

Massapoag Sportsmen's Club

BOD Minutes

19 – November – 2024

Minutes:

The BOD of the Massapoag Sportsmen's Club (MSC) convened on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The meeting began at 7:00 pm in the MSC clubhouse. Those in attendance are listed below.

- 1) Treasurer's report from Lynn Howard.
 - a) On a cash basis, YTD total income equals \$167K (which includes \$5k of interest income), YTD total expenses equal (\$134K), YTD net profit equals \$33K. COH equals \$315K.
- 2) Membership report from Roy LeBlanc.
 - a) As of September 16, 2024, total membership is 547 (all categories). The membership includes 102 new members for 2024.
 - b) Membership breakdown is: 465 General, 4 Life, 67 Senior, 7 Senior & Life combined, and 4 Honorary.
 - c) The BOD voted to ratify the new members.
 - d) Paul Mello made a proposal that Paul Cocci be awarded a Lifetime Membership in appreciation for the work he and his crew have done for MSC, especially in the last 12 months. Mr. Cocci has repeatedly declined to accept payment for the time he and his crew have worked on various projects at MSC. This was voted on and approved.
 - e) Mr. Leblanc proposed the reinstatement of a member who had not maintained his membership in 2024, based on a letter he received from the member requesting re-instatement. This letter has been shared with the BOD. The BOD voted to approve his re-instatement.
- 3) Shotgun Sports report from Lynn Howard.
 - a) Nothing new to report. The skeet fields continue to be busy.

- 4) Pistol report from Roy LeBlanc.
 - a) The Pistol group met last Thursday and was attended by 10 shooters. The indoor range continues to be in good shape
- 5) Archery report from Mick Cochrane.
 - a) The archery range has been busy as archers hone their skills for the hunting season. The range will likely be seeded in the spring.
- 6) Orientation from Sean Byrne.
 - a) Mr. Byrne expressed concern that too many new members are arriving at orientation without the proper paperwork, which causes problems with the orientation class. He emphasized the need to clarify the instructions and the process on the website.
 - b) Mr. Byrne also asked about the use of a tapered (necked down) pistol round in the indoor range. The indoor range is specifically designated for Pistol (including 22LR) ammo only. After some discussion it was determined that this was pistol ammo (9MM necked down from a 40Cal shell) and, therefore, allowable.
Approved by the BOD.
- 7) House and Grounds report from Joe Frassica.
 - a) Work on the indoor range has been pushed out.
 - i) Cutting holes in the range roof (above the shooting area) will be done the week after Thanksgiving. This will improve the airflow down range to decrease smoke in the shooting area.
 - ii) Cleaning of the louvres and blades will be scheduled for the spring
 - iii) The range will be closed while any work is being done. The membership will be notified about any closures.
 - b) A proposal was made to keep the annual membership dues at \$225 per year. A counter proposal was made to raise the dues to \$250. Discussion followed.
 - i) The proposal to increase dues was based on a multi-year analysis that showed operating costs increasing faster than operating revenues. The analysis highlighted 5 costs;

targets/ammo, insurance, electricity, website/computing, maintenance

(1)Targets & Ammo. It was noted that this category pays for itself from the fees charged. It was also noted that the cost we incur has increased faster than the fees charged, resulting in a decreasing contribution to the net profit. The skeet committee is contemplating an increase in the fee per round of skeet/trap from \$5 to \$6.

(2)Insurance. It was noted that this cost is difficult to manage due to issues around gun control and gun control laws. Also, the membership has increased dramatically in the past 7-8 years (approximately doubled).

(3)Electricity. The cost of electric power has increased. Our usage of electric power has increased.

(4)Website/Computer. While the trend of increased cost is apparent, this represents a small portion of the clubs cost structure.

(5)Maintenance. Some BOD members argued that because our facilities are essentially unchanged (number of skeet/trap fields, gun ranges, etc.) the costs should not be increasing dramatically. Other BOD members argued that the significant increase in membership drives the increasing cost of maintenance.

ii) The BOD voted to keep membership dues at \$225 for the year 2025

c) A proposal was made to reduce the board membership from 17 to 11 over a two-year period. The BOD would be reduced to 14 in 2025 (5 officers and 9 directors). In 2026 the BOD would be reduced to 11 (5 officers and 6 directors). This proposal would require approval of the membership at the annual meeting. The BOD would have to decide on taking it to the membership.

General discussion:

- i) The reasons for reducing the BOD are based on best practices from other organizations and corporations.
 - (1) A smaller BOD would be better able to focus on BOD responsibilities.
 - (2) BOD meetings would be more efficient and productive.
 - (3) BOD meetings would remain open to any member wishing to attend.
- ii) Other BOD members voiced opposition to the proposal.
 - (1) The current size BOD would better represent the interests of all the members.
 - (2) The membership would have a more favorable view of the current size BOD.
 - (3) The BOD meetings would remain open to any member wishing to attend.
- iii) The BOD voted against taking this proposal to the membership at the annual meeting.
- d) The indoor range is in good shape with the new baffle in place.
- e) The November 2nd event ("Try it you might like it") was generally well received with compliments from many of the attendees. The event cost the club approximately \$300.
- f) The kitchen is no longer in use. It may be becoming an issue with respect to pests and health. The kitchen needs to be cleaned out. There are no plans to re-do the kitchen.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Attendance BOD:

Joe Frassica
Joe Mahoney
John Macon
Lynn Howard
Roy LeBlanc
Joe Casey

Sean Byrne
Pedro Millet
Bill Knight
Ted Marsh
Mick Cochrane
Paul Mollo

Wayne King
Angelo Mendola

Terry Shea

Attendance Non-BOD:

John Dineen
David Lynn
Faith Lynn
Joseph Phinney
Chris Achorn
Glen Cunningham
Justin Doyle
Barth Loney
Brian Samson
George Frank