



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Holbrook Sportsman Club

December 20th, 2017

At 7:00pm we began our monthly business meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our family and friends who have died and for Service Men and Women in our Armed Forces that have died or have been injured to protect our Country.

Opening Statement: President Paul Johnson welcomed all in attendance at the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen December meeting and thanked the Holbrook Sportsman Club for a wonderful meal. HSC President George George spoke on behalf of the HSC welcoming all in attendance and thanked the PCLS for all they due for the sportsmen and hoped that everyone enjoyed their meal. President Johnson also thanked the WSC kitchen crew for a wonderful meal and thanked HSC for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen.

Roll Call: There were 42 delegates representing 14 clubs and organizations in attendance along with 1 guest.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bonney gave a complete report on our finances. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

Secretary's Report: The November meeting minutes was accepted as published by a motion that was seconded and passed.

Bills to be paid: There were 2 bills presented to be paid. One for the guns purchased for our Grand Raffle and one for printing of the raffle tickets. A motion was made to pay bills. Motion was seconded and passed.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: Jason Zimmers began by informing those in attendance that the division will be working at less than full strength do to scheduled vacations by staff. Jason informed us that brought with him a pile of the 2018 Abstract for those needed one. He did inform us of a mistake in graphics that appears from zones 11 and 9, on their description. He informed us that the parking area at Burrage Pond has had progress in development. The work will start, weather permitting, in early January 2018 and hopefully completed by spring. Jason provided an outlook for the harvest results from this Deer hunting season. Archery totals up, Shot Gun totals average and Black Powder totals not available at this time. A complete tally of the harvest totals will be announced at the next meeting. Bear totals just came out today and that 268 had been harvested. He also reported that the Blue Hill's hunt went very well this year with fewer incidents by the public. The harvest was 67 Bear total from Archery and Shot Gun. The Otis hunt went very well except a minor incident pertaining to parking. A total of 5 Deer was reported harvested at Otis. Jason informed us of a public meeting scheduled for February 6th, 2018 at MDF&W in Westboro, Ma. at 7:00 pm to hear about the new dog regulations. A snow date of February 13th, 2018 has been set. Another public meeting held for March, 7th, 2018 at 7:00 pm at MDF&W in Westboro to discuss Archery regulations pertaining to advancement of the archery by 2 weeks, at the beginning of season. Pit Tagging still continues on Brook Trout at Red Brook and at Sandwich Hatchery. The information gathered will assist the Bristol Community College and Trout Unlimited in their genetics studies of this species. The restoration project is continuing in Falmouth. The season is here for Black Duck banding so the division is getting ready for the task. Our Park Mallard survey is in progress by observing feeding sites. This study is done once every 5 years. Jason is requesting any information on where people feed the ducks. The division is still working on fire breaks at Crane in Falmouth. The division is still responding to nuisance Turkey calls. There is still some boundary marking being done. Trash removal still an ongoing chore. A hazard tree has been removed at Tispaquin Pond. Posting notice for bids for the seeding and erosion control at Red Brook. The division is working on an issue of polluted waters in Barnstable at Hyannis Ponds Wildlife Management Area. From Ernie Foster saying that the sportsmen should be very well attended at the upcoming meetings in February and

Communications: President Johnson forwarded a Goal Alert on a phony gun trafficking bill by Senator Cynthia Cream. Please make the requested calls. President Johnson called on behalf of the league. Call Senator Michael Moore, Phone: 617-722-1485 – Email: Michael.Moore@masenate.gov or Representative Harold Naughton Phone: 617-722-2230 – Email: Harold.Naughton@mahouse.gov. President Johnson has been in contact with the owners of the property and has determined that the Town of Wareham has an issue with the way the tanks were removed (not properly permitted). Wareham has asked for data on site soils from the owner. Wareham has also been in communication with the DEP on the issue of tank removal. The owners claim they were not aware of the issue Wareham has with the tank removal. President Johnson asked the owner to talk directly with the town to properly understand the towns position.

MSC Report: MSC President Kelstrand attended the MDF&W requested gathering of county leagues leaders to lend support from the MSC.

Seven Man Board Report: For a review of the complete latest published report go to our web site.

Legislative Report: Don't stop our efforts of supporting Sunday Hunting with your personal letters to committee members.

Old Business: President Johnson attended the November 20th, 2017 meeting at Fish and Wildlife headquarters with other county leagues to build effective advocacy on sportsmens issues. Organizations present are Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hamden, Norfolk, Middlesex, Plymouth, Worcester, Mass Bowhunters, Mass Trappers, NW Turkey Federation, the MSC and GOAL. Due to the presence of Ron Amidon no specific advocacy on legislation's was discussed but rather how to better organize around our shared goals. The Division of Fish and Wildlife volunteered to conduct a training schedule on setting up effective social media sites for interested organizations. Ernie Foster will be getting contacts on social media. President Johnson forwarded Ernie Fosters email detailing the basics of social media sites like Facebook and Instagram to all delegates and requested the delegates forward to decision maker at your club. Delegate Ernie Foster elaborated more on the diversity that the sportsmen will need in the coming future to stay informed. A long dialog on today's communications was entertained. Paul Williams has procured the firearms for our Grand Raffle. Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club's annual meeting came and went without dealing with the PCL issue. They apparently have no interest in rectifying the issue. We Have received the video drone footage and will be working on edits soon.

New Business: Need suggestions for VIP invites. Suggesting Susan Gifford, Kieko Orrall, Goff Diehl, Marc Pacheco, Representatives from the Worcester County League of Sportsmen, the Director of MDF&W and Jim Wallace of GOAL.

Good of the Order: Delegate Rod Correia informed us of a Hunter Safety Instructor seminar is scheduled for January at the MDF&W HQ. Check the MDF&W web site for date and time. Hanson R&GC is looking for Hunter Safety Instructors. Call Mike Dunn at 781-293-5313. Hunter Safety Class sessions meet February 5th, 8th, 12th, & 15th 6-9:30 pm Call (508) 389-7830. Hunter Safety Classes at Monument Beach Club on February 15th, 17th, 20th and 22nd of 2018. Call 508-389-7830 to enroll. To check other upcoming classes go to <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/basic-hunter-education-course-offerings>. The Standish Sportsmen Club annual Sportsman Show will be held January 20th and 21st of 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting came to a close at 8:27 pm. Our next meeting will be at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club, January 17th, 2017. Comradery at 6:00 and agenda at 7:00 pm located at 965 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. (Rt 3A) Scituate, Ma.

PCLS Secretary

Mike Armburg