

The December meeting of the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club was called to order by President Baker at 8:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's and treasurers' reports were read and accepted. The following people have completed orientation and were voted in as new members. Isabella Dube, Mitchell Dube, Jerald Nichols, Camden Peres, John Pitro, Paige St. Cyr, Ed Sweet, Martin Warner, Brian Waryck. Congratulations and welcome to these new members.

Board of Directors

The membership committee reported on renewals. The board reviewed the signup sheet for game supper volunteers, and it will be included in the newsletter. Trap reported a problem with one of the machines and they were going to investigate repair options. Greg presented his resignation as fish chairman. The board thanks Greg for all the countless hours he has put into making the fish committee a great success. His position remains open as of now.

Trap Committee

Trap committee report was read.

Fish Committee

ANGLER OF THE MONTH

No entries since last month. If you have an entry to submit please send to me as soon as possible. Please submit date, species, weight and length of catch and location, plus any other information you would like to add. Contact gplafamme@comcast.net or 508-868-4060.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR

The award will be presented next month at the Annual Meeting on January 2, 2024.

ANNUAL ONE HOLER ICE FISHING CONTEST

will be held tentatively on January 27, 2024, pond conditions permitting. Members only. \$5 entry fee toward a 50/50 raffle as in the past. See Greg to enter.

BLOCKHEAD ICE OUT CONTEST 2024

The contest will be held again, pond conditions permitting. Members only. \$5 entry fee toward a 50/50 raffle as in the past. Pick a day of the month for "ice out" of the Club Pond when the "block" falls through the ice. Block will be placed on One Holer fishing day. See Greg to enter.

The Club is looking for a replacement for the Chairman of the Fish Committee. Please see President Charlie Baker. I will be around during transition and will stay on the Fish Committee. We are looking for some new blood and maybe some new ideas.

Submitted by,

Greg LaFlamme, Fish Committee Chairman

Worcester County League

Dick wanted to thank the Trap and Skeet field for hosting the Boy scouts. He reminded everyone that all deer must be checked. He also reported on MA House Passed H4135 with 2 amendments, the proposed new firearm legislation. H4135 now becomes H4139, and was preceded by HD4605 and HD4420. WLCSC and MCA will continue to oppose any new firearm legislation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee submitted the ballot for the 2024 elections. The president, vice president, and treasurer positions were uncontested. Chis Magay is running unopposed for secretary. Running for the 8 board of director positions are – Robert Hager, Kevin Kirby, Casey Kruger Cooper Nourse, Tom Pierce, David Pineo Jr, Joe Salluce, Ed Benoint, Mike Regan. For a ballot to be valid you must vote for 8 board of director positions, a partial ballot will not be counted.

Old Business

The Ernie StThomas Big Buck and Doe contest is on. Contact Rich Pineo with your harvest information.

As discussed at the November meeting the downstairs cooler needs replacing. A motion was made at that time to request up to \$6500 to replace the cooler. A motion was made at the December meeting to spend up to \$6500 to replace the cooler. After a brief discussion in regard to the particulars of what was required due to size limitations, the motion passed unanimously.

2024 Game supper tickets will be available at the January meeting. The supper will be held on Saturday March 2, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

A member raised a concern of limiting the amount of money that any committee can hold. The BOD will take it under advisement and review current policies.

As noted under the Board of Directors report we are actively hiring a new caretaker. This is a unique opportunity for the right person. The caretaker is required to live on site and provide their own residence. The club provides a cement pad suitable for a mobile home and septic. The caretaker is responsible for the costs of utilities. In lieu of salary for this position, there is a yearly rental lease of \$1.00. Imagine living rent free? Responsibilities include daily inspection of club buildings, cleaning and stocking of rest rooms, setting up hall for rentals and meetings and cleaning of hall after. Routine ground care to include lawn care, driveway maintenance and snow removal as needed using club provided equipment. Average time required is around 10 hours weekly.

Full job description is available by contacting President Baker at chuckrbaker@comcast.net

2024 GAME SUPPER SIGN UP SHEET- As we have said, the game supper requires a lot of volunteers. A sign up sheet has been posted at the club. The following people are needed. Anyone who wants to help can contact President Baker

PREPERATION WORK – CUTTING MEAT AND VEGTABLES

Tuesday February 26 (6 – 9pm) Wednesday February 27 (6 – 9pm)

PREPERATION WORK – MEAL PREPERATION AND HALL SET UP

Friday March 1 (6 – 9pm)

SATURDAY MARCH 2 (2 – END)

2 – 4pm Plating appetizers and placing on tables (4 needed)

4 – 6pm Servers (12 needed)

4 – 6pm Runners, bring meals up and empties down (2 needed)

5 – 7pm Clean up (Dishes, hall clean up, rubbish, etc.) (8 needed)

Elections

Elections will be held at the Annual meeting on Tuesday January 2, 2024. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years. To speed up the ballot distribution, please have your 2024 membership badge with you.

Membership renewals

Casey Kruger is accepting 2024 membership renewals.. Renewals 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.

Thank you to the countless volunteers that have helped during the past year. Some helped out at the game supper, fishing derby and clam bake. Others took care of fallen trees or small repairs. Some donated time and skill to make repairs around the trap and skeet fields, the archery courses, the rifle range and the club house. The kitchen committee cooks some great meals for our meetings. The group that undertook the kitchen renovation that has been planned for many years. It is your continued work and love of our club that keeps us going. So, thanks to all of you. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Annual meeting will be held on January 2, 2024.
Dinner will be served at 7pm and the meeting will begin at 8pm.
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