



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen
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Upland Sportsman Club
May 17th, 2017

At 7:00pm 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 Paul Johnson welcomed all in attendance at the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen May meeting and thanked the Upland Sportsman Club for a wonderful meal. USC delegate Gil MacNab spoke on behalf of the USC welcoming all in attendance and thanked the PCLS for all they due for the sportsmen and hoped that everyone enjoyed their meal. He also thanked the kitchen crew for serving the meal. President Johnson also thanked the USC kitchen crew for a wonderful meal and thanked USC for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen. President Johnson also introduced tonight's special guest John Boardman, MDMF Aquatic Biologist II and Tiffany Vidal, MDMF Stock Assessment Specialist.

Roll Call: There were 37 delegates representing 15 clubs and organizations in attendance along with 3 guest.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dee Bonney gave a complete report including changes to the report from our annual banquet. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasures report.

Bills to be paid: There were no bill's submitted to be paid.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: No report this evening do to Jason Zimmers absence. Scituate Delegate and 7 Man Board member Ernie Foster inform those in attendance that the new revised MDF&W and EPO's Mass. General Laws and regulations did not effect any boundaries in the Southeast district. He also reminded us of the Mass Wildlife Open House at HG in Westborough June 10th, 2017 10:00 am till 3:00 pm.

Special Guest's First to speak was John Boardman. He began by informing us that there are some hand outs on the back table for those interested. The Sea Bass season will be from May 20th, 2017 till August 29th, 2017 with a limit of 5 fish at 15 inches, Fluke season begins on May 22nd, 2017 at 4 fish at 17 inches. The Marine Recreation Information Program has begun again for this year. Remember that this program helps the MDMF monitor harvests of species, so please co-operate with information collectors. He informed us that the property on the Weweantic River, in Wareham, has developed some environmental issues, which for the time being there is a halt in the project. Ross Kessler will be notifying us with updates of the findings for this project. The Deer Island pier project is moving along with a tentative completion for next year. He also informed us of some monitoring for different species of fish. Shad was doing well, Smelt is down for this year except for the Fore River, White Perch is up, Herring is real good this year, the Elva is down again and there has been noticed a large number of juvenile Cod this year but remember that Cod fishing is still prohibited in federal waters and in state waters you are allowed 1 fish over 19 inches for recreational fishing. Haddock will see a change in regulation come June. To review all changes go to the MDMF web site. We then heard from Tiffany Vidal, who is new to the MDMF. She told us of her position with the division describing her responsibilities and duties. She also said that she looks forward to working with the division and the anglers of the commonwealth.

Communications: President Johnson informed us of a letter received from Braintree Rifle and Pistol Club requesting their removal of affiliation with the PCLS. Further discussion of this request was entertained under new business. President Johnson has gone back to Monponsett to see if we can select a date, in April, for the 2018 banquet. President Johnson asked for a consensus as to how to proceed. The management of the Monponsett Inn replied saying that are holding dates open for weddings and would not be able to book any other events until the October. A second communication has been with no response at this time. An article in the New Bedford Standard Times, about Sunday Hunting, written by Marc Folco after an outreach from the PCLS was read to delegates. His article supports sportsmen. President Johnson is waiting on response's from Mass Bowhunters and other news paper media concerning his outreach for comment on the Sunday Hunting bill. President Johnson has also received letters from

other state legislators that support the Sunday Hunting bill. He read the names and dates of response. He is still reaching out to other legislators and organizations, NRA and NSSF. Umass declined to participate in a 4H shooting program. President Johnson sent a letter to Dean Steve Goodwin and received a response which he read.

MSC Report: At this time it has come to our attention that our letter for removing the PCLS from affiliation with the MSC has been done.

Seven Man Board Report: No report given. Refer to the latest report on the PCLS web site.

Legislative Report: Now is the time to contact your locale legislator in support of the Sunday Hunting Bill S433.

Old Business: At our last meeting a nominating committee for our annual election of officers was formed with President Fabroski, as chairman, Paul Williams and Jason Zimmer. They came back with their nominations, for president - incumbent President Paul Johnson, for vice president - incumbent Vice President Joe Gilmartin and Delegate Jim Smith, for secretary – incumbent Secretary Mike Armburg and for treasurer – incumbent Treasurer Dee Bonney. A motion for each candidate to appear on the ballot was made, each was seconded and each passed. A motion to close ballot was made, seconded and passed. President Johnson has gone back to Monponsett to see if we can select a date's before next fall for the 2018 banquet. President Johnson asked for a consensus as to how to proceed. Concerning on our efforts to contact legislators pertaining to the Sunday Hunting bill President Johnson reached out to Wankinquoah president with a response of zip codes and a letter head and will expedite letters as soon as possible. A letter of support was received from Rep. Diehl and read. Concerning PCLS video draft, no progress made. Received from President Johnson request concerning host clubs, for our next year meeting's schedule, that the monthly host's will remain the same. In response to our last meetings information about a season change to our Deer season proposed by Westport citizen Thomas Murphy. Some response was received with not much support for this change. President Johnson is still requesting delegates that did not respond to solicit a response to this proposal from their clubs membership. A motion to send a letter to the 7 Man Board concerning the proposed change to our Deer season was made, seconded and passed. On concern to Jason Zimmers letter requesting monetary support for Archery Education in schools, a motion to allocate funds was made, seconded and passed. It was also request of delegates to solicit donations from their clubs.

New Business: President Johnson continued addressing the Braintree letter. It was the consensus of the delegates in attendance that we should make any and all efforts to try

and change Braintrees decision. After a lengthy discussion a motion to engage efforts in communicating with Braintrees decision was made, seconded and passed. A second motion to enact Braintrees request's was made, seconded and passed. President Johnson commended Craig Winsor, of East Bridgewater, and President Fabroski for their quick response to two article's, 34 and 35, in the Bridgewater town meeting warrant, that would have required all dog to be band from public lands and restraint to all dogs on a six foot lease. Thanks to these two sportsmen and other sportsmen in the surrounding area this article was defeated. Another town hall meeting was held by AG Healey in Barnstable, Ma. In response Secretary Armburg attended this meeting and reported that the meeting was falsely represented, as a town meeting, and became a political republican bashing. A discussion concerning our annual banquet at the Monponsett Inn was entertained. After several delegates spoke President Johnson recognized issue that came up and will be addressed. It was also requested of the delegates to acquire more information from their club members that attended the banquet on their opinions of our recently passed banquet. To be readdressed at our next meeting.

Good of the Order: The Caver Youth Turkey Hunt harvested 3 Turkeys. Mattapoissett Fin Fur and Feather will be holding a Woman On Target on May 20th, 2017. Contact. Linda Meredith at lindam1002@comcast.net for application and more info. Mass Wildlife Open House at HG in Westborough June 10th, 2017 10:00 am till 3:00 pm. The Monument Beach Sportsman's Club is hosting its Annual Sportsman's Show September 9th, 2017 at 9:00am to 4:00pm and September 10th, 2017 at 9:00am to 3:00pm at Monument Beach Sportsman's Club 199 MacArthur Blvd. Bourne, Ma. The Scituate Rod and Gun Club delegate Ernie Foster informed the PCLS that the first banquet for the South Shore Rough Grouse Society will be held September 8th, 2017 at the Barker Tavern in Scituate at 21 Barker St. Donations are being solicited to fund programs to establish habitat. The MDF&W will match all donations. Also mentioned that the Scituate Rod and Gun Club pistol range has now been reopened. Delegate Tom Hammond, of Old Colony Sportsman Club, informed us of the AG Healey efforts to target all firearm dealers who supposedly have sold unsafe firearms. This appears to be a fishing exposition.

Adjournment: The meeting came to a close at 9:08 pm. Our next meeting will be at the Carver Sportsmen Club, June 21st, 2017 at 6:00 and agenda at 7:00 pm located at 127 Main St. Carver, Ma.

PCLS Secretary

Mike Armburg