

Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club Inc.

Minutes of General Membership

Meeting December 11, 2024

The December 2024 General Membership Meeting of the Dunham's Bay Fish and Game Club was held at 7:00pm on December 11, 2024

President: John Bowe - Attended

Vice President: Scott Rager - Attended

Treasurer: Mike Vanderwerken – Absent

Secretary: Leslie Richard - Attended

Board of Directors:

Dennis Dempsey, Chairmen - Attended

John Beecher - Absent

Bob Benway, Membership Chair - Attended

Sam Christiansen - Attended

Melissa Stark - Attended

Frank Snyder – Attended

Jon Ordway - Attended

Attendance: 24 Members /Officers/Directors attended the meeting in person and via Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance: President John Bowe opened the Meeting at 6:59 pm.

Minutes: November 13, 2024, meeting minutes were read and approved. 1st by Sam Christiansen, 2nd by Tom Hordwick. Voted Unanimous

Treasurers Report: No Report.

John Bowe gave an update on the Club's finances. The checkbook balance is approximately \$68,000. The debit card account had approximately \$300 in it. He transferred \$4,000 to pay for the insurance for the Club. Also, discussion on trying to find out the name the Clubs phone service is in. As of now, the Club does not have any telephone service.

Membership:

674 – approximately \$25,000 in renewals – 200 new orientations

Archery:

Archery club will begin again after the holidays in January 2025 on Tuesday nights time will be 6 or 6:30. We should start a committee for this.

Club being used by shooting group every Monday night starting at 5:30 and the Thursdays opposite of 4H.

Building and Grounds: Pat Beland

On November 19, 2024, the project specs were approved by the Town of Queensbury Planning Board and a building permit was issued.

Shot Gun: No Report

Two Gun: No Report

Steel Targets:

Targets are not being painted.

She Shooters: No Report

Smokeless Range: No Report

Conservation Council: Dan Ladd

- Happy Hour January 3, 2025, at 4:30pm at the Adirondack Bar and Grill.
- Boating Course January 4, 2025, from 8am - 4:30pm at the club. Any motorboat operator needs to take this course. This has become mandatory starting in the year 2025. This is an in-person class being held at the Club. The class size is limited to 30 people. Register online with NYS parks and pay a \$10 registration fee. You must register online to attend. Club members will pay \$10, and nonmembers will pay \$20 at the door.
- Flee market March 29, 2025, at the Club.
- Currently black powder season is until Sunday December 22, 2024.

Legislation:

Tom Ordway asked Dan Ladd if there was legislation about increasing insurance from the State. Dan hasn't heard anything about this.

On holiday from Dec 26, 2024, to January 1, 2025

Garage:

Permit good for 1 year until December 29, 2025.

Old Business:

John Bowe reported that Post Card Renewals were mailed out. The cost of this was expensive. John asked the group if they received the card in the mail. The response was that everyone at the meeting received the card.

New Business:

Discussion on enclosing four bays with a retrieval system. This is not an indoor range. The cost of this would be approximately \$2,000 for retrieval system and \$10,000 for enclosed shooting area. (See minute meeting book for attachment on project specs.)

- **Discussion on the project:**
 - Some benches would need to be removed.
 - Tom Ordway took the NRA range course. Based on the course we don't meet the NRA Berm requirements for the proposed location. A different location would probably be better. We need to make sure the retrievers are in the correct location, and it must be safe. Maybe we will move it down by steel. A discussion took place on where to put the retrieval system. We need to decide on location and benches before we proceed.
 - Maybe make it two projects – retrievals at \$2,000 and enclosure at \$10,000
 - Pat Beland has done research on past indoor range projects. It's very expensive and we can't afford to do it. Removing a few benches isn't a big deal. The current project is being proposed in a semi-enclosed range.
 - John Ordway questioned the specs on the enclosed range proposed by Bob Benway. He inquired why Bob Benway went against the Board about going to the Town to get permission. Bob said this was just planning for a potential project. Bob clarified that some changes were made to make this semi-enclosed retrieval system to get the approval from the fire marshal. John Ordway wanted to make sure this got into the meeting minutes.

Jeff Beattie motion to proceed with an enclosed and retrieval system. Motion was rescinded.

John Bowe is resigning from Club as president as of tonight. However, he is still going to assist with youth programs at the club. Scott Rager will be running the meeting in the future until there is a new president.

Leslie Richard offered to go into the role of Treasurer if needed. Also, Kathy Grant would go into the role of Secretary if needed.

Motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm- 1st by Scott Ragner and 2nd by Melissa Stark. Voted unanimous.