

Plymouth County League of Sportsmen
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Carver Sportsman Club
June 17th, 2015

At 7:35pm we began our monthly business with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our Service Men and Women in our Armed Forces that have died or have been injured to protect our Country.

Opening Statement: President John Fabroski welcomed all in attendance at the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen June meeting. Speaking for the Carver Club was Carver President and PCLS Delegate Paul Johnson. He welcomed all that came to the June meeting and hoped that everyone had an enjoyable meal. He also gave thanks to the kitchen crew who provided and served the meal. Paul gave thanks to the PCLS for the work that they do in supporting the Sportsmen of the Plymouth County and the State of Massachusetts. President Fabroski also gave a thank you for the continuing support that the Carver Sportsman Club provides for the PCLS. President Fabroski then announced the evenings two special quests, which are MDF&W Commissioner George Peterson and MDF&W Director Jack Buckley.

Roll Call: There were 38 delegates representing 14 clubs in attendance along with 10 guests.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report of the May meeting was accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: A complete, up to date report was given. A motion was made seconded and passed to except.

Bills to be paid: There were 4 bills to pay. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the bills.

Communications: President John Fabroski began by informing us that he had sent out several letters to some PCLS delegates and to some State Representatives concerning the proposed Youth Deer Hunt. The letter read as follows; There will be one day set aside before the regular Deer hunting season for this Youth Hunt which will require a mentor. At this time the hold up comes from the Committee for the Executive Office Administration of Finance. There is no reason for this. The monies for this program comes from the sportsmen through the MDF&W. We the PCLS are asking your help in getting this important date for our youth moved along. Another communication from the town of Halifax Manager Charlie Seelig saying that an on site meeting with the town

Board of Selectman and other dignitaries has been held at the Elm St. site, where an excess to Burrage Pond has been proposed. At this time there is still opposition to the development of excess to Burrage Pond at this site from land abutters. Another communication received from Mr. Seelig informing us of other questions that were asked after this meeting saying that all answers to following questions were answered with satisfaction. There will be more discussion on this issue at future town meetings, which will be attended by sportsmen representatives. The consensus is that it still maybe a couple of years before this issue is resolved. On the topic of banning the discharge of firearms in selected towns, we won in Falmouth and know in the town of Berkley we also won. Let it be known that the PCLS pursued these issues on behalf of all Sportsmen. We all need to stay vigilant to what is happening in all towns and counties to help protect our rights as Sportsmen. President Fabroski mentioned the communications that he has received pertaining to the restoration project at Crane, saying that some people think that the MDF&W are making mistakes with this restoration. President Fabroski responded by saying, be patient and give the biologist the time to prove their work. President Fabroski reminded all of us to help the MDF&W with the Turkey Brood Stock Survey which can be found on our web site. You can print a copy of the form which explains how to fill out. Help support those who support us.

MSC Report: A nominating committee has been formed for the election of officers for next years. The MSC web site is now viewable on line. Please take the time to view and bring back your comments.

Special Guests: President Fabroski introduced Jack Buckley, the new MDF&W Director, our first guest. Mr Buckley began by thanking the PCLS for his invitation to tonight's meeting. He informed us that he has worked for the MDF&W for twenty seven years and he likes working with the people from the agency. He enjoys seeing the efforts that his co-workers do to enable the division to be successful such as Jason Zimmer of the Southeast District. He then went on to say that he looks forward to the input that he receives from the people outside the agency like John Fabroski. Working with all these people makes for a rewarding day of work. He looks forward to working with everyone and that if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact him at the MDF&W Headquarters.

President Fabroski then introduced our next guest former State Senator and now the new Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game George Peterson. Mr Peterson began by thanking the PCLS for the invitation to be present at this meeting. He then informed us of his career accomplishments, that brought him to the position that he holds today. He told us of the accomplishments of the MDF&W that he has witnessed over the years saying that it has significantly improved over the years and that he will be at the fore front to see that this direction continues. He applauds all the workers at the MDF&W for all the work that they have accomplished. Also saying that he is excited to be able to work with a well organized group of people. He also thanked everyone, from

outside the agency, who becomes involved in helping the division make the right and informed decisions. He looks forward to hearing our views and comments.

Seven Man Board Report: You have all received the report of the last seven man board meeting along with the last PCLS meeting minutes. President Fabroski did take an opportunity to mention a few topics. A tour of the McLaughlin Trout Hatchery, a hatchery that produces and distributes over 50% of the trout stocking program. The hatchery which produce from egg, brown & rainbow trout and then disperse them to other hatchery's across the state. The tour was very informative. He informed us that a new ventilation system was designed by a worker at the hatchery and now has been implemented at the hatchery. This design is now the excepted model at hatchery's across the country. A detailed report was given on a 11/2 million dollar piping project that would bring water from the Quabbin to the Belchertown Hatchery, \$ 500,000.00 was from the DFW which would eventually be paid back. A presentation was shown on the project and without question this would be very beneficial to the hatchery program with a future major cost savings for the DFW. This new system is going to saving the state around \$70,000.00 in electricity cost. George Darey, Chairman of the Seven Man Board, began his opening statement with the concerns of the DCR not allowing access on land purchased by monies acquired by sportsmen. Mr Darey is asking the DCR to provide information on the location of these lands and wear the access is located to these partials of land. He is also asking which lands are closed and why the access to these lands are prohibited. Will Grey of the Environmental Police reported that there is now 95 officers afield with eight more soon to graduate. Officer Grey also thanked DFW for their help with a recent ceremonial event held at the divisions new headquarters recognizing the accomplishments and work of their officers. Also he mentioned the progress in building a new facility in Taunton on 3 1/2 acres close to where the old building once was. And as in past reports there still getting nuisance bear complaints. Turkey season complaints were of the usual, trespassing, to close to homes, after legal shooting hrs, but at least no shooting fatalities. At this meeting a complete report of the Deer harvest was given by the Deer Biologist saying that even though we had a severe winter the population of Deer was not effected and there will be no changes in the Anterless Deer permits for the up coming year. President Fabroski urges all of us to stay on top of the Youth Hunting Programs. Call your legislators and support these programs.

Legislative Report: Bills are now being resubmitted and as soon as a list of bills pertaining to firearms or sportsmen is composed it will be posted. Stay alert and bring forward any legislation that you become aware of that concerns are gun rights and or sportsmen issues.

Old Business: President Fabroski began by reminding us of our election of officers. A ballot was cast by the secretary. A motion was made, seconded and passed to keep the present officers in office. They are John Fabroski - President, Paul Williams - Vice

President, Dee Bonney - Treasurer and Mike Armburg - Secretary. As we are going over the plans for this years banquet, President Fabroski would like everyone to help sell Grand Raffle and Banquet tickets, to promote a successful event. Please remember to contact Secretary Mike Armburg with banquet ticket requests from your clubs. At this time the PCLS is going to attend the Gun Show at the Braintree Rifle & Pistol Club on September 19th & 20th, 2015.

New Business: President Fabroski invited tonight's special quest's Commissioner George Peterson and Director Jack Buckley plus their quest to our Annual Banquet October 9th, 2015. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase 6 tickets to Hanson's fund raiser for their Youth Rifle Team.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: Jason Zimmer began by reminding us of the communication he sent to the PCLS concerning the restoration project at Crane, that was posted on the PCLS web site. There has been minimal complaints as to this project. A meeting was held to help present the overall outlook of this project and many that attended now have a better understanding of what is trying to be accomplished. Concerning Burrage Pond the town of Halifax is requesting a larger parking lot at the access. Mr Zimmer along with the MDF&W engineers will now make changes to their already proposed plan with a more formal and detailed plan. The divisions Eagle nest survey produced three nests with seven chicks banded. There has been a nest located at Sampson's Pond that can be seen on Route 58. This is evidence of a resident pair of Eagles in Carver but the nest is not active at this time. Boundary work at Bass River is continuing with the new Stewardship Biologist's, Arron Best. He is monitoring boundary lines and easements. Contracting out some survey work at difficult areas were the division is not equipped with technical knowledge and necessary equipment. The division is now transitioning to Fish, Ponds and Streams surveys. Plover work has picked up since chicks have hatched out. John Regosin, from the National Heritage Program is still helping with the Habitat Conservation Plan. Remember that the applying deadline for the Anterless permits is July 16th, 2015 and to remember to return to web site after August 1st, 2015 to see if you won and pay for permit.

Good of the Order: A Junior Rifle Team member, from Hanson, took second place at a national shoot in Arizona. Two Cranberry Bog prints were given to Larry Harju from Beaver Brook. Scituate Rod and Gun Club is hosting an event to help produce funds to restore their outdoor range June 20th, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Please help Scituate.

Adjournment: The meeting came to a close at 8:53 pm. Our next meeting will be at the Samoset Sportsmen Club on September 16th, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

PCLS Secretary
Mike Armburg