



## **Plymouth County League of Sportsmen**

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## **Scituate Rod And Gun Club**

**January 16, 2019**

**At 7:04 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 January meeting held at the Scituate Rod & Gun Club. Scituate Rod & Gun club representative, Ernie Foster 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 Scituate Rod & Gun Club for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen.

**Roll Call:** There were 20 delegates and 4 club guests representing 11 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 2 bills presented for payment: One for office supplies and one for stamps. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the bills presented.

**Secretary's Report:** The December meeting minutes were accepted as published by a motion that was seconded and passed. An apology was made for the December meeting minutes being sent out late.

**Communications:** Delegate Bruce Westgate thanked all in attendance for their kind thoughts. Loring Hall passed away in December as well as former 7 Man Board member, George Deary. There are First Aid/ CPR training classes and Fishing vessel stability workshops being offered. See attached schedule at end of minutes for locations and times. For more information or to sign up for a course contact Lori Caron at 781-635-0011.

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

**Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report:** Report given by Jason Zimmer. The dog regs on Wildlife Management Areas went into effect January 19, 2019. The clean up project on Crane Wildlife Management Area in Falmouth will conclude Before the end of the Month. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is still requesting feedback on the proposed changes to Turkey regulations. Please Email Jason Zimmer, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, or The Turkey biologist at Westborough headquarters with any comments regarding current proposal or any other changes you would like to see made. Mowing of the trails and Pheasant fields in Miles Standish State Forest will be done over the winter. Roadway and parking area maintenance being performed at various Wildlife Management Areas from now until June. The Division will set up a booth at the Standish Sportsmen Show and be selling 2019 Licenses.

**Seven Man Board Report:** Visit the PCLS website to view minutes from board meetings.

**Legislative Report:** No new bills filed at this time.

**Massachusetts Conservation Alliance:** Next meeting will be scheduled first week in February. President Johnson reached out to Representative Gifford's office requesting contact information for Sportsmen Caucus in the State Legislature. President Johnson has worked on a list of bullet points to be used in drafting a bill to go to the State Legislature to allow bow hunting hunting on Wildlife Management Areas on Sundays

**Old Business:** The owners of 0 Marion rd. in Wareham refuse to file a Notice of Intent with the town and are asking more than appraised value of the property. These two issues are most likely cause for the Division of Marine Fisheries to suspend their efforts to purchase the property.

**New Business:** There was discussion related to Sunday Bow hunting on Wildlife Management Areas. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support Sunday Bow Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas only. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a letter to Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in support of the proposed changes to the Turkey hunting regulations. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a letter to the Middleboro Conservation Commission in regards to property located at the intersection of River St. and Thompson St.

**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. A motion was made, seconded and passed to present State Representative Susan Gifford with a plaque in appreciation of her support for the Sportsmen and Sportswomen of Plymouth County.

**Good of the Order:** Mass Sportsmen Council Banquet is April 13, 2019. Worcester County League Banquet is March 23, 2019. New England Fishing Expo is January 25-27, 2019 in Boxborough, Mass. Standish Sportsmen Show is February 2-3, 2019. The Springfield Sportsmen Show is February 22-24, 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. Scituate Game dinner is February 2, 2019 contact Ernie Foster. Carver Sportsmen Game Supper is January 25, 2019 contact Larry Harju.

**Adjournment:** The meeting came to an end at 8:20 pm. Our next meeting will be at Marshfield Rod and Gun Club, 300 School St. Marshfield, Mass. Comradery at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm.

PCLS Secretary

*Ed Birch*

# FISHING PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES

## 2019 Spring Training Schedule

**This spring, Fishing Partnership Support Services will be offering a variety of free trainings for commercial fishermen across the region.**

Our popular **Safety & Survival Training** is a full-day, hands-on training for commercial fishermen. **Drill Conductor Certification** is a full-day training for those who have completed our Safety & Survival training and want to conduct required monthly drills on their own fishing vessels. In addition to a CPR certification, **CPR/First Aid Training** attendees also receive Ergonomics and Opioid Awareness training. Our **Vessel Stability Workshop** prepares attendees to respond to unstable or flooding vessels by incorporating practical information with hands-on training.

**Find the trainings nearest you and visit our website or contact the Navigator listed to register.**

**Chatham, MA**  
**Vessel Stability** – February 8  
**Contact Morgan or Shannon to register.**

**Chatham, MA**  
**Safety & Survival** – April 24  
**Drill Conductor** – April 25  
**Contact Lori to register.**

**For more information, or to register for a training, contact a Navigator in your area:**

**Chatham, MA**  
**Vessel Stability** – February 1  
**CPR/First Aid** – March 29  
**Safety & Survival** – April 25  
**Drill Conductor** – April 26  
**Contact Nina to register.**

**Chatham, MA**  
**CPR/First Aid** – February 15  
**Vessel Stability** – March 15  
**Contact Lori to register.**

**Chatham**  
 Serving the Cape & the Islands  
 Morgan Eldredge and Shannon Eldredge (508) 237-9402

**Jones Beach, NY**  
**Safety & Survival** – April 4  
**Drill Conductor** – April 5  
**Contact Morgan to register.**

**Chatham, MA**  
**Safety & Survival** – TBD  
**Drill Conductor** – TBD

**Gloucester**  
 Serving the North Shore  
 Nina Groppo and Maria Carpenter (978) 282-4847

**New Bedford, MA**  
**CPR/First Aid** – January 21  
**Safety & Survival** – March 7  
**Drill Conductor** – March 8  
**Contact Deb or Monica to register.**

**Sandwich, MA**  
**Safety & Survival** – March 21  
**Drill Conductor** – March 22  
**CPR/First Aid** – April 5  
**Contact Lori to register.**

**New Bedford**  
 Serving the South Coast  
 Deb Kelsey (508) 884-6661  
 Monica DeSousa and Jenny Amaral (508) 991-3043

Need to renew your health insurance or have questions about signing up? You still may be eligible to enroll. Contact a Fishing Partnership Navigator for assistance with health insurance coverage, understanding your insurance benefits, or finding a doctor.

**Tenants Harbor, ME**  
**Safety & Survival** – May 16  
**Drill Conductor** – May 17  
**Contact Nina to register.**

**Plymouth**  
 Serving Boston & the South Shore  
 Lori Caron (781) 635-0011

