

# **Massapoag Sportsmen's Club**

## **BOD Minutes**

17 – December – 2024

### **Minutes:**

The BOD of the Massapoag Sportsmen's Club (MSC) convened on Tuesday, December 17, 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 \$213K (which includes \$5k of interest income), YTD total expenses equal (\$161K), YTD net profit equals \$52K. COH equals \$315K.
  - b) Mr. Howard reported that the Club still had balances in the Bank of Canton of approximately \$25K. He proposed moving those funds to the Bank of America savings account which is higher yielding. The BOD voted to approve this transfer.
- 2) Membership report from Roy LeBlanc.
  - a) As of December 17, 2024, total membership is 553 (all categories). The membership includes 108 new members for 2024.
  - b) Membership breakdown is: 470 General, 5 Life, 67 Senior, 7 Senior & Life combined, and 4 Honorary.
  - c) To date, the 2025 renewal rate is on track with historical averages.
  - d) The BOD voted to ratify the new members.
  - e) Mr. Leblanc reminded the BOD that the annual meeting is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 am. There will be an election for those board seats whose term is expiring. Four (4) members are seeking re-election. Two (2) BOD seats will be empty. There are three (3) candidates interested in filling those seats.
- 3) Shotgun Sports report from Lynn Howard.
  - a) The skeet and trap fields continue to be busy.

- b) For the first time in club history the revenue from skeet and trap exceeds \$100K.

4) Pistol report from Roy LeBlanc.

- a) The Pistol group had 13 shooters for their recent Christmas Party Shoot. The festivities included food, drink and a lucky shoot with cash prizes.
- b) The pistol shooters fund their own budget, and the group decided unanimously to increase the cost per shoot from \$5 to \$10. Alternately, a shooter can choose to pay an annual fee covering all shoots. This fee was raised from \$50 to \$60.
- c) Pistol shoots are held once a month.

5) Archery report from Mick Cochrane.

- a) The archery range is being prepped for winter. Most targets will be either covered or stored. A few targets will remain available for cold weather archers.

6) Orientation from Sean Byrne.

- a) The most recent orientation was generally successful but there continues to be a few new members arriving at orientation unprepared and unaware of the membership requirements. He re-emphasized the need to clarify the instructions and the process on the website.
- b) Mr. Millet and Mr. Byrne also noted that the emergency exit door needs to be painted or have signage that makes it stand out. It is currently a white door that blends in with the white walls.

7) Old Business

- a) Roy Leblanc reminded the BOD that the annual meeting is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 AM (as previously noted in the membership report).
- b) John Macon presented a proposal for updating the Club's Email system/capabilities. The BOD voted to go forward with a free test trial of Moosend and to up to upgrade to Moosend Pro at a cost of \$20/month depending on the results of the trial.

8) House and Grounds report from Joe Frassica.

- a) Rainwater in the outdoor range continues to be a problem. Much of the problem has been fixed, there is concern about ice in the cold weather. There was general discussion about finding a way for the water to drain out of the berm. J Frassica will report back.
- b) The new baffle in the indoor range has been installed in a way that allows for adjusting the angle of the baffle to optimize its function.
- c) Ventilation work in the indoor range was not done due to the weather. Given that we are in the winter months now, the work has been pushed out to spring
  - i) The range will be closed while any work is being done. The membership will be notified about any closures.
- d) Pond renovation.
  - i) J. Frassica initiated a discussion regarding the renovation of the pond. The general thought is to renovate the pond so that it holds water year-round. This would be a long-range project, probably for the spring of 2026. He would like to research this project, including discussing this project with two local companies that have done this type of work and understand the state rules/regulations regarding wetlands.
  - ii) There was general discussion on this project including the potential cost, the benefit to the club, and the issue of state laws regarding wetlands.
  - iii) The BOD voted in favor of getting more information/researching this project. No spending was approved at this time.

## 9) New Business.

- a) Capital Improvements. There are no capital expenses planned for 2025
  - i) There was general discussion that the club needs to focus on its balance having spent a considerable amount of money on the new outdoor range.

- ii) It was agreed that the BOD needs to have a working CapEx list that can be used planning future capital expenditures.
- b) Committee chairs.
  - i) There was an expressed interest in having a committee (or single person) for Social Activities, Badges and Emblems, and House and grounds. No vote was taken.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

**Attendance BOD:**

Joe Frassica  
John Macon  
Lynn Howard  
Roy LeBlanc  
Joe Casey  
Sean Byrne  
Pedro Millet

Bill Knight  
Ted Marsh  
Mick Cochrane  
Paul Mollo  
Angelo Mendola  
Terry Shea

**Attendance Non-BOD:**

Alexander DiSchino  
Ari Leeds  
Louis Shriber  
Andy Piechowski  
Eli Kuznetsov  
Charlie Walsh