

The meeting of the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club was called to order by President Baker at 8:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's report was read and accepted. The following names have completed orientation and were voted in as new members -Christopher Bruning, Matthew Dicecca, Jacob Godard, Michael Lanciani, Adam Martin, James Papadinis, Edvikol Proko, Braeden Smith, Sean Smith, Zejnel Spahiu. Congratulations and welcome.

### **Board of Directors**

Paul Nourse was reappointed as Vice President by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Jerry Boynton was appointed as Secretary by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The board accepted a recommendation of limiting speakers, not associated with a committee, to a time of 10 minutes during meetings. The ice machine is being repaired. A representative of trap presented bids for the installation of a mini-split system at the trap house.

### **Trap Committee**

Trap gave their monthly report. The recent cold weather resulted in numerous broken pipes in the house. Thanks to Billy Mott for making the emergency repairs. A motion was made to spend up to \$4000.00 for the installation of a mini-split system at the trap house. The funds to be used from the trap account. There was no discussion on the motion, and it will be voted upon at the March meeting. Club members: come and enjoy some fun with fellow members at the Skeet / Trap range. Bring your shotgun and don't be shy. If you have never shot before, we will teach you! Open Thursday nights 5-9 and Sunday at noon (weather permitting). Bring a friend, wife, son, daughter, non-members, and public are welcome.

### **Fish Committee**

#### **BLOCKHEAD ICE OUT CONTEST**

The block has fallen. Find out the big winner at the March meeting.

#### **ANGLER OF THE MONTH**

-The award for September goes to Mike Regan! He brought in 2 nice Pollock at 13 lbs., and 16 lbs. both about 30". Congratulations to Mike. This contest will again be run in 2023. See Greg to enter a catch with information including species, weight and length, date, where caught and any other anecdotal information. [gplafamme@comcast.net](mailto:gplafamme@comcast.net) or 508-868-4060

#### **ANGLER OF THE YEAR**

-This was one of the best years for member anglers turning in fish for award recognition. This year's entrants were Paul Nourse, Richie Pineo, Carl Hewitt, Cameron Pierce, Peter Allaire, James Vincent, Ryan Rana and Casey Kruger. Because of this year seeing such a valiant effort by 2 members in particular, I have decided on a tie. The award(s) for 2022 go to Cameron Pierce and Casey Kruger. Congratulations to both members.

#### **MARCH ROD RAFFLE**

-Victor Latek has made a mini tuna rod for the purposes of a raffle to benefit the Kid's Spring Derby. Tickets are \$5 each. See Greg to purchase one and support the Derby. The winning ticket will be pulled at the March General Membership Meeting, to be held on March 7

#### **FLATULATOR OF THE YEAR**

-The 2022 award for atmospheric distinction at the Club was earned by our outgoing President Dave Pineo Sr. Please don't put me through that again! Submitted by Greg LaFlamme, Fish Committee Chairman

### **Kitchen Committee**

A great dinner as usual. Thanks to David, Rich and Jr Pineo, Kevin Kirby, Casey Kruger, Billy Mott, Paul Nourse, Jerry Boynton, Greg Laflamme and Tom Pierce for all the work to update the kitchen.

### **Meat Raffle**

The American Legion post will host 2 more meat raffles this year. The dates are on Sunday March 12, April 16 the raffles begin at 1pm.

### **Worcester County League**

The last meeting was held at Singletary with 27 clubs present. They reminded everyone of ice safety. The annual banquet will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **GOAL**

Harry spoke about several actions that are being followed by GOAL both at the State and National levels. The GOAL website has a PDF on the Talking Points for the Legislative Listening Tour on Massachusetts Gun Laws. There is a lot of information on the GOAL website.

### **Conservation Camp**

The Eight Point will again be sponsoring 2 campers to attend Conservation camp. The camp is open to any boy or girl between the ages of 13 – 17. Anyone interested should submit a letter of why they would like to attend camp. You can contact Charlie Baker for any other questions.  
chuckrbaker@comcast.net

### **Pond Stocking**

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$2,500.00 to stock the pond for the spring derby. This will be voted on at the February membership meeting.

### **Old Business**

Ernie St Thomas Big Buck and Doe contest. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Donna Chase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Schofield, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr Pineo 4<sup>th</sup> Paul O'Connell. All 4 winners donated their prizes to the spring fishing derby.

### **New Business**

Marion Larson spoke about the total deer harvested during the season. Of the 15,853 taken 6500 were archery, 5823 shotgun, 114 youth and the remainder black powder. She spoke about a program that provides venison to families with food insecurities. Lastly she discussed that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) is planning the removal of the Quinapoxet River Circular Control Dam (1905) in West Boylston. The goals of the project are restoration of free passage of fish and wildlife, naturalization of riverine hydrology, sediment management, and water quality protection.

### **Membership**

Many membership renewals have come in for the 2023 calendar year. It is not too late to renew for 2023. The renewal rate (\$50 for seniors and \$75 for regular members) will be in effect until March 1<sup>st</sup>. After March 1<sup>st</sup> members will need to pay the new membership fee (\$100 for regular and senior members.) Membership dues can be paid in several ways 1) Payment directly to Casey Kruger, 2) Send a check to Eight Point Sportsman's Club, PO Box 235 Sterling, MA 01564, 3) Deposit payment (along with application) at the clubhouse in the mail flap labeled "Membership" located at the bottom of the handicap ramp, 4) Deposit payment (along with application) in the membership lockbox located inside the Trap house.

Next meeting will be March 7,2023  
Dinner will be served at 7pm with the meeting to begin at 8pm