

The meeting of the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club was called to order by President Baker at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, we had a presentation by Jason Stolarski, an aquatic biologist with Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife. Jason spoke on the local salmon fishery in the Wachusett Reservoir, plus spawning in the local tributaries. He also spoke on the health of the smelt populations and how they are important to the ongoing salmon and trout fishery. This was very well received. He also had a brief Q and A after the presentation. Thank you Jason. After Jason's presentation the regular meeting commenced. The secretary's report was read and accepted. The following member has completed orientation and was voted in as a new member. Jax Bratkon

Board of Directors

The BOD discussed options for a replacement tractor should the vote be approved at the June meeting. The board approved replacing some of the older and unsafe picnic tables. Thanks to Rich Pineo, Dave Pineo Sr, Dave Pineo Jr, Kevin Kirby, Pete Allaire, Greg LaFlamme, Ron Rana, Tom Pierce, Rob Snipes, Joe Salluce, Jerry Boynton, Brian Baird for all their work in updating the kitchen.

Building Committee

The new floor has been installed. All the walls and ceiling have been painted. Repairs have been made to the kitchen sink plumbing and the new stainless-steel cabinets have been installed.

Trap Committee

The trap report was read by President Baker.

Fish Committee

ANGLER OF THE MONTH-Some entries are coming in now. We have a few from Rich Pineo, Dave Pineo JR. and Casey and Alyssa Kruger. I will try to make some announcements for month awards at the next meeting in August. Please contact Greg with info. At gplafamme@comcast.net or 508-868-4060.

BIG STRIPER CONTEST-At this time we have only 2 participants. Members can register with Greg with an entry fee of \$10. The monies will all go as cash prizes at year end. The fish must be legally caught from New England waters. Local state regulations apply. A change in rules has been made since the legal keeper fish is a small slot of 28"-31" in Mass. Since it is likely that many legally caught fish cannot be kept, judgement will be made by length. This should be done with a picture of the fish with a measure clearing showing the length. Provide weight if available. Also include date, where caught, and any other anecdotal info you would like to add. Gentlemen's rules, please. Submitted by Greg LaFlamme, Fish Committee Chairman

Worcester County League

The May meeting was held at the Eight Point with 22 clubs represented. Dick spoke on attending several of the states "Listening tour" in regards to the concerns of Bay State citizens, and the Gun Owners Action League. He further noted that a large portion of gun violence is centralized to our larger cities with an economically diverse population.

Old Business

As published in the May newsletter a motion was made to spend up to \$15,000 for the replacement of the club tractor. A motion was made and seconded to approve the spending, there was no discussion on the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Marion spoke about the MassWildlife the state's annual Wild Turkey Brood Survey. record and report observations of hens (female turkeys), poults (newly-hatched turkeys), jakes (juvenile males) and toms (adult males). As a reminder all antlerless deer permits must be purchased prior to the end of enrollment in mid-July. There are also Masswildlife coloring books available online for downloading.

With the next meeting falling on July 4th, there was discussion on rescheduling the meeting. A motion was made to cancel the July meeting instead of rescheduling. (The BOD will still meet at the regularly scheduled meeting.) The motion passed by a majority vote. Once the motion was passed a member spoke against canceling the meeting.

2023 Clam bake is Saturday August 12th at 1pm

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased by contacting Charlie Baker
Chuckrbaker@comcast.net or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with payment to
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Special Notice : The July monthly meeting has been canceled due to the holiday. The next monthly meeting will be August 1st at 8pm