

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 258
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Business meeting - Thursday January 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Directors meeting - Thursday January 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm
SPORTSMAN'S SHOW - January 20 and 21, 2018

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Nominations for club officers and directors for 2018 were closed at the December 7 business meeting. Nominations for Officers are: President, John Fabroski; Vice-president, Walter Potaznick; Treasurer, Mike Scanlon; Recording Secretary, Tim Santry and Financial Secretary, Scott Blood. We have 9 nominations to fill 8 slots for Directors. Director nominations are: George Andrews, Tim Hill, Frank DelPrete, Paul "Lefty" Kravitz, Arthur Cabral, Edward "Chip" Brearley, Andrew DelPrete, Michael McElroy, and Scott Fournier. This means we have real election contests for Officers and Directors for 2018. An election ballot committee was appointed; Lorna Vasapollo, Greg Wells and Dan Svirsky, to run the election.

The election night is Thursday, December 21, and all Charter members are eligible to vote. A free roast beef dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 pm and the election will begin at 7:00 pm. Election results will be posted on the club bulletin board the night of the election and published in the January 2018 meeting minutes. We would like to thank all the officers and directors who did a great job working for the club in 2017. New keys for the Directors room will be passed out election night to new officers and directors.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

Our Annual Southeastern Mass. Sportsman's Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21, 2018 at our clubhouse on Burr Lane, off Union St. and route 18 in East Bridgewater. The show will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday. Our show committee chairman, Hugh Hurley, reported things are going very well, with almost all the tables sold already. There will be booths displaying and selling all types of hunting, fishing, camping, firearms and marine equipment. There will also be sportsmen's videos, raffles, refreshments and much more. To get more information call Hugh Hurley at (508) 588-9327. Show flyers are ready for distribution now, so please pick up some and pass them out!

You may pay your \$125.00 dues for 2018 at the Sportsman's Show this year. If you have not paid by the February 1 business meeting then you will automatically be dropped from the membership. Please pay by check only, no cash allowed. We started a new security policy several years ago, that all members must have a digital photograph taken before they can pick up their new club key, this means everyone, no exceptions. Most members already have their digital picture on file, but if you still need to have your picture taken, we will have volunteers manning the camera station at the sportsman's show to make it easier for everyone.

We are looking for all our members, but especially new members to pitch in and help setup, run and take down the show. We need help on Thursday evening, January 18 to begin the setup and then Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday. Hugh is especially looking for more members to work the parking lots, especially in the mornings when they are the busiest. Dress very warmly for the cold outside! Kitchen help is also needed on both days.

Come over to help for an hour or two or to spend the day, all help is appreciated! We need to get as many members as possible to turn out to support our club. The Sportsman's Show is an excellent place to get to know other club members, especially for people who are new members.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed Brogan Panos as our newest junior member at the December meeting. We also had a first reading for a Charter membership application from Joe Butler.

Special thanks to Colleen Fournier, Nancy Arbeene, and their families for all their hard work in providing all the membership with delicious dinners and desserts at our business meetings. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

The club will continue to serve breakfasts on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 11:00 am as long as we continue to get enough customers to make it worthwhile. The kitchen folks put in a lot of time and effort to get supplies, setup and cook breakfast, and then clean up afterwards, so come on down to the club and get a great breakfast at a great price! We are looking for members to volunteer to work a Sunday morning in the kitchen so the breakfasts can continue, let John Fabroski know if you can help out, even if it is only once in a while. Thanks to John Fabroski, Art Cabral, Josh Fournier, and Scott Fournier for their continued support of the kitchen.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

It is time again for all club members who handle club funds to fill out a simple end of year financial report so that all our bookkeeping will be kept in order. Our goal is to have everyone who handles funds report income and expenditures in the same standard way. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and our hard working treasurer, Mike Scanlon, will not have to chase people to get information!

CLUB WEBSITE

Our club website, www.standishsportsmans.com has been updated with a newer more friendly look and we are hoping to continue to improve it as time goes on. Please send any new items or photos to John Fabroski or Everett Hanson for posting on the website. We would especially like to get any photos of club activities. Thanks to Jim Powers, Everett Hanson, and John Fabroski for all their work on improving the website. Please note that John was very nice to Everett at the last meeting!

FACEBOOK

Last year the club started showing up on FACEBOOK, thanks to Andrew Delprete. Andrew is looking for any pictures of club activities he can post on FACEBOOK to get out the word on what a great club Standish is. Please view and "like" the Standish page.

TRAP and SKEET

Walter Potaznick reported that the November "Turkey Shoot" went very well and everyone had a good time. Thanks to Paul Clark and the others who helped setup and run the trap shoot. The winners were Sam Oeijan, Tim Hill, Scott Blood, and Mannie Bethoney! The next prize shoot is our Christmas shoot on Sunday, December 17.

JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

Please submit names of any youngsters from 13 to 17 years old who you would like to have the club sponsor to Junior Conservation Camp this coming August. All you need to do to get on the list is send in their name and address; we will get the formal applications filled out later. Please do not submit names for anyone who is not sure they want to attend the camp. We cannot afford to waste camp slots and funding on "no-shows". Final deadline to submit names is January 15, 2018.

Sincerely Yours,
Tim Santry