



Maspenock Rod & Gun Club

Monthly Newsletter - November 2024

Meeting Highlights - November 25, 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 32 members in attendance. There were no new members voted in this month.

Reports

Financial Secretary

Collin B. presented the report. There are:

- 335 Regular Members
- 70 Life Members
- 3 Military Members
- 31 Spouse Members
- 3 Junior Members
- 8 Junior Pistol Members
- Total Membership: 450

Treasurer

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Lloyd presented the Treasurer's report including year-to-date numbers. He also reported that Maspenock is now a GOAL member.

Recording Secretary

No report.

Director's Report

Dewie 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. The trap committee is organizing a gun raffle for a Springfield Hellcat kit. Only 125 tickets will be available. This was approved by the membership.

Junior Program

Manny S. reported that he and assistant coach Tom Q. are vetting new members for the program. Four new members have been recruited, with the possibility of four more. The shooters are enjoying the program.

Rifle Range

No report.

Indoor/Outdoor Pistol

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Ed M. reported that outdoor pistol discussions are underway about building a warming hut. Paul T. will provide more details. Manny reported on indoor pistol, noting that air pistol shooting occurs on Thursdays. Anyone interested should visit on a Thursday to learn more.

Fish & Game

Ed M. announced that the last day for bird stocking is Thanksgiving and encouraged hunters to participate.

Archery

Paul T. noted an upcoming work party for the 3D range.

Entertainment

Branden reported no rentals are scheduled. The bar license will expire in January for the season.

Structure and Grounds

No report.

Safety

No report.

Old Business

Ed M. provided updates on the new member orientation starting January 1, 2025. Orientations will be held on the second Saturday of each month. All potential new members must attend an orientation before applying. Maspenock received a letter acknowledging its membership.

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New Business

- Ed M. requested an appropriation to upgrade triggers on club pistols. This was approved by the membership.
- A club member offered to sell the club a generator, which was approved.
- Ed M. proposed adding a camera to monitor the club safes. This was approved.
- Manny inquired about obtaining a porta-potty for the range, but high costs delayed approval. A member is seeking a better price to bring to the board.
- Manny suggested donating to Midway on Giving Tuesday. Midway supports various club purchases.
- Lloyd proposed purchasing a 1.9-acre lot that is inaccessible due to its location. The membership approved the purchase.
- Lloyd discussed Wales St. and plans to secure town rights for the club to install a gate and improve property security. Legal assistance may be sought if necessary.

Good of the Club

- Dues have been sent late, but payments can be left in the box.
- The Directors' meeting was rescheduled to December 9 due to the holiday, and the Membership meeting to December 16.
- Members thanked Gerry Hilliard for his years of bird stocking and Ed M. for organizing the hunt.

Elections/Nominations

Three Director positions are expiring. Nominations were held:

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

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Collin was nominated for Financial Secretary, and Michelle for Recording Secretary. Both accepted. In absentia, Terry T. was nominated to lead the Election Committee. Dick noted a vacancy for Vice President, and interested members should contact a Director. Nominations will reopen at the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle St.Gelais