

# Massapoag Sportsmen's Club

BOD Minutes

20 – June – 2023

## Minutes:

The BOD of the Massapoag Sportsmen's Club (MSC) convened on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. The meeting began promptly at 7:00 pm in the MSC clubhouse. Those in attendance are listed below.

- 1) Treasurer's report from Lynn Howard. On a cash basis, YTD income equals \$56K and YTD expenses equal \$(78K) for a net loss of \$(22K). The loss is driven by costs associated with the new outdoor range. COH equals \$270K.
- 2) Membership report from Roy LeBlanc. As of June 1, total membership is 475 (all categories). Membership breakdown is: 400 General, 4 Life, 60 Senior, 7 Senior & Life combined, and 4 Honorary. Seven new members were in attendance and are listed below.
- 3) Shotgun Sports report from Lynn Howard. The registered shoot on 21-May-2023 was sold out and generated a net profit of \$830. MSC has hosted two (2) successful shoots in 2023 and the next registered shoot is slated for September.
- 4) Handgun Sports report from Roy LeBlanc. Club shoots are on the second Thursday of the month and are generally well attended with 10-12 shooters. Planning is underway for a July event. Roy advised to check the online website calendar.
- 5) Archery report from Joe Frassica (on behalf of Luis Tueme). Archery events are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month. Four (4) archers attended the last event. Interested members are encouraged to attend.
- 6) Orientation report from Sean Byrne.
  - a. Sean gave an update on the proposed GOAL Seminar on Massachusetts Gun Laws. He reported that the seminar he attended could likely be tailored/modified to better fit the needs of Club members. The suggested fee is \$10 per

participant (5 for materials and 5 for GOAL). Sean believes we could charge as much as \$20 to help GOAL. Sean will work with GOAL for a date (targeting the fall) and MSC can put out an Email describing the seminar and requesting interested members to sign-up and pay.

- b. There was a discussion regarding rules for guests due to a recent incident with an unsupervised guest. Joe Frassica will draft an email reminding members of the guest rules.

#### 7) House and Grounds report from Joe Frassica.

- a. The bathroom in the clubhouse has been repaired (urinal and shut-off valve). This bill has been paid.
- b. Electric Power for the new Outdoor Range. The club is looking for an electrician and would like to have a panel in the outdoor range as well as a master shutoff and sufficient outlets.
- c. Drainage issues in/around the new Outdoor Range have been addressed but some issues still exist.
- d. Bullet catch bins in the indoor range need replacement and/ or repair. 1 bin is missing, and 2 other bins are worn out. It may be prudent to replace all 6. There is a metal works shop nearby in Canton that could be of help.
- e. An additional baffle is needed in the Indoor Range, one close to the firing line. A steel baffle set at an angle is thought to be best. Joe Frassica will research and make a project proposal.

#### 8) Old Business.

- a. Endowment/Rainy Day Fund. Lynn Howard has spoken with three (3) institutions about investing in short term notes (CDs) with a higher yield than traditional bank accounts. Merrill Lynch is the most promising, offering a high yielding Primary account with a checking feature and, also, CDs with maturities from 3 – 11 months. ML does charge a custodial fee. The BOD voted to approve the transfer of funds from Bank of Canton to an ML Primary account, and earmark \$100K to be invested in CDs.

- b. Emergency spending. There was general discussion regarding an officer of the Club having the authority to commit to expenses in an emergency, without obtaining a BOD vote of approval. It was generally agreed that Email, text messaging, etc., have replaced the need for formal BOD meeting votes in an emergency, time sensitive situation. All expenses are reviewed and reported by the treasurer.
  - c. Robert's Rules of Order. This document was distributed by Pete Murfitt at the May BOD meeting. In general, it was agreed that MSC is basically following the guidelines presented and will endeavor to incorporate best practices in conducting Club business. Thank you, Pete.
  - d. Orientation and Qualification for the Indoor and Outdoor range. Sean Byrne offered to give an orientation refresher for existing members. There was general discussion on the need to qualify for the Indoor and/or Outdoor range and what rules may be needed. The decision was made to maintain the status quo on indoor qualification. Sean Byrne was approved to offer a refresher orientation.
  - e. Shotguns are not allowed in the Outdoor Range
  - f. Members are allowed to join the club without having an LTC.
  - g. Targets used in the Outdoor Range MUST fit in the existing frames.
  - h. The annual report required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was prepared and filed by Joe Mahoney. Thank you, Joe.
- 9) New Business.
- a. Wayne King requested permission to procure and install a steel cabinet inside the Outdoor Range to store various materials. The cost is estimated at less than \$150. This was voted on and approved.
  - b. Joe Frassica raised the topic of having metal targets in the Outdoor Range. A Dueling Tree was ruled out due to the

weight and potential instability on the woodchip base. After some discussion about gongs, Paul Mollo was approved to look into re-installing the old gong.

- c. The use of Black Powder firearms on the Outdoor Range was approved but no changes to signage will be made.
- d. Joe Frassica raised the possibility of offering a Tactical Trauma Care course (stop the bleed) to membership. He will get data on cost, scale of class, etc. and report back. This led to a discussion on whether an AED (automated external defibrillator) or other emergency equipment/supplies should be kept and available onsite. The Club does have basic first aid supplies onsite. Joe will get some additional information and the BOD can re-visit.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

**Attendance BOD:**

Bill Knight

Jim Fletcher

Joe Casey

Joe Frassica

Joe Mahoney

John Macon

Lynn Howard

Mickey Cochrane

Paul Mollo

Roy LeBlanc

Sean Byrne

Terry Shea

Wayne King

**Attendance Non-BOD:**

Salvatore LoPinto (Sal)

Zachery Cheung (Zach)

David Fogg, Jr. (Dave)

Edward Stonis, Jr. (Ed)

William O'Connor (Bill)

Daniel Belanger (Dan)

Ali Kamran-Rad (Ali)