



Northern Virginia Archers

September 2021

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2021

NORVA members present:

Joe Wolfe	John Shea	Gerry Petraitis	Uwe Jacobs
Ken Wilkinson	Celeste Otsuka	Jim Libovicz	Reggie Atkins
Bakari Dale	Jeff Tyree	John Hoffman	Willie Whitlock
Susan Erdos	John McKenzie	John Parker	William Tyree
Donald Tyree	Dave Burpee	Mark Finkenstaedt	Joe Gangi
José Guerra	Rich Danylew		

Members calling in:

Chris Bowers	Alex Mira	Rodney Roberts
Jerry Michonski	Thomas Tyree	Youth member
Tom Howarth	Jill Steele	Rich Manser
Mihalis Stephanides		

Non-Members in attendance	Larry Readal	Jim Little
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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 September 2021 meeting.

Erratum

The August 2021 issue of the NORVA Newsletter incorrectly spelled the last name of the winner of the logo contest. The correct spelling is Eric Peterson. The Editor regrets the error.

Meeting Items

The September 2021 meeting was limited to two topics: (1) Elections of 2022 Board Members and (2) whether NORVA should end its affiliation with the Virginia Bowhunters Association. The meeting was led by President Joe Wolfe.

2022 Elections

The following individuals were nominated to serve on the Board for 2022

President	Joe Wolfe
Vice President	Rich Manser, Ken Wilkinson
Treasurer	John Shea
Membership	Gerry Petraitis
Secretary	Chris Foster, Jim Libovicz

Joe Wolfe, John Shea, and Gerry Petraitis all ran unopposed. They were elected.

For Vice President, Ken Wilkinson was elected. For Secretary, Jim Libovicz was elected.

Affiliation with the Virginia Bowhunters Association

At the meeting there was a lengthy discussion on whether the club should maintain its affiliation with the VBA. Larry Readal and Jim Little both spoke on behalf of the VBA.

Following the discussion, a vote was conducted among the members present and on the phone -- 32 total. The NORVA Secretary/Treasurer, John Shea, led the roll-call voting after confirming member eligibility. After tallying the votes, it appeared the motion to end NORVA's affiliation with the VBA fell just short of reaching a 2/3 majority as required by the NORVA bylaws.

At the close of the meeting, President Joe Wolfe announced that he was resigning his position.

Following the meeting, however, when conducting records verification, it was discovered that one of the members on the phone, who said he was at least 18 when asked before his vote was recorded, is actually below the minimum age (18) permitted to vote per the bylaws. The primary NORVA member (what VBA refers to as head of household) was contacted on September 10 and confirmed that the family member in question is below the 18-year requirement. Therefore, that member's vote in favor of remaining with the VBA was stricken from the record.

The final vote count was 20 to leave the VBA, and 10 to stay, which meets the minimum 2/3 majority required to pass the motion to leave the VBA in accordance with the bylaws.

On September 12, Joe Wolfe verbally informed the VBA that NORVA would not be renewing its affiliation with the VBA in 2022. A formal letter was sent to the VBA on September 18 (the letter appears below).

Members who wish to remain VBA members can -- you will just need to go directly to the VBA to renew in January. For members of a club not affiliated with the VBA, you can get an "Associate" membership. For details, please go to <https://vbarchers.com>. For 2022, NORVA members will be allowed to join the VBA for a special reduced rate of \$22.00.

Subsequent to the delivery of the notification to the VBA, Joe Wolfe announced that he was rescinding his resignation. He shall remain as NORVA President.

The below was delivered to the VBA via email on September 18, 2021.



Northern Virginia Archers

Promoting Fun and Fellowship Among Archers Since 1956

Location: 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station, VA

Mail: PO Box 7130, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

September 18, 2021

To: Virginia Bowhunters Assoc. Board of Directors

Subject: Notice of intent to not renew NORVA's charter for 2022

On September 9, 2021, in accordance with the NORVA bylaws, members voted to end our affiliation with the VBA. Accordingly, effective January 1, 2022, NORVA will cease to be affiliated with the VBA. This outcome was based, in part, on the following reasons:

1. The requirement for every club member to also be a dues paying VBA member in order for the club to be granted affiliation. Archers with no interest in hunting should not be required to join the VBA.
2. Lack of affiliation with one or more national-level archery organizations and common tournament rules and style definitions.
3. Inadequate information sharing to all members on finances and meeting proceedings to ensure complete, timely and transparent reporting.
4. Concerns with financial management — some accounts have not always maintained a positive balance.
5. Lack of timely response to change requests due, in part, to a lack of policy to ensure tabled agenda items don't stay deferred or stuck in committees indefinitely and a lack of policy to prevent undue use of parliamentary procedures, e.g., be flexible on agenda item request submission format as long as all needed information is provided.

We informed our members by email on September 11, 2021, anyone wishing to remain a VBA member will have to to renew directly with the VBA in January as an associate member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Shea'.

John Shea
NORVA Secretary/Treasurer

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