



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Carver Sportsman's Club

June 19, 2019

At 7:32 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 held at Carver Sportsman's Club. Club representative Larry Harju 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 thanked the kitchen crew for a wonderful meal and thanked Carver Sportsman's Association for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen.

Roll Call: There were 32 delegates and 6 guests representing 14 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 May meeting minutes mistakenly listed Brett Allen as club representative from Upland Sportsmen Club. Dave Swanson was the Representative. The May meeting minutes were accepted as published, with correction, by a motion that was seconded and passed.

Communications: President Johnson read the letter sent by PCLS to the honor flight for representative Al Bonney. Thank you Al for your service to our country and to the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen.

Special Guest: There were no special guests present at meeting

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: Jason Zimmer was unable to attend meeting and no report was given. President Johnson, Jim Smith, Bob Verzone, John Fabroski, and Ed Birch all attended the public hearing on Coyote hunting contest held at Mass. Maritime on June 18, 2019. President Johnson spoke representing the PCLS. A reminder that Mass. Wildlife will accept written testimony for 2 weeks after the hearing. Comments should be made in support of “scientific management principles” by the Division. We don’t want this issue to be taken from the division and controlled by the legislature.

Seven Person Board Report: Visit the PCLS website to view minutes from board meetings. President emeritus John Fabroski gave a brief report from the meeting held at Mass. Maritime on June 18, 2019. Bob Durand was voted in as newest member of board. The proposed Turkey hunting regulations were approved and will take effect this year.

Legislative Report: Kathleen Theoharides was appointed new Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The Cross bow bill (H-846) has been reported out of committee and is now in Ways and Means. The bill has been assigned a new number H.3866. Waiting for advise as to when to send letters of support. Get your club members ready now and lets push this bill through.

Massachusetts Conservation Alliance: President Johnson and Joe Afonso from Worcester County League were present at Mass. Fish and Wildlife day held at the state house. They accepted a resolution from the Governor to the mass. State Senate

recognizing the MCA. And the Outdoor Heritage community. President Johnson read the Resolution at our meeting. President Johnson also took some time to introduce himself to various Representatives and Senators. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2019.

Old Business: PCLS is still asking for feedback from each club on ways to distribute information. Some suggestions include: a printed news letter, Facebook page or other form of social media, mailing of letters, web site page specific to current issues and legislation. Please discuss at your club's monthly meeting and bring any ideas back to the PCLS.

New Business: Annual elections were held and the terms will start at the September meeting. The results are as follows: President- Paul Johnson, Vice president- Jim Smith, Treasurer- Dee Bonney, Secretary- Ed Birch. 5 Delegates were elected to the board. They are Bob Verzone, Larry Harju, Ernie foster, Art Cabral, and Mike Armburg. The board members term will be effective immediately. They will be responsible for assisting the president with any PCLS business decisions needing to be made over the summer break. The meeting schedule for next year was approved, it will be posted on PCLS web site shortly. A motion was made, seconded and passed to make a donation to support a trailer being built through the department of marine and environmental affairs of Plymouth. The trailer will be educational in purpose and will travel to schools in Plymouth promoting hunting and fishing.

Annual Banquet: Vice president Jim Smith provided pricing options from Boston Tavern, Fireside Inn, and Monponsett Inn. Representative Ernie Foster presented information on another venue to hold our banquet. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow the executive board to look at proposed venue and make a decision on which place to hold our banquet.

Good of the Order: A reminder to all delegates that I have Event forms available to be filled out with all necessary information of any event being held at your club. The information will be posted on the calendar section of PCLS website and listed under this section of monthly report. See me at any meeting or contact me at 508-254-2889 or PCLS_secretary@outlook.com

Adjournment: The meeting came to an end at 8:42 pm. Our next meeting will be at Samoset Rod and Gun Club , 50 Matfield St. West Bridgewater, Mass. On September 18, 2019. Comradery at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm.

PCLS Secretary

Ed Birch