



Northern Virginia Archers

February 2023

Date of Meeting: February 2, 2023

NORVA members in attendance:

Joe Wolfe

Ken Wilkinson

Uwe Jacobs

Blake Hodge

John Shea

Gerry Petraitis

Susan Erdos

Jim Libovicz

Mark Finkenstaedt

Jeremy Herring

John Daniel

First Work Party of the Year is Saturday, February 25
See you there!

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 February 2023 meeting.

General Items

The February 2023 meeting was led by President Joe Wolfe.

Building Project – Update

Treasurer John Shea reported that the first permit application for the project was submitted on January 25. Unfortunately, there were some minor errors in the application, so the company to whom the club awarded the contract had to correct and re-submit. They did so on February 2. According to Fairfax County, this construction is a “shell.” We hope it will get reviewed/approved soon so that the company can get started on the work. The Park Superintendent has already approved this project.

Work Party on February 25

With a new year and a new season of archery shoots before us, it is time once again for a Work Party. In preparation for the Club's first shoot (March 11, 3-D Pin “Ice Breaker”), the Club will host its first Work Party on **Saturday, February 25, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

We will need a group of motivated and dedicated volunteers. The work will include replacing targets, changing out cores, clearing the trails of leaves and debris, doing minor structure repair, and taking care of other miscellaneous details to refresh the course. Volunteers will also be provided a lunch and refreshments. See you there!

Field Range (Ken Wilkinson)

At the last meeting, Ken mentioned new plasticized targets that he hoped to try out on the Field Range. They have not yet come in yet, but we hope to have them in time for the March shoot. In the meantime, he will put up a set of the old targets.

Web Master (Uwe Jacobs)

Uwe suggested that the Club change its Internet Service Provider. The current platform has had a series of glitches, such as an inability at times to do mass emailings to our members. He will look to make the change after the membership renewal season.

Also, he purged the Club's mailing list of any individuals who did not renew their membership.

Uwe reported that two people tried to place a commercial post on the Club's Facebook page. One was even trying to sell NORVA merchandise. Uwe deleted the posts. He monitors the Club's Facebook page for inappropriate content (such as these).

3-D Range (Blake Hodge)

Blake is planning tasks for the February 25 Work Party. Jobs will include minor infrastructure repairs, re-staking lines, and moving targets.

Blake picked up from Hoffman Archery an order of antlers for the moose on the 3-D Range.

Academy (Dave Grant)

The Academy is planning for classes to re-start on March 18.

Membership (Gerry Petraitis)

As of January 31, we had 509 membership renewals. Those who have renewed should have received an email with the new combination for the club locks.

The on-line renewal process (<https://norva.club/home/membership-renewal/>) has been a huge time-saver, especially has the Club's membership numbers continue to grow.

Thanks to Uwe for automating the process, thereby saving Gerry and John much time!

Gerry held two orientation sessions on February 11. Thanks to John Shea and Joe Wolfe for their great support. The Club is now up to 573 members.

Tournaments (Susan Erdos)

The Club's first shoot of the year will be the 3-D Pin Icebreaker on March 11. It will be a shotgun start, starting at 0900.

Susan will prepare food. She will prepare a list of items (e.g., food) that we will need for the shoots.

Uwe reports that we already have people signing up on-line for this year's shoots.

Hunting Chair (Mark Finkenstaedt)

Mark is working on getting certified as an instructor. He will be getting his education certification in the International Bowhunter Education Program.

Treasurer's Report (John Shea)

John reported that, due to the number of renewals thus far, the Club has already received approximately half our estimated income for the year. This is in sync with the initial 2023 budget that he presented at the January meeting.

The Club received \$31,000 in January. The big expense for the month was \$4,100 for block targets. The projected end-of-year balance is \$13,000.

NORVA Treasurer Monthly Report for Jan. 2023

Description	Credits	Debits	Notes
Membership dues	31,530.21		via Square
(8) 48" Block butts		4,160.00	Hoffman Archery
(2) chainsaw chains & oil		42.07	
Merchandise sales	20.00		
Fridge snacks/drinks income	7.00		
Dominion Energy		63.51	
Waste Management		234.16	Every two weeks
USS Dons Johns		242.69	Weekly service
Verizon		70.66	
Totals	31,557.21	4,813.09	
Month-end bank balance	61,132.67		
Projected year-end balance	13,569		\$10,000 desired minimum reserve

This is a general call to anyone who can serve as a Cadre to help on the 3-D Range, Field Course, Events, Membership, Tournaments, or Hunting. Please contact a Board Member. Your help will be much appreciated!