

Massapoag Sportsmen's Club

BOD Minutes

17 – September – 2024

Minutes:

The BOD of the Massapoag Sportsmen's Club (MSC) convened on Tuesday, September 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 \$144K (which includes \$4k of interest income), YTD total expenses equal (\$102K), YTD net profit equals \$42K. COH equals \$322K.
- 2) Membership report from Roy LeBlanc.
 - a) As of September 16, 2024, total membership is 533 (all categories). The membership includes 88 new members for 2024.
 - b) Membership breakdown is: 451 General, 4 Life, 67 Senior, 7 Senior & Life combined, and 4 Honorary.
 - c) The BOD voted to ratify the new members, several of whom were present. See attendees list below.
- 3) Shotgun Sports report from Lynn Howard.
 - a) The registered shoot scheduled for September 7 was canceled due to lack of sign-ups. Otherwise, Skeet continues to be busy with member participation.
- 4) Pistol report from Roy LeBlanc.
 - a) The Pistol group met last Thursday and was well attended with 12-14 shooters. In addition, there were numerous attendees who wished to sign petitions for overturning the recently passed State Gun Control laws.
- 5) Archery report from Mick Cochrane.
 - a) Four (4) new targets have been purchased and set in place. The range has been cleaned up and is in good shape. The 3D course is

being cleaned up and some work has been done to clear the path now that we are moving out of the summer months and into fall.

6) Orientation from Sean Byrne.

- a) 6 new members recently took, and passed, the orientation program.

7) House and Grounds report from Joe Frassica.

- a) The Outdoor Range is the Clubs number one priority, trying to re-open the range as soon as possible, but not until the BOD feels the safety issues have been properly addressed.
- b) Several BOD members recently visited Sharon Fish & Game to see what could be learned from their Outdoor Range, and what safety issues, if any, they have faced.
 - i) The Club is moving forward with adding many additional overhead poles at the far end of the range (closest to the berm) to limit the amount of “blue sky” where a bullet could escape.
 - ii) The Club is moving forward with adjusting the target frame heights to remove the downward trajectory angle, particularly in the shorter distance targets.
 - iii) The Club will also place baffles on the ground in the four pistol lanes to catch/stop any low rounds before they can ricochet upward. These baffles will be made of wood (stacked 4x4s). The exact distances of these baffles from the firing line has yet to be determined.
 - iv) The club is also looking at re-grading the wood chips.
 - v) At this point there is no decision on adding an “eyebrow” over the berm to catch any slugs. The eyebrow (a wooden overhang covering the berm) is an option for later.
 - vi) L Howard proposed that we work with NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation) to hire a range safety consultant to evaluate our range and provide any advice for making it safer. The BOD approved that the club would contact the NSSF and pursue this proposal.

- vii) It was noted that the BOD does not want to re-open the range until there is a high level of confidence that the safety issue has been properly addressed and resolved. It was also noted that members are unhappy with the range closure and the BOD will work to keep the indoor range open and available until the outdoor range can be safely re-opened. The indoor range recently had updates to the stairs and, also, a cleaning and lubrication of the ventilating louvres. Additional work to the indoor range's ventilation system will be postponed until the outdoor range is re-opened.
- c) The Capital Improvements list is not yet available. The BOD is targeting our next meeting for a working Capital Improvements list.
- d) Pete Murfit has resigned from the BOD. His tenure was set to expire in January 2025. The BOD will need to fill this slot. Thank you for your service, Pete.
- e) J Frassica raised the issue of the club's email capabilities, noting that email is our primary means of communicating with members. The existing MS Outlook has limitations. In addition, there is considerable manual intervention required in sending any email communication as the email database is stored separately in an Excel spreadsheet. J Macon offered that he would have a proposal for an updated email system at the next BOD meeting.
- f) President J Frassica expressed, again, a desire to have some sort of social event in the fall. The "Try it, you may like it..." event last fall was a success and he would like to build on that.
- g) President J Frassica made note of significant contributions a member has recently made to the grounds and appearance of the club. The area behind the clubhouse and beside the indoor range has been cleared and seeded with grass. The area at the top of the archery range (near the dumpster) has been cleared out. The warm-up house has been scraped and painted. There are many

other improvements. Members are encouraged and come and see all of the good work at their club.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Attendance BOD:

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

Sean Byrne
Bill Knight
Mick Cochrane
Paul Mollo
Wayne King

Attendance Non-BOD:

Maeven Broderick
Seth Wilson
Stephanie Jozwick
Barth Loney (new member)
Kevin Robles (new member)
John de Szendeffy (new member)
Charlie Walsh
Brian Samson
George Frank