



## **Plymouth County League of Sportsmen**

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## **Old Colony Sportsmen's Association**

**March 16, 2022**

At 7:02 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 who have died or been injured while protecting our country.

**Opening Statement:** President Johnson welcomed all in attendance, thanked the Old Colony club for the wonderful catered meal and their support of the Sporting community. Club Delegate Pat Coughlin also welcomed all in attendance and thanked the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen for all the work we do representing the sporting community.

**Roll Call:** There were 19 Delegates and 0 Guests representing 10 clubs and organizations in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bonney gave a complete report of our finances. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

**Bills to be paid:** President Johnson presented a bill for costs associated with mailings sent out.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the bill.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the February, 2022 report as published.

I have completed an updated club's President, Secretary, and Delegates list for 2021/2022. If any club has any changes please let me know.

**Communications:** Received report from Barnstable County League February meeting

Received a few donations in memory of William Gomes. William was a member of the Middleboro Hare and Rabbit club as well as a member of Wankinquoah Rod and Gun Club. Our condolences go out to his Family.

President Johnson has and continues to reach out to Braintree rifle and Pistol Club asking them to become more involved with PCLS and MCA to support our agendas.

Dee and Al Bonney celebrated there 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March. Congratulations to them both.

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

**Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Report:** Ross Kessler was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given, please refer to report attached to February's meeting report.

**Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report:** Jason Zimmer was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.

There have been a number of anti hunting by law or town meeting warrant issues recently in various towns across the state.. All delegates are asked to watch for such issues in there towns or any towns in Plymouth County.

The new Mass Hunt Fish Web site is up and running with a few issues. If any one is having or did have any problem using the site please contact Jason.

**Seven Person Board Report:** No Report was given.

**Legislative Report:** The Joint Committee Of Natural Resources sent S.546 Reimburse Mass Wildlife for free and reduced cost licenses - H.991, S.536, & H.104 legalizes crossbow use - S.552,& H.1025 Reduce Archery setbacks to House Ways and Means with a recommendation that all 3 should pass.

The Lobbyist group is hosting 2 Zoom calls with State Legislators to further advance our priorities and agenda.

President Johnson drafted a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee opposing Bill H1529. After brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed to send the letter.

**Massachusetts Conservation Alliance:** The M.C.A. Fundraiser banquet was canceled. Raffle tickets will be sold at Sportsmen shows and County League Banquets, the winners will be drawn at the Bristol County League Banquet on Friday April 29, 2022.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase 75 raffle tickets

The MCA is working on a rapid response E-mail list. The list has been reviewed, and contact information for State Senators and Reps was added for those who have signed up. To sign up go to <https://massconservationalliance.org/mca-list-signup.html>

Now is the time for every member of every club to start getting involved. Don't sit back and ask "what is the lobbyist doing?" or "why did we hire a lobbyist?" Talk to your club Delegates, attend your club's meeting or a PCLS meeting, ask questions, write letters, get involved. Changes will not come easily or overnight, but if we work together and follow the guidance of the lobbyist change is possible and will come.

**Old Business:** Any Club wishing to host a meeting for the 2022/2023 season should contact President Johnson before the September 2022 meeting. Any club that can not host between now – June 2022 needs to contact President Johnson A.S.A.P.

**New Business:** Opposition to the proposed Plymouth Fur Ban is gaining momentum. Many Clubs, Individuals, Barnstable County league, Mass. Trappers Association, and Plymouth Bay Outfitters have sent letters to all 134 members of the town meeting Government members.

PCLS would like to establish 1 member from each club who is familiar with Microsoft word program. The purpose would be to correspond with mail merges for letters to be sent out opposing or supporting various issues to both local and state government. This would simplify the process and be more effective in getting letters mailed out.

**Annual Banquet:** Our annual banquet will be held on Saturday April 23, 2022 at Camp Kiwanee 1camp Kiwanee Rd. (Route 58) Hanson, Mass. Cocktail hour at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm.

The caterer is asking for a final head count. Please contact Jim Smith A.S.A.P. with the number of attendees from your club or organization, as well as a check for tickets. Jim can be reached at [pclsvp@aol.com](mailto:pclsvp@aol.com) or by phone at 508-888-8854.

Jim is asking all Delegates to turn in their sold raffle tickets and monies collected at the April meeting. This will help eliminate a lot of added work to be done at the Banquet.

**Good of the Order:** Fisherman's Flea Market April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 at the V.F.W. Post 8502 Route 6 Westport, Mass. Saturday 8:00 am- 3:00 pm. & Sunday 8:00 am- 12:00 pm.

Fin, Fur & Feather Club annual trout fishing derby will be held Saturday April 10, 2022 from 6:00 am- 11:30 am rain or shine. Contact Scott @ 774-271-0485 or Hank @ 508-728-0372 for further details.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Saltwater Lure Collectors Club show is Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 8:00am – 2:00pm at Whites of Westport.

The Trout Unlimited Banquet has been changed to April 30, 2022 at the Lakeside Villa in Hanson, Mass. Contact Art Cabral or the website ([www.southeastmasstu.com](http://www.southeastmasstu.com)) for details.

**Adjournment:** The meeting came to a close at 7:50 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled at Standish Sportsmen's Association, 1 Burr Ln. East Bridgewater, Ma. On April 20, 2022. Camaraderie at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm.

At the present time there is no state mandate requiring the wearing of masks or social distancing at indoor meetings or events. It is up to each individual to do whatever they are comfortable with. PCLS respectfully asks if any Delegate or guest is experiencing any symptoms of covid, that they please refrain from attending the meeting.

PCLS Secretary

*Ed Birch*