

The meeting of the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club was called to order by President Baker at 8:00m with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's report was read and accepted. The February and March treasures reports were read and accepted. The following names have completed orientation and were voted in as new members -Ryan Bevilacqua, Casey Freeman, Tim McGown. Congratulations and welcome.

Board of Directors

Final preparations were being made for the upcoming game supper.

Trap Committee

Trap gave their monthly report. As noted in last month's newsletter, 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 passed unanimously.. 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-The "block" fell through the ice on the Club Pond on February 16, signifying the "official" day of being ice free. The 50/50 raffle contest was won by Paul O'Connell for his correct guess. We had 28 entries. Paul donated his winnings back into the Fish Committee for purposes of purchasing prizes for the Kid's Spring Derby next month. Thank you and congratulations to Paul!

ANGLER OF THE MONTH-Please enter any fish caught by a member. Provide information about the catch including species, weight and length, when and where caught and name of the angler. We want to recognize anglers for their catches, and try to have as many categories as possible such as saltwater, fresh water, exotic species, international catches and other anecdotal information. Submit information to Greg LaFlamme at gplafamme@comcast.net or 508-868-4060

KID'S SPRING DERBY-This year's event will be held on the weekend of April 22 & 23. Hours are 8am to 4pm each day. Registration is \$3.00 per Junior (15yrs. and younger) and \$7.00 for Seniors. Separate registration for each day. Prizes will be awarded each day after 4:00, and top 3 catches for the weekend will receive trophies on Sunday after 4:00. The Fish Shack will be open for food and beverages and apparel sales. Please, do not bring adult beverages onto the property, but honor sales at the Fish Shack. We are always asking for prize donations and any volunteer help available. Contact Greg at the above address.

CLUB POND STOCKING-The pond will be stocked with trout on Thursday April 20th, for the Derby and to provide further members only fishing for the season.

GUEST SPEAKERS-As we used to have guest speakers in the past, I am working with Marion Larson in trying to get some speakers from Mass Fish and Wildlife to speak at upcoming Club Meetings on information related to our area.

ROD RAFFLE-The Club received a customized "tuna" rod from Victor Latek for the purpose of raffling off at the March meeting to benefit the Kid's Spring Derby. The raffle brought in \$140. Thank you Victor!

GAME SUPPER 50/50-Mike Regan ran a 50/50 raffle at the Game Supper to support the Kid's Spring Derby. Tickets were happily sold by Alyssa and Kiley Kruger.

Bird Committee

A motion was made to spend up to \$2500.00 for the annual fall stocking. There was no discussion on the motion, and it will be voted upon at the April meeting.

Archery Committee

The target placement will be done to avoid DCR property. They have purchased a product that will allow repairing of the existing targets, to avoid costly replacement.

Worcester County League

The last meeting was held in Leicester with 24 clubs present. Discussion involved the Ware River and Rutland prison camp closers. The Mass wildlife bird stocking and that the Assabet Valley carpentry class build the bird boxes.

GOAL

Harry spoke about numerous firearms being seized at TSA check points. Goal continues to file bills in the interest of sporting.

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 by the March BOD. You can contact Charlie Baker for any other questions.

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Kitchen

The renovation committee is pricing out replacing the kitchen floor and the downstairs rug with an epoxy coating.

Old Business

Mike spoke on the results of the Game supper raffles. Well done to everyone that was involved.

New Business

Marion Larson spoke on several upcoming events. There will be a turkey calling class in Westboro on 4/11 from 5-6 pm you must pre-register. The spring trout stocking has started.

Next meeting will be April 4,2023
Dinner will be served at 7pm with the meeting to begin at 8pm