

Massapoag Sportsmen's Club

BOD Minutes

17 – October – 2023

Minutes:

The BOD of the Massapoag Sportsmen's Club (MSC) convened on Tuesday, October 17, 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 \$92K and YTD expenses equal \$(135K) for a net loss of \$(43K). The loss is driven by costs associated with the new outdoor range. Over the past 3 years MSC has spent \$152K on outdoor range. COH equals \$249K, including the "rainy-day" fund.
- 2) Membership report from Roy LeBlanc. As of October 1, total membership is 493 (all categories). Membership breakdown is: 418 General, 4 Life, 60 Senior, 7 Senior & Life combined, and 4 Honorary. Overall, membership is down slightly, year over year. There are some new sign-ups in the current month, so membership is expected to be above 500 by year-end. There was some general discussion on what drives membership.
- 3) Shotgun Sports report from Paul Mollo. The annual inter-club competition with Sharon Fish & Game was a success. Also, the club is currently updating the remote controls for each skeet field to make them more responsive. Field 3 is done. The Club is targeting this coming Saturday (Oct. 21) to load each of the houses with targets.
 - a. The roof on Hi House 3 needs immediate repair due to rot and leakage. The estimate is \$800 - \$900. The BOD voted and approved to appropriate \$1,000 for Mickey Cochrane to do the work.
- 4) Handgun Sports report from Roy LeBlanc. The most recent Pistol Shoot was attended by about 10 shooters across all events. Roy is looking for ways to increase attendance.

- 5) Archery report from Luis Tueme. Archery is putting a group together to review the 3D course (ticks are an issue in the warm months, snow & ice in the winter months). Also, the firing line for axe throwing is being moved to make it safer in relation to the archery range firing line. It was suggested that the 3D targets on the archery range be positioned to allow for lawn mower accessibility.
- 6) Orientation report from Sean Byrne. The next orientation is scheduled for next week with 13 new members. The GOAL Mass Gun Laws presentation is on for tomorrow evening and the expected attendance is 50 people.
- 7) House and Grounds report from Joe Frassica.
 - a. In addition to the work on Hi House 3 (3a) it was noted that the other three houses will likely require similar work/repairs soon.
 - b. A bullet hole has been discovered in the gutter of the new outdoor range (apparently intentional). This raises, again, the need for surveillance cameras, particularly in the parking lot, The indoor range and clubhouse, and the outdoor range. There was general discussion on the need for surveillance cameras, how many, set-up and monitoring, maintenance, etc. Cost is a primary concern.
 - c. There is a log book in the outdoor range and everyone was reminded of the importance of using it. A key card system would be ideal for electronically recording usage of the range but the cost is high and it may not be feasible with our current infrastructure
 - d. The area in front of the skeet fields has been cleared and looks good.
 - e. There is a log book in the outdoor range and everyone was reminded of the importance of using it. A key card system would be ideal for electronically recording usage of the range but the cost is high and it may not be feasible with our current infrastructure

- f. The new trays for the indoor range are expected to be ready in 1 to 2 weeks. The estimate is \$2,500 for eight (8) trays.
- g. The new strobe light in the outdoor range is on and working.
- h. The cost for snow removal is expected to increase this coming winter, compared with last winter, and it was generally agreed that we need to keep the parking lot and paths clear.
- i. A work party is proposed for November with the following tasks suggested:
 - 1. Paint / Stain the skeet house doors.
 - 2. Cut up / disposal of brush.
 - 3. Clean up behind the warm-up house.
 - 4. Archery / Axe range work.
 - 5. Warm up house needs work. Decks should be repaired / strengthened / stained / painted. The sliding doors may need work soon.

8) Old Business.

- a. Pete Murfitt was not available to discuss the new benches.

9) New Business

- a. Thursday (Oct 19) the Mass Audubon Society will be at MSC to walk the property with respect to restrictions of use and land conservation. MSC property has some restrictions based on our relationship with the town. Joe Frassica will report back.
- b. Joe Frassica raised the possibility of a Club Meet & Greet Breakfast similar to the Club Breakfast of about one year ago. There was general agreement that such an event would be good for the club but nothing final on the specifics – Date? Time? Type of event (open house, breakfast, learn to shoot, etc.)? Several BOD members agreed to follow up with emails to make this event happen.
- c. There was general discussion on the need for instruction on how to use/hang the target frames in the outdoor range.

- d. Joe Mahoney raised the matter of winterizing the club and outlined some the tasks required:
 - 1. Shutting off the outdoor water spigots.
 - 2. Checking fire extinguishers to ensure they are in good working order.
 - 3. Cleaning or replacing the filter on the furnace.
 - 4. Keeping the kitchen clean.
- e. Terry Shea presented a short video on using the new AEDs which have been installed in the clubhouse and warm-up house. Thank you, Terry.
- f. Joe Frassica reported that the phone in the Warm-up house is working and the phone in the outdoor range is expected to be working soon.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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

Attendance Non-BOD:

Charlie Hicks