



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Carver Sportsman Club

June 20th, 2018

At 7:30 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 June meeting and thanked the Carver Sportsman Club for a wonderful meal. CSC President Paul Johnson spoke on behalf of the CSC welcoming all in attendance and thanked the PCLS for all they due for the sportsmen and hoped that everyone enjoyed their meal. PCLS President Johnson also thank the CSC kitchen crew, by name, for a wonderful meal and thanked CSC for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen.

Roll Call: There were 34 delegates representing 15 clubs and organizations in attendance along with 6 guest.

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 was no bills presented for payment.

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

Communications: President Johnson took this opportunity in the agenda to recognize the retirement of the Secretary Mike Armburg for his devotion to the PCLS and the office of its Secretary. Secretary Armburg did say a few words expressing that he has enjoyed all the time that he has spent working with and for the PCLS and that he still intends to be helpful when possible. President Johnson then extended a recognition to the outgoing Vice President Joe Gilmartin for his help and leadership for the past two years. President Johnson also informed us of the circumstances that caused him to miss last months meeting saying that he has developed some medical issues that he is now in the process of hopefully taking care of and is looking forward in continuing his commitment to the PCLS. Many responded by wishing him well and prayers. President Johnson has called Governor Baker, on behalf of the PCLS, to oppose the ERPO bill. President Johnson reminded everyone that if an important issue comes up over the summer recess that he will contact the executive board for a decision by majority vote.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: Reporting for Jason Zimmer is Old Colony Delegate Ernie Foster. He began by expressing Jason apology for being unable to attend this evening. Successful burns at Crane and Camp Edwards, storm damage removal of trees at Crane, the parking lot development at Burrage is underway, Goose banding will begin this Friday June 22nd, 2018, 300 trees and shrubs will be planted this week at Red Brook channel to provide shade, dog regulations to be finalized in the next couple of weeks and the two week Deer season extension was passed by the board. The next board meeting will be held at MDF&W head quarters located at 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA. on August 14th, 2018.

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

Legislative Report: Now is the time to contact your local representatives and support the Crossbow bill S.2249. A new house bill H4599 has been filed. It concerns the presumption of openness on certain species of fish. This new bill could change penalties for violators of regulations.

Massachusetts Conversation Alliance: President Johnson reports that the Crossbow bill S.2249 is still stuck in the Ways and Means Committee. The Conservation Alliance is still sending letters to the committee and pushing the bill on social media. All clubs and sportsmen are asked to light up social media and to send letters. The next meeting of the Mass. Sportsmen's Alliance will be Sunday June 24th, 2018 at the Somerset Sportsmen's Club located at 262 Baker Rd, Swansea, Ma. at 2:00 pm. The Camp Edwards meeting, on the Sportsmen's Expo., has been postponed.

Old Business: President Emeritus Fabroski informed President Johnson that the nominations for officers were closed at the last meeting except for the secretary's position. Also this evening President Emeritus Fabroski informed all of us that Mattapoissett Fin, Fur and Feather delegate Ed Birch has accepted the nomination for secretary. A motion was made, seconded and passed to except Ed Birch as the nominee for secretary. President Johnson then read the list of nominees by position, President – Paul Johnson, Vice President – James Smith, Treasurer – Dee Bonney, Secretary – Ed Birch and 5 delegates for the Executive Board – President Emeritus John Fabroski, Ed Sousa, Ernie Foster, Jason Zimmer and Bob Verzone. President Johnson then requested a voice vote by acclamation for the slate of officers listed above. If there is any opposition a ballot will be required. No opposition was recognized. A voice vote by acclamation for the slate of officers was conducted and excepted unanimously. Concerning the property at 0 Marion Rd. Wareham President Johnson, Michael Thomas (CSC Member) and Carver Delegate Richard Thorne attended an enforcement order hearing at the Wareham Town hall on Wednesday June 6th, 2018 pertaining to the removal of an underground storage tank on the property. The owners have a clean 21E on the area where the tank was removed. President Johnson spoke on behalf of the PCLS and requested consideration and leniency for the owners in order to facilitate the speedy acquisition of the property by Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries for public access to the Weweantic River. The Wareham Conservation Commission imposed a \$300.00 fine and required replanting in areas where invasive species were removed without a proper filing. This enforcement action by the Wareham Conservation Commission should resolve Wareham's environmental issues once the owner completes the work. Owner is expressing interest in completing a deal with MDMF. President thanked Dick Thorne

and Mike Thomas for their attendance and support. PCLS Charter and Annual Filing Proposal, President Johnson requested clarification of the proposal from GOAL Attorney to investigate charter and Secretary of State annual filings and bring the PCLS current. After reviewing the dialog held at our previous meeting by President Emeritus Fabroski, President Johnson entertained more input. At the conclusion President Johnson requests a motion to approve, move forward and expedite usage of already appropriated funds. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

New Business: Burrage Pond WMA Parking Lot Upgrade. Photos of the parking lot construction have been posted to the leagues Facebook page work is in progress..

Good of the Order: The Monument Beach Sportsman's Club announces their 10th Annual Outdoor Sportsman's Show to be held at 199 MacArthur Blvd. Bourne, Ma. 02532. Dates are Saturday October 13th, 2018 from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm and Sunday October 14th, 2018 from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. Visit their web site www.monumentbeachsports.com for more information. A picture of a past PCLS President has been posted to our web site. Check it out and if you think you know who it is contact President Johnson at 508-866-7918. Associates and delegates of the PCLS and their families are excluded from answering.

Adjournment: The meeting came to a close at 8:13 pm. Our next meeting will be at the Samoset Rod & Gun Club located at 350 Matfield St. West Bridgewater on September 19th, 2018. Comradery at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm

PCLS Secretary

Mike Armburg