

Massapoag Sportsmen's Club

BOD Minutes

21 – November – 2023

Minutes:

The BOD of the Massapoag Sportsmen's Club (MSC) convened on Tuesday, November 21, 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 \$100K and YTD expenses equal \$(147K) for a net loss of \$(47K). The loss is driven by costs associated with the new outdoor range. COH equals \$245K, including the "rainy-day" fund.
- 2) Membership report from Roy LeBlanc. As of November 1, total membership is 503 (all categories). Membership breakdown is: 428 General, 4 Life, 60 Senior, 7 Senior & Life combined, and 4 Honorary. There are eight (8) new sign-ups in the current month which are not reflected in this number.
- 3) Shotgun Sports report from Paul Mollo. MSC is hosting two (2) NSSA registered shoot events in 2024. The dates are listed on the MSC website.
 - a. The roof on Hi House 3 has been repaired. See (7a).
- 4) Handgun Sports report from Roy LeBlanc. The most recent Pistol Shoot was attended by about 12 shooters across all events. Roy is planning a Christmas Shoot / Lucky Shoot in December. He would like to increase the number of Pistol Shoot attendees in 2024 and will send an email blast in January.
- 5) Archery report from Luis Tueme. Archery has moved the Axe range to enhance safety. Archery will monitor targets on the range as well as a new board for the Axe range. There are bags available to cover the 3D targets for snow and winter weather.
- 6) Orientation report from Sean Byrne. The GOAL Mass Gun Laws meeting/presentation was a success with 53 attendees. Sean believes MSC should consider sponsoring another Goal Mass Gun

Law presentation sometime in 2024. Sean also noted that Bill 4139 (gun control legislation) is up for a vote and encouraged everyone to contact their local representatives, and GOAL, to protect our gun ownership rights.

7) House and Grounds report from Joe Frassica.

- a. The work on Hi House 3 is complete (3a). This included replacing the plywood roof and some repairs to rafters. It was re-emphasized that similar work will be needed on the other three skeet houses soon, probably sometime in 2024. The Hi House 3 repairs were approved at the October BOD meeting.
- b. The new trays for the indoor range have been installed and are working well. However, rounds have been getting under the backstop on one lane and the tray behind it has sustained some damage. Joe is looking at ways to correct this.
- c. The equipment in the outdoor ranges will be winterized on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- d. The need for snow removal is expected to be greater this coming winter than last winter. After reviewing several quotes, Joe proposed that the club hire M Cochrane as he is the lowest cost, the nearest to the club, and the most familiar with the grounds. The proposal runs \$900 per foot of snow (3"-12"/\$900, 12"-16"/\$1,800, 16"-24"/\$2700) and includes the main parking lot, the skeet parking lot, the road between the two lots, and the path behind the skeet fields. The town is responsible for clearing the road leading to the main parking lot. The BOD voted to approve this proposal.
- e. The balance of the clearing work in front of the skeet fields is expected to be complete in December. The cost of the job is \$2,200 and has already been approved by the BOD.
- f. Pete Murfitt followed up on the request for a proposal for new benches for the skeet and trap fields. Pete provided

information on metal benches that he believed were both strong and durable. The cost was approximately \$600 per, or \$4,000 in total. After some discussion it was apparent that the cost was above expectations, and It was noted that the club already has a few composite benches which are likely less expensive. No vote was taken. Pete said he would continue to research benches suitable for use on the club grounds.

- g. It was suggested that the club may need a walk behind blower to clear the parking lots and road of leaves. There was some discussion, but no vote was taken.
- h. The Mass Audubon Society walk-thru took place last month. The walk-thru included the Archery Trail and the area beyond the skeet fields. The intent was to ensure that the club (and its usage) was not encroaching the property lines or wetlands. The MAS walk-thru takes place annually. The club passed the walk-thru and no action is required.
- i. The No Trespass sign at the entrance to the club parking lot was knocked down (apparently intentionally). It has been restored and a camera has been put in place, with a second camera soon. The police were notified and were very helpful. It was noted that the sign is important to help protect against potential liabilities.
- j. It was noted that the parking lot, the road, and the area around the range all need stone. After some discussion regarding the time of year it was decided to wait until after the snow season (with snow plowing and snow removal) to add stone or pavers.

8) Old Business.

- a. Joe Frassica raised the issue of email communications and noted that Microsoft Outlook (currently used) has limitations:
 - i. Limited number of emails sent per day / month.

- ii. Limited size of email blast requires batch emails to handle the full membership (500+).
- iii. Email lists are managed separately in an Excel file and “cut & pasted” into Outlook for each batch email sent.
- iv. No quality control tools and excessive user intervention.
- v. No analytical tools.

There was general discussion regarding the club’s needs and the cost associated with changing / upgrading the club’s email system. There was general agreement that email is the club’s primary means of communication with members. It was agreed to table this discussion and re-visit at the December BOD meeting to allow for time to research viable options.

- b. DKR Training’s use of the clubhouse is up for renewal. There was general discussion on DKR’s request for use of the clubhouse, their actual usage, and a lack of scheduling flexibility. The BOD voted to not renew the agreement with DKR Training.
- c. The “try it you might like it” event is scheduled for December 2. To date there are 24 sign-ups. The event is from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. The outdoor range will be closed during that time. All activities are outdoor:
 - Skeet & Trap – organized by Angelo M.
 - Outdoor Range – organized by Terry S.
 - Archery – organized by Luis T.
 - Food - organized by Joe F.
- d. Joe Mahoney reported that BOD elections will be held in January for the upcoming year. Those up for a vote are: Joe Frassica(President), Jim Fletcher(VP), Lynn Howard (Treasurer), Paul Mollo(Asst. Treasurer), John Macon(Secretary), Roy LeBlanc, Mickey Cochrane, Kenny Morris, Sean Byrne, Joe Mahoney, and Luis Tueme.

The vote will be conducted at the annual meeting.
Nominations should be submitted at the December BOD meeting.

9) New Business

- a. Dues notices for 2024. The renewal period is December 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024. Dues received February 1 and later are considered late and will incur a late fee, currently \$20. After some discussion the BOD voted to increase the late fee to \$40, up from \$20. There is a one (1) month grace period from February 1 to March 1, after which any unpaid memberships will be considered lapsed, although those members will have an option to rejoin.
- b. Orientation volunteers. There was general discussion on offering new members a discount on dues in exchange for volunteer work at the club. It was agreed to table the discussion until the December BOD meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Attendance BOD:

Joe Casey

Roy LeBlanc

Joe Frassica

Jim Fletcher

Joe Mahoney

Terry Shea

John Macon

Luis Tueme

Lynn Howard

Angelo Mendola

Mickey Cochrane

Wayne King

Kenny Morris

Sean Byrne

Paul Mollo

Bill Knight

Pete Murfitt

Attendance Non-BOD:

George Frank, Jr.

Bartlomiej Banburski (Bart)

Edwin Correia-Saladin & family

Dale Dion (Dave)

Vladimir Elnor

Rick & Mary Jane (MJ) Foy

Eric Chang

Jonathon & Miriam Marcus

Victor Karasik

Mira Belinsky

Hongliang Xu