



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Marshfield Rod and Gun Club February

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At 7:01 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 February meeting held at the Marshfield Rod & Gun Club. club representative, Jason Zimmer 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 Marshfield Rod & Gun Club for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen. President Johnson Stated that the meeting would be as brief as possible due to the weather forecast of Ice and snow.

Roll Call: There were 21 delegates and 5 club guests representing 10 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 January meeting minutes were accepted as published by a motion that was seconded and passed.

Communications: President Johnson thanked Jim Smith, Ed Birch, Bruce Westgate, and Bob Perrault for helping out at the Standish Sportsmen Show. There will be a Fish and Game day scheduled at the State House on May 15,2019.

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

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: Report given by Jason Zimmer. Contract work is continuing at various Wildlife Management areas. There were 2 public meetings held on the proposed Turkey regulation changes as well as many written comments received by Fisheries and Wildlife. Most testimony was in favor of proposed changes. Talks are continuing between the town of Hyannis and Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife over the town wanting to install new wells on the Hyannis Pond W.M.A. Trout stocking should begin the first week in March. Trapping of cotton tail rabbits is being done for restoration purposes and creating a sanctuary on No Mans Island. Black Duck banding is completed with approx. 500 birds being banded. Registration is now open for hunting at Camp Edwards. Forms can be found on the Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife website.

Seven Man Board Report: Migratory bird regulations will be discussed at the meeting on February 21, 2019. The next meeting is on Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 10:00am. In Westborough. Visit the PCLS website to view minutes from board meetings.

Legislative Report: Legislation is now being assigned numbers. Bills pertaining to Trapping are: SD 1015, SD 994, HD 2144. Bills pertaining to hunting are SD1190, SD 989, HD 804, HD 1267. The Outdoor Heritage Act is SD 944. The Governor's budget has been sent to the House of Representatives with language pertaining to Sunday

hunting. section 52 would allow the director of Mass. Fish and Game to authorize hunting of deer with Bow and Arrow on Sundays. Archery hunting proposed set back of 250 ft. from an elevated platform has been sent to the Governor but has no bill number yet.

Massachusetts Conservation Alliance: A meeting was held February 19, 2019 in Westborough. The MCA asked that each league officially vote on membership. A motion was made seconded and passed that the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen remain a member of Massachusetts Conservation Alliance. Information was shared on Bill numbers attached to various hunting and trapping legislation. Sportsmen Caucus House Chairmen is Representative David Vierra, and Senate Chairmen is Senator Ann Gobi.

Jim Wallace will reach out to both to solicit help in getting the Crossbow and Sunday Bowhunting bills moving forward. President Johnson was asked to draft letters to be used in a campaign for the crossbow bill and Sunday bowhunting bill. He was also asked to contact The National Shooting Sports Foundation to see what support they can give with getting Sunday hunting passed.

Old Business: The proposed Big Cod Show is most likely not going to happen this year. Camp Edwards has backed out of hosting the event and other areas are being explored. Attorney Edward George requested Information on 10 yrs. of executive officers of the PCLS. President Johnson has forwarded the information and believes that we are nearing completion of organizing past annual charter filings.

New Business: No new Business was presented at meeting.

Annual Banquet: Saturday April 6, 2019 at the Monponsett Inn in Halifax, Mass. Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the raffle prizes, or purchase tickets please contact Jim Smith @ 508-888-6372 or cell phone @ 508-888-8854. **A final head count is due at the March meeting.** Please finalize your guest count and any donations your club would like to contribute. Bring information to March meeting or contact Jim Smith directly. A motion was made seconded and passed on the wording of award to be presented to Representative Susan Gifford. A motion was made seconded and passed on the guests to be invited to the banquet.

Good of the Order: Mass Sportsmen Council Banquet is April 13, 2019. Worcester County League Banquet is March 23, 2019. New England Saltwater Fishing Show in Providence RI. Is March 22-24, 2019. North East Fishing & Hunting show in Hartford,

Conn. Is March 29-31, 2019. Plum Island Surfcasters Fishing Show is March 9, 2019 in Newburyport, Ma. Mass Striped Bass Sport Fishing Expo is March 30-31, 2019 in Pembroke, Mass.

Adjournment: The meeting came to an end at 7:38 pm. Our next meeting will be at Old Colony Sportsmen Association, 159 Forest St. Pembroke, Mass on March 20,2019. Comradery at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm.

PCLS Secretary

Ed Birch