

Eight Point General Membership Meeting 5MAR24

Call to Order - The meeting was promptly called to order at 8pm by President Charlie Baker followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary Report - I read the last newsletter to the assembly.

Treasurer Report - Brian Baird read the Treasurer Report, motioned and seconded for acceptance.

New Applications - To be directed to Casey Kruger

New Members - Matthew Lorrain, having met all obligations to become a new member was motioned and seconded into membership, welcome Matthew.

Board of Directors - Pres. Baker read a summary of the last BoD meeting.

Activities + Rentals - Several upcoming bookings, fairly busy Spring and Summer expected.

Building Committee - Rich Pineo updated the Club on new Kitchen lights and status of locks for both window and door. Plans are underway for a tractor shelter.

Trap - A report was sent in to be read regarding the Trap budget and repairs to a trap house. The report indicated the repair exceeded by-laws maximum allowed. Motion was made and seconded not to accept the report in order to discuss with the Trap Committee. Discussion followed and feedback on club typical process was identified as needed per by-laws. Board of Directors will follow up.

Fish - Greg LaFlamme spoke to the club. Greg announced Paul Nurse won the Block Head Ice Out Contest. Paul graciously donated/forwarded the winnings to the Fishing Derby for prizes.

Fish stocking budget request from last month was motioned for general vote, seconded and accepted with no discussion.

Greg's Report

FISH COMMITTEE

BLOCKHEAD ICE OUT 50/50-The block fell through on Sunday March 3 rd . The big winner is Paul Nourse and he gets \$80 and \$75 goes to buying prizes for the Kid's Spring Derby.

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to Paul!

KID'S SPRING DERBY-This year's event will be held on April 20 th and 21 st , Saturday and

Sunday, from 8:00AM to 4PM each day. The event is open to the general public, and we

encourage families to come. Junior's registration (15 years old and younger) is \$3 each day. Senior's registration (16 year's old and older) is \$7 each day. Prizes will be awarded

to Junior's each day after 4:00pm. The Snack Shack and Beer Garden will be open each

day. We ask for donations of prizes for the kids in the form of gear, gift cards, and cash is always good. The Club Pond will be stocked before the event.

CLUB POND STOCKING-The Club Pond will be stocked for the Kid's Spring Derby and for ongoing member fishing into the Fall. I ask the General Membership to vote for the appropriation of up to \$3,000 for the Spring Stocking. We will again look to stock with

trout as we have in the past to promote a coldwater fishery. Date of the stocking is scheduled for April 17 th at 10AM. No fishing in Club Pond on April 17-19.

GUEST SPEAKER-We are planning on having a guest speaker from Mass Fish and Wildlife again this year. Adam Kautza PhD, Coldwater Fisheries Project Leader will speak

at the April General Membership Meeting, beginning at 7:30pm. His topics will include a broad overview of the status and distribution of our wild trout resources across Massachusetts and discuss the overall direction we are heading with regards to wild trout management. He will also briefly cover some of the research being done on the Swift River Brook Trout and the Deerfield Brown Trout. Q & A will follow. We had a great

presentation last year, and I encourage attendance.

FRESHWATER CUP-We will be introducing a new, members only, fishing contest, focusing on freshwater fishes. Contestants can enter for \$10, and can register a catch in any or all of the designated species. Your catch must be legally caught by hook and line from New England waters.

The focus species are Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch and Pickerel. We will also recognize a Wildcard catch. The wildcard catch will be from any of the Pin Fish award species as shown in the state Regs. The top wildcard prize will be determined as the largest by percentage against the minimum size of the Pin Fish species. Entries will be made by submitting a photo with a ruler measurement of each fish. You can enter a fish in each selected species, and substitute a

larger catch as the year goes on. Please include your name, species, length, date and location where caught. The contest will go through the December Board of Director's meeting. All registration monies to go to prizes. Contact me at gplaflamme@comcast.net or 508-868-4060.

ANGLER OF THE MONTH/YEAR-We will be running the Angler of the Month again this year. Please submit any fish caught to me with a photo and include your name, species, length and weight, date and location. We would like to recognize fish from as many categories as possible for consideration, such as freshwater, saltwater, exotic fish, International etc. Monthly recognition to be made and to go toward consideration Angler of the Year. Contact me at gplaflamme@comcast.net or 508-868-4060.

FISH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPLACEMENT-The Club is looking to replace the Fish

Committee Chairman. Please see President Charlie Baker. I will stay on during the transition and will stay on the Fish Committee if desired.

Submitted by:

Greg LaFlamme, Fish Committee Chairman

Bird/Archery - Nick Hatstat updated us on various other clubs bird orders for the upcoming season and projected 330 for us this year. There are new signs/ribbons going up, follow the ribbons. Bird budget request was motioned and seconded to be voted on by general membership next general meeting per the by-laws.

Rifle/Pistol - Brian Baird reminded us there was a gun vise/lead sled device found at range in December, contact him if it's yours.

Kitchen - A huge thanks to all that helped with the Game Supper, at the risk of missing names, too many to mention, however everyone who had a hand in the preparation and execution, thank you. It was truly a phenomenal time. The selection and quality of everything will be talked about and keep us wanting more next year.

Game Supper Raffle - Special thanks to John Roseberry, Kate Roseberry, Chris Roseberry, Erica Regan, Alyssa Kruger and Kiley Kruger. 50/50 proceeds going to the Kid's Fishing Derby and Table Prizes and Gun Raffle did very well this year. Everyone's participation made this a great success.

Worcester County League (WCL) - Dick Martin updated us with extensive news from the Feb 16 meeting that was held at Marlborough F&G. High deer densities were observed throughout the commonwealth, affecting decisions for upcoming hunting seasons. Six more bears need to be checked, fish stocking, dam removals planning were all mentioned. Four EPOs will be lost to retirement but there are fifteen in training. WCL will be sponsoring three campers to Conservation Camp. USDA will be holding an invasive species clinic. Nimrod League will be holding treestand safety classes. There is a new six member committee to study a proposed gun bill. Check G.O.A.L. website for details.

Old Business - Paul Nurse wanted to reiterate thank you to all that helped with the Game Dinner and for making our Club what it is.

New Business - Marion Larson donated a year subscription to MA Wildlife to the meeting raffle, thank you.

Good & Welfare - The meeting raffle winners were drawn.

Reminder - Next meeting 2APR24 - Dinner at 6:30 so people will be ready for a 7:30 presentation by Adam Kautza PhD Coldwater Fisheries Project Leader.

Pres. Baker closed the meeting.

Respectfully,

Chris Magay
Eight Point Secretary