

The May meeting of the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club was called to order by President Pineo at 8 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's and treasurer reports were read and accepted. WCL representative Dick Martin then introduced congressional candidate Dean Tran. Mr. Tran spoke about his efforts to protect our sporting rights and 2nd amendment rights. He spoke about having a strong value and would never be compromised on his beliefs. We thank Mr. Tran for his efforts while serving as our Senator.

The following have completed their orientation and are now voted in as members. Keith O'Malley

Board of Directors: Final plans were being made for the spring derby.

Trap Committee: The trap committee report was read by President Pineo

Fish Committee

ANGLER OF THE MONTH-Please continue to submit any photos of catches by members that want to be entered into the contest. No fish have been turned in since the last meeting, but I am sure that many have been caught. We can't wait to see them. Contact Greg LaFlamme at gplafamme@comcast.net

POND CLEANUP-We had a cleanup around the pond in preparation for the derby on April 9th. This included much raking and branch trimming and a filling in with material around the tent area to get above the mud. A great turnout and much appreciated.

POND STOCKING-The Club Pond was stocked with over 400 trout in anticipation of the Kid's Derby. These included Brookies and Browns and Rainbows. Following the derby, there are still a substantial number of fish left for member fishing.

KID'S SPRING DERBY-This year's event was held on April 23rd and 24th and was a success. Everything went well with great attendance, many fish caught and great weather to enjoy. We had a total of 179 Juniors and 104 Seniors signed up for both days. Of special note was the custom rod raffle of the rod made by Tom Pierce. There were many sales of Eight Point apparel. Of course the food and beverage concessions did their usual great business. Fishing results are for Juniors were 1st place Griffin Sabolevski at 2.5 lbs., 2nd place Weston Natsis at 1.33 lbs., and 3rd place Elise Sabolevski at 1.35 lbs. All 3 contestants received trophies for their efforts along with wonderful prizes. Largest adult catch for the weekend went to Ann Ganczarski with a catch of .84 lbs. As is usual, because of outstanding generosity, we were able to once again provide prizes to all the Junior contestants regardless of their catching results. In particular, I would like to highlight the special rods produced for the event by member Victor Latek. As many of you have seen, Victor has a truly unique way of finishing the grips and guides on the rods. Also, we are grateful for the donation of \$500 in equipment for prizes from Cabela's. They have continued to be supportive of us, and I ask that you keep them in mind when buying gear to show your appreciation of all they do for us. We also appreciate all the prizes which members donated for the cause. It all comes together to make a great event. Finally, I want to acknowledge Mike Cove of Cove PortaPotties. Now known as Regional Restrooms, Mike donated 2 units plus a washing station complementary to us.

QUABBIN DAY-I am moving to cancel this event because of difficulty with logistics. But maybe we can conjure up something else. Any ideas are welcome for consideration. Contact Greg.

Submitted by Greg LaFlamme, (still the) Fish Committee Chairman

Bird Committee: A motion made at the April meeting to spend up to \$2500.00 was voted upon and was approved unanimously.

Archery Committee: There are 15 targets out with 15 more to be placed as the work progresses.

Kitchen Committee: We are looking for volunteers to help cook a dinner for the Worcester County League meeting on Friday May 20th. We are expecting around 30 – 40 people to attend the meeting.

Worcester County League: The league met at the Fitchburg Sportsmens Club, which is the oldest club in the US. There were 21 clubs present. Through the Mass Conservation Alliance, they were able to contact all the statehouse offices to promote bills.

Old Business: As weather warms, we will need a couple volunteers to paint the ceiling of the pavilion.

New Business: A member asked if it was time to refinish the floors again, it will be discussed at the Board of Directors.

Next meeting will be June 7, 2022
Dinner will be served at 7pm with a meeting to follow at 8pm
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