



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Holbrook Sportsmen Club

December 19, 2018

At 7:00 pm 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 Johnson welcomed all in attendance at the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen December meeting and thanked the Holbrook Sportsmen Club for a wonderful meal. Holbrook Sportsmen Club Chief Delegate, Bella Merriam spoke on behalf of the club welcoming all in attendance and thanked the PCLS for all they do for the sportsmen and hoped that everyone enjoyed their meal. PCLS President Johnson also thanked the kitchen crew for a wonderful meal and thanked Holbrook Sportsmen Club for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen.

Roll Call: There were 29 delegates and 4 club guests representing 13 clubs and organizations in attendance.

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

Bills to be paid: There were no bills presented for payment

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

Communications: Delegate Bruce Westgate is doing better and able to move around some. Loring Hall was admitted into a nursing home. Note: sadly, I have received word that Loring has since passed. Anyone wishing to send a card may send it to June Hall 58 South St. West Bridgewater, Ma. 02379. Blue Hills hunt went smoothly this year with only 3 or 4 people protesting for a couple of hours. The town of Marshfield is considering changes to its regulations for conservation land to allow controlled archery hunting.

Special Guest: There were no guests present at the October meeting.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: Jason Zimmer gave a report of Southeast District Activities for October/ November 2018. Staff was busy preparing for and completing annual fall stocking of Pheasant and Quail as well as fall trout stocking. Staff was also busy visiting several areas reporting bold or habituated Coyotes as well as preparing for hunts at Ottis. Appears that harvest numbers for deer are up this year state wide. Jason reported that checked animals were healthy and of good size. Board is engaged in marketing campaigns to promote fishing, hunting, and shooting sports. Working on archery plan highlighting on going issues as well as new ideas on how to get more people interested. The board wants feedback on Turkey Regulation changes proposal before the final draft and before going out to public hearings. They are looking for letters from individuals as well as from clubs, organizations, and county leagues. Reminder to be aware of thin ice and to check thickness before heading out on to ice, also bring friends along in case of an accident. 2019 Licenses went on sale December 1, 2018. The 2019 guides have been distributed throughout south eastern mass. To shops and vendors.

Seven Man Board Report: Please view PCLS website for latest reports. The next board meeting is on Thursday January 10, 2019 at 10:00am in Westborough at the field headquarters

Legislative Report: No new bills filed at this time

Massachusetts Conservation Alliance: There was a meeting on November 27, 2018 that was attended by Secretary of Environmental Affairs Matt Beaton, Jim Wallace from

GOAL, PCLS president Paul Johnson as well as other county league presidents. House and Senate leaders for 2019 have not been chosen yet. The information will be distributed when available as well as an update on the Sportsmen Caucus concerning who is the chairman and who is involved. Discussions included Sunday bow hunting for Deer, the proposed changes to Turkey hunting. PCLS President Johnson is preparing a draft proposal for Sunday bow hunting on Wildlife Management Areas. A committee has been formed at Mass. Fish & Wildlife to draft and review a report on best trapping practices.

Old Business: Work is continuing on PCLS Charter and annual filing proposal. President Johnson answered the request made by attorney George and is waiting on follow up. The bylaw committee is on hold until the status issue is resolved. Proposal for 0 Marion Rd. Wareham, MA appears to have stalled.

New Business: There were discussions pertaining to Proposed Turkey hunting regulation changes and Sunday Bow hunting on Wildlife Management Areas. Please have discussions at your club meetings and bring feedback to the next PCLS meeting. The proposed Turkey regulation changes were attached to meeting minutes last month or can be viewed on the PCLS website under Information header. President Johnson will work on drafting a letter pertaining to Sunday bow hunting to be presented to Massachusetts Conservation Alliance and is looking for feedback.

Good of the Order: PCLS Banquet is April 6, 2019. Mass Sportsmen Council Banquet is April 13, 2019. Worcester County League Banquet is March 23, 2019. See VP Jim Smith for PCLS Banquet tickets and/or raffle tickets. PCLS is seeking items to be donated toward the Raffle tables at our annual Banquet. Please consider making a donation privately or from your club to help make the raffle a success.

Adjournment: The meeting came to an end at 8:02 pm. Our next meeting will be at Scituate Rod & Gun Club 965 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. (Rt 3A) Scituate, Ma. January 16, 2019. Comradery at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm.

PCLS Secretary

Ed Birch

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!

May be picked up at monthly meetings or contact Jim Smith @ 508-888-6372

