

2024 NES Annual Meeting

Kittery Trading Post

February 3, 2024

1) Election of new BOD members

- a) Current President Steve Buck has resigned from President position
- b) The following members are up for election for the following positions:
 - i) President -> Branden
 - ii) Secretary -> Amanda
 - iii) Director of Training -> Nate
 - iv) Test Secretary - Linda
 - v) Additional Vacant Positions:
 - vi) Director of Testing -> Linda was nominated by the president
 - vii) Vice President -> No one was nominated at the annual meeting
- c) Motion was made to elect board position, second and unanimous vote to approve
- d) Board is still looking for Vice President and asking members to please reachout if they are interested

2) Officer reports

- a) Steve Buck (President)
 - i) 2023 was a great year where we held some awesome opportunities to further train your dog with the Kyle Hough clinic and the Mock Invitational
 - ii) The chapter continues to be supported by the same individuals year in and year out
 - iii) We are asking other members to step up and volunteer if we want to continue to grow as a successful chapter
 - iv) There has been a lot of talk about bringing on pigeons to train with at chapter events, this is something the future BOD should consider greatly.
- b) Branden Roberts (Vice President)
 - i) Current training grounds have been secured for training in 2024
 - ii) There has been a lot of talk from the current owner regarding investing the property into something that would likely result in us losing access to future training
 - iii) Board is asking members to keep an eye out for new possible training locations
 - iv) An ideal training location includes:
 - (1) 2 fields 6-10 acres in size minimum. (Current grounds is 2-12 acre fields)
 - (2) Proximity to water
 - (3) Proximity to highway and current community to support current chapter members

- (4) Separation from the roadway
- c) Mark Cote (Secretary)
- d) Stacy Cote (Treasurer)- See Attached Report
- e) Matt (Director of Gunning)

3) Review of calendar of Events for 2024 - Branden(VP)

- a) April 28 -> Field with water option
- b) May 19 -> Field with water option
- c) June 16 -> Field with water option
- d) July 14 -> Field with water option
- e) July 28 -> Water only at Brownfield Bog
- f) August 25 -> Field with water option
- g) September 15 -> Field only
- h) Yankee has invited NES members to their Wild Game Potluck / Ask the Veterinarian event on March 10
- i) NA Test - The chapter is looking to hold an NA test
 - i) Looking at holding it in June right after other chapters have held theirs
 - ii) Looking at pricing for test and want to ensure we break even on test weekends
- j) Greenhorn Handlers / Training Season Kickoff Event
 - i) Have members come to learn about training grounds
 - ii) Learn how to volunteer for different training activities
 - iii) Add Field Cleanup day to this event
 - iv) Possible dates (April 7 or 14)

4) Gun Raffle 2024

- a) Will be holding a gun raffle for 2024
- b) Asking members to sell 5 tickets each
- c) Suzi offered a black powder rifle to be added to this year's raffle
- d) Looking to get a donation from Kittery Trading Post or another gun dealer

5) Update on Ducks for Clinics

- a) We are working toward a contract with Tardif to support this year's duck delivery
- b) They helped with mock last year when we didn't have ducks
- c) He is still fairly new to the duck business so we are navigating that accordingly similar to other chapters
- d) Since he is in Connecticut, we are now looking into the requirements of an importers permit

6) Bird pen policy reminder

- a) Rules and regulations- See attached guidelines
- b) Feed and water
 - i) If you go to use the field please take a moment to make sure the birds have water and food

7) Recognition of board Members

- a) Thank you to Steve for stepping up in a transition year to carry us through to the new BOD in 2024
- b) Thank you Mark for years of support with training and on the BOD. The chapter wouldn't be what it is without you

8) Misc. Business

- a) We are forming a training committee to help keep members engaged during clinics and we are looking for volunteers, please reach out to Nate if interested
- b) General notice we are looking at new training opportunities at training clinics
- c) In 2025 we are looking at a new policy for the chapter to vote on at next year's annual meeting to require volunteer hours for members

9) York County Fish and Game(YCFG)

- a) There was a note that we have a unique opportunity with our partnership with YCFG.
- b) It's important we keep this relationship alive and healthy.
- c) Don't forget to clean up after ourselves when using their facility, practice leaves no trace
- d) We should meet with YCFG and discuss an annual youth hunt partnership opportunity

Motion made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

NES Bird Pen Policy

The chapter bird pen is located on the training grounds at Ahearn's Farm in Dayton. The pen will be stocked with chukar to provide additional training opportunities for the membership. The pen will be monitored by camera for vandalism.

- Contact the chapter Treasurer to register and receive the lock combination
- Members are asked to follow the procedures posted at the pen to minimize risk of bird loss
- Members to provide personal bird bags, the chapter will provide a net at the pen
- Members are financially responsible for all birds removed or released (escapees) while accessing the pen
- Members must follow chapter policy for Training on Non Clinic Days at Ahearn's Farm as detailed in the Members Only section of the website (**current NES members only, no guests permitted**)
- Members to leave payment (cash or check) in envelope with name, date, birds in Drop Box located at bird pen. All payments are due day of access, no exceptions. Current pricing will be posted at Drop Box.
- **Birds to be used on the training grounds at Ahearn's Farm only**
- **Members are limited to 3 birds maximum per week**
- **Birds available on first come first serve basis, no reservations**

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Note: If you are utilizing the training grounds on Non Clinic Days, we ask that you kindly bring some extra water to fill the bird pen water dispenser, and top off the food for the birds that remain in the pen. This will save a great deal of time for the BOD to maintain these birds. If you do top off food and water, please inform Stacy Cote. Thank You!

NES 2023 Financial Report

- **55 Members with season/family passes -\$4300.00**
- **25 Members with individual/family memberships- \$540.00**
- **Averaged 18.7 Handlers per clinic and 20.1 dogs per clinic**
- **Net income from bird pen \$351.78**
- **Net income from birds at clinics \$694.00**
- **Net income from Mock \$1049.84**
- **Net income from Kyle Hough clinic \$1132.46**
- **Total expenses for new bird trailer \$6668.34**
- **Total overhead per clinic \$454.61 (mowing, portable toilet, website, insurance, registrations, filing fees, water clinic permit)**
- **Current checking account balance \$18512.90**