

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 treasures report was read and accepted.

### **Board of Directors**

The BOD reviewed the game supper and made recommendations on potential improvements to the overall event. The BOD is looking into the possibility of using an online option for membership renewals. The fishing committee spoke about the upcoming fishing derby and help needed.

### **Trap Committee**

Trap gave their monthly report. 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**

PRIZES AND DONATIONS: As in years past, the prizes for the fishing derby are a large expense. While several members have donated throughout the year, we were still falling short by a significant amount. As we always have, we reached out to local sporting companies for support of the derby. Bass Pro Shops were there to help us with some amazing donations. They went above and beyond what we could have dreamed. In a day and age where everything can be purchased online, we forget what it means to shop local. So the next time you are considering making a purchase, please go to Bass Pro Shops and tell them you are from Eight Point Sportsmen's Club.

ANGLER OF THE MONTH-As always, please continue to send information to Greg on member catches. This is a photo, and name of species, weight and length, where caught and date. Add any supportive and interesting information you like.

POND STOCKING-The Club Pond will be stocked with trout on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of the Kid's Spring Derby. The general idea is to stock enough for the Derby and for member fishing for the rest of the season.

KID'S SPRING DERBY-The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8am to 4pm each day. Registration is \$3.00 for Juniors (15years old and younger) and \$7.00 for Seniors. Separate registration for each day. Prizes will be awarded each day after 4:00pm. Trophies for the three largest fish caught over the weekend will be awarded on Sunday. There will be several raffles throughout the weekend and the "snack shack" will be open as usual. No alcohol from outside is allowed. Donations of prizes will be gratefully accepted. See Greg for information.

GUEST SPEAKER-Jason Stolarski of Mass Fish and Wildlife will give us a presentation at the June General Membership Meeting. He will speak about fishing and fishing issues in our local area. More information to follow.

BIG STRIPER CONTEST-With the continued comeback of Striped Bass, I anticipate holding our contest once again. Registration fee is \$10 per member. All fees will be awarded as cash prizes at the end of the year. General rules are the fish must be caught during the 2023 calendar year, and must be from New England waters. Local saltwater fishing rules will apply. Please provide information as to the catch including photo, date and location, weight and length. If catch and

release, please provide accurate estimation. Gentlemen's rule please. Again, contact information for Greg is [gplaflamme@comcast.net](mailto:gplaflamme@comcast.net) 508-868-4060.

### GAME SUPPER

A huge thank you to the following who helped with the raffle prizes. John, Bill and Chris Roseberry, Alyssa and Kiley Kruger, Nick Hatstat and Joe (last name)

### **Bird Committee**

The motion published in the March newsletter was voted upon. A motion was made to spend up to \$2500.00 for the annual fall stocking. There was no discussion on the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Worcester County League**

The last meeting was held at Nimrod Sportsman's Club. The EPO has hired 14 new officers. There have been over 3000 signatures collected in opposition to the closing of the Rutland Prison Camps. There will be a Gun Safety Listening Tour Stop at Greenfield Community College. The upcoming panel discussion will focus on the impact firearm laws have on Massachusetts residents who sell guns and engage in sporting and recreational firearm usage. The event will take place on Thursday, April 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Greenfield Community College's Dining Commons, where lawmakers will hear from members of state sportsmanship coalitions, firearm dealers, conservation and wildlife experts and the general public.

### **New Business**

Nick Hamilton harvested his first deer this past fall in Zone 9. The 9 point buck weighed 220Lbs and his name will be added to the Big Buck plaque.

**Special Notice : The June 6<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting will begin with a presentation from Jason Stolarski of Mass Fish and Wildlife. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM**

Next meeting will be May 2, 2023  
Dinner will be served at 7pm with the meeting to begin at 8pm