



Maspenock Rod & Gun Club

Monthly Newsletter - December 2024

Meeting Highlights - December 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Zontini, following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence honoring members of the armed services, civil servants, sick club members, and deceased club members. There were 35 members in attendance. Two new members were voted in this month. Welcome to Maspenock Felix Fales and Lauren Silva!

Reports

Financial Secretary

No report.

Treasurer

Lloyd presented the Treasurer's report including year-to-date numbers. He requested budgets for any committees that have not yet submitted them.

Recording Secretary

No report.

Director's Report

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Ed M. presented the report. Topics were covered under the committees.

Committee Reports

Trap

Ed M. reminded new members they have two free rounds of trap excluding ammo. Trap shoots are on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

Junior Program

Manny S. reported that there are 10 active shooters. Maspenock members Dominic & Tom Quintino and Deb Freed have returned from Colorado. Junior member Dominic was the gold medalist in J18, and Deb Freed took bronze in her category. Congratulations to all!

Rifle Range

Terry T. reported that there were 28 shooters at the November 3rd animal target shoot. He noted John Hill's immeasurable contributions this year. Terry informed the membership that there have been 1,882 entries for rifle shoots since 2011. The Hangover Shoot on January 1 will begin at 9 AM.

Indoor/Outdoor Pistol

Paul T. spoke about the Wednesday night pistol league. Manny reported on the Thursday night air pistol league. In January, a new shooter clinic will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Paul reported that he, Lloyd, Terry, and David have been working on the outdoor range. He thanked all who helped.

Fish & Game

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Ed M. reported it was a good pheasant season. Discussions are ongoing with fish suppliers for the derbies.

Archery

Paul T. noted significant progress on the archery ranges. He thanked Ed and Lloyd for securing the new storage container. He is working on ideas to reconfigure the course.

Entertainment

Branden reported no rentals are scheduled. A new rental request form is available on the website, thanks to Ed M. The bar license expires on January 15 for the season. In the meantime, the bar is open on Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

Structure and Grounds

No report.

Safety

Dave V. reported two incidents. One involved a member with multiple guests, leading to unsafe behavior. The second involved a non-member using the ranges. Both issues were addressed, with actions taken to prevent recurrence.

Old Business

Dave V. reviewed the new member orientation starting January 1, 2025. Orientations will be held on the second Saturday of each month. A certificate will be provided upon completion and required with membership applications. Violating members may also be required to attend orientation. Lloyd updated on the Wales Street acquisition, requiring a town meeting in April or October. Survey and

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engineering work will determine the cutoff and turnaround points. Ed M. thanked members for donating to Toys for Tots. The response from a property owner regarding a potential club acquisition is still pending.

New Business

- Lloyd requested and received approval for funds to pay for the land survey.
- Ed M. requested funds for a 2x3 "No Trespassing/Members Only" sign, which was approved.
- Paul T. proposed additional funds for finishing Range 1 and building a warming hut. The membership approved.
- Modifications to standing rules were discussed and approved.
- Branden announced that Mass Fish & Wildlife requested an event on April 12, 2025. He will negotiate moving it to April 19 and update members.

Elections/Nominations

Three Director positions are expiring. Nominations were held:

- Brendan - Accepted
- Dewie - Accepted
- Dave P. - Accepted

Collin was nominated for Financial Secretary, and Michelle for Recording Secretary. Both accepted.

Dick noted a Vice President vacancy; interested members should contact a Director. The board remains unchanged.

Good of the Club

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted, Michelle St.Gelais