



Thanks to Rodney Roberts, Dave Grant, and Marlee Grant for pitching in to fix the gate and grade the parking lot. Muchas gracias!



Shot of the Month



New member Tripp Mailler, while shooting from the 20-yard practice target, wins this month's Robin Hood Award. Well done!