



Northern Virginia Archers

July 2021

Date of Meeting: July 8, 2021

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	John Shea	Celeste Otsuka	Uwe Jacobs
Rodney Roberts	Jim Libovicz	Rich Manser	

Nominations for 2022 Board Members are now being accepted.

“Hunters for the Hungry” shoot at NORVA on August 7

Next NORVA shoot is August 14
See inside for details.

Message from the Board

As required in NORVA's by-laws, this Newsletter is a report to the membership of the Board's actions. It also constitutes the minutes from the July 2021 meeting.

General Items

The July 2021 meeting was held on-line and led by President Joe Wolfe.

VBA Affiliation

NORVA is considering whether to end our affiliation with the Virginia Bowhunters Association. This issue will be discussed at the August club meeting. If you have an opinion on this subject, please plan to attend.

New Rule on Tree Stands.

The club has a proposed modification to its rules to allow for tree stands in certain limited locations and circumstances. The draft rule appears at the end of this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please attend the August club meeting.

Green dots on targets.

If you are putting green dots on already existing targets, please stop doing so. They are too big to be the center spot of any target under 60 yards. It goes against the old adage of "aim small, miss small." You are free to make your own cardboard targets with the dot on them. Thank you.

Nominations for the 2022 NORVA Board

The election of club officers will be held at the September meeting. Nominations are due by the August 5 club meeting.

If you would like to nominate someone, you may do so at the August meeting, or you may submit the names to neweditor@novaarchers.org by August 4. You may nominate someone for more than one position. You may also nominate yourself. Each club member (including family members) is entitled to vote.

Thus far, the below names have been nominated

President – Joe Wolfe

Treasurer – John Shea

Membership Chair – Gerry Petraitis

Membership Chair (Gerry Petraitis)

The July new member orientation was run by Joe Wolfe and John Shea. They did a capable job of filling in for Gerry, who was unable to make it this month.

The club may have more than 600 members by the end of this year.

3-D Range Captain (Reggie Atkins)

The 3-D targets that the club ordered a while ago may be arriving in October. We will start working on a new order shortly thereafter.

Events Chair (Celeste Otsuka)

The logo re-design project has moved on to the second phase. The designs have been narrowed down to the below designs. They have been voted on. The club leadership will next make a final selection.



Tournament Chair (Rodney Roberts)

NORVA held a shoot on July 10. Thanks to all who participated.

Our next shoot will be August 14.

Upcoming area shoots

July 31 – August 1 3-D shoot, sponsored by New River Bowhunters

August 1 – 2 Black Bear 12-target Field/Hunter shoot, sponsored by Prince William Archers.

August 7 Hunters for the Hungry 3-D shoot at NORVA, sponsored by the Belvoir Bowhunters.

August 7 3-D shoot sponsored by Massanutten Archery Club

August 8 3-D shoot sponsored by Manahoac Bowmen

August 14 at 8 am Field, Hunter and 3-D Pin Shoot sponsored by NORVA

Our phenomenal Tournament Chair Rodney Roberts is leaving the area soon. If you would like to carry on the great work that he has done (and earn a Volunteer Discount), contact President Joe Wolfe.

Field Course (Ken Wilkinson)

Ken has been moving targets on the field course. Some of the block targets will need adjustment for their frames. Once the weather cools, we will have work parties to do some much-needed repairs.

Web Master (Uwe Jacobs)

In response to an inquiry from Joe Wolfe regarding the club's internet provider, Uwe replied that they were doing a good job at a reasonable price (\$80 per year).

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

John reported that the club took in a little over \$1,800 in June. We have a projected year-end balance of approximately \$12,000. This is in line with our desired emergency reserve of \$10,000. The June 2021 checking account report appears below, followed by a mid-year report.

NORVA Checking Account 2021 Monthly Report

For June (prepared on July 6 by John Shea)			
Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Membership renewals	174.48		via Square
New members	1,656.60		6/13 orientation via Square
6/12 shoot income	292.09		205 cash, rest via Square
6/12 shoot food		189.83	Safeway & Anitas by Wolfe
String lights & insect repellent		282.23	Home Depot by Wolfe for outdoor meetings
Post hole digger & red spray paint		57.48	Check 2492 reimburse Wilkinson
VBA member dues		489.00	Check 2496
VBA member dues		612.00	Check 2420
Officer meeting food		44.16	Check 2425 Wolfe reimbursed for Safeway
NFAA field range inspection		15.00	Check 2495
New member cards (500)		16.94	Office Depot by Shea
Printer paper & ink		49.69	Office Depot by Shea
3 arrow holder flanges		10.88	Check 2497 reimburse Jacobs
15 2x10 boards for picnic tables		381.28	Home Depot by Wolfe
Bolts & washers for picnic tables		131.03	Check 2426 reimburse Wolfe for Home Depot
Grinder & SS HW for picnic tables		165.94	Home Depot by Wolfe for picnic table repairs
140 tons 21A stone for park lot		4,471.57	Check 2498 PBR logistics
Wheelbarrow & two bow rakes		174.86	Home Depot by Shea
Work party food		97.29	Popeyes by Wolfe
New member orientation		58.70	Dunkin Donuts by Wolfe
diesel fuel for park lot work		52.16	Check 2499 reimburse D. Grant
New gas grill		263.94	Home Depot by Wolfe
Utilities:			
Dominion Energy		27.22	
Waste Management		176.45	
USS Dons Johns		173.21	
Verizon		72.94	
Totals	2,123.17	8,013.80	
Ending balance on 6/30	30,743.00		
Projected year-end balance	12,338		
Reserve	-10,000		
Uncommitted	2,338		

Mid-year financial report

Start of year assets:	Value	Notes
Checking account	25,118	Wells Fargo (includes 11,752 in 2021 renewals)
Petty Cash	346	Clubhouse safe cashbox (\$300 desired max)
Property	?	See "Property" sheet
Total	25,464	

Estimated column is for year — Actual is year to date. Some estimates are adjusted over the course of the year to more accurately project year-end balance.

Income:	Estimated	Actual	Notes
Membership Dues:			
257 estimated primary	38,550	35,209	See linked sheet "Income: Dues" for actual.
Minus VBA share	9,000	7,894	See linked sheet "Expense: Misc"
Net dues income	29,550	27,315	
Tournaments/shoots:			
	1,700	1,294	See linked sheet "Shoots" for event details.
subtotal	1,700	1,294	Gross income – club costs under expenses.
Other:			
Merchandise	0	112	See linked sheet "Income: Misc"
Donations	0	0	Ditto
subtotal	0	112	Gross income – club costs under expenses.
Total Income	31,250	28,721	

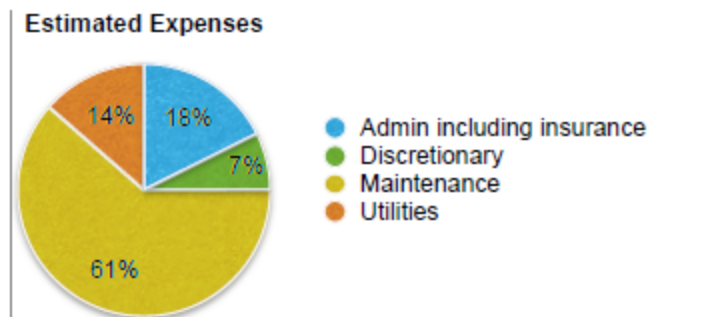
Expenses:	Estimated	Actual	Notes
Administrative:			
Insurance	5,080	1,278	Liability and property
Misc.	1,500	764	
Printing & supplies	1,000	402	
VBA meetings	0	0	Travel expenses (current VBA rep is VBA officer).
subtotal	7,580	2,445	See linked sheet "Expense: Misc"
Discretionary:			
Donations	0	0	
Improvements	356	356	See linked sheet "Maint & Improve" for estimate and "Expense: Misc" for actuals.
Merchandise	2,000	0	e.g. shirts, hats, stickers, pending logo decision
Misc.	800	150	
subtotal	3,156	506	See linked sheet "Expense: Misc"

Expenses (cont.):	Estimated	Actual	Notes
Maintenance:			
Ranges & clubhouse	26,410	16,696	See linked sheet "Maint & Improve" for estimate and "Expense: Misc" for actuals.
subtotal	26,410	16,696	
Tournaments/Shoots:			
	1,400	994	See linked sheet "Shoots" for details of each event.
subtotal	1,400	994	
Utilities:			
Electric	600	300	Dominion
Phone	820	365	Verizon
Porta-potty	2,010	970	Don's Johns
Trash	2,400	1,329	Waste Management
subtotal	5,830	2,965	See linked sheet "Expense: Utilities"
Total Expenses	44,376	23,605	

Liabilities:		
None known	0	0

End of year assets:	Estimated*	Actual	Notes
Cash	12,338		Checking account Petty cash
Property	?	?	See "Property" sheet
Total	12,338		Maintain \$10,000 minimum cash reserve.

*Formula for cash starts year using estimated income, then must change to use actual when it reaches estimated amount or NLT August after new member orientation.



Prepared by John Shea. NORVA Treasurer

Signing in at NORVA

When visiting NORVA, you must sign in via the electronic sign-in form (<https://www.novaarchers.org/signin.html>). Guests need to sign the liability waiver at (https://www.novaarchers.org/guest_waiver.html) once per calendar year. For detailed information, see the Electronic Range Book Instructions at (<https://www.novaarchers.org/docs/NORVA%20electronic%20range%20book.pdf>).

Hunting Information

Fairfax County Park Hunts (see <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>): Qualifications for the next season will run from April 1 – July 2 and must be done on an annual basis. Qualification sessions will be held at NORVA. Check the webpage as well as the Facebook page for the schedule.

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 conducted mostly on Saturdays. See <https://register-ed.com/programs/virginia/66-virginia-bowhunter-education-course-ibep/agency> to find a class in your area. In case there are no more seats available, contact Sgt. Earit Powell at Earit.Powell@fairfaxcounty.gov to get into one of his classes. You only need to take this class once (good for life) as long as you can produce the IBEP card.

Virginia Department 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://ftbelvoir.isportsman.net/Bowhunting.aspx>

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

NOTE: Below is the proposed new rule to allow for tree stands at the club.

PROPOSED: NORVA Tree Stand/Climber Rules

1. The activity must be supervised at all times by a NORVA Board Member/Officer or FFX County Cub Run Cluster Group Leader who completed a IBEP course. The supervisor will inspect all gear, go over the safety rules, and verify non-NORVA members (a.k.a. guests) signed the online liability waiver form.
2. Marked trees at the Broadhead Lane and the Running-Buck lane (once marked) may be used. At the broadhead range, the adjacent Field Targets 27 and 28 will be closed during the activity; shots over the walking path are forbidden. The Running-Buck lane requires the climber to bring his own target.
3. Tree Climbers, Ladder Stands, Climbing Sticks with Hang-on Platform as well as Tree Saddles are permitted but must be erected and taken down specifically for the activity. They cannot be left unattended for any amount of time. The guardrail must be installed if the stand is equipped with one.
4. The participant must wear a Safety Harness that stays connected to the tree via Tether Strap or Lifeline as soon as he leaves the ground until the time they return to the ground.
5. Before leaving the ground, the participant must demonstrate the ability to safely draw their bow with the arrow pointed down below level at all times.
6. Bow and Gear must be hoisted via a Haul Rope after the climber has secured their tree stand and settled in at the target height.
7. The supervisor must check the area and clear every single shot from the elevated position.