



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Wankinquoah Rod & Gun Club

October 17, 2018

At 7:08 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 October meeting and thanked the Wankinquoah Rod & Gun Club for a wonderful meal. Wankinquoah Rod & Gun Vice president, Ron Enos 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 also thanked the kitchen crew for a wonderful meal and thanked Wankinquoah Rod & Gun for all the work that they do in support of sportsmen and sportswomen.

Roll Call: There were 26 delegates representing 13 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 2 bills presented for payment to cover printing costs for business cards and raffle tickets. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay bills.

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

Communications: A discussion was held concerning the town of Braintree banning hunting in town. President Johnson asked all delegates to report any such actions in any town so that we can work with GOAL to get the word out and residents to town meetings to oppose such bans.

Special Guest: There were no guests present at the October meeting.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report: Presented by Jason Zimmer.

Staff was busy delivering equipment, forms, and other materials to traditional game checking stations as well as preparing for the upland game bird season. Staff also assisted with annual young adult pheasant hunt program at Carver and Falmouth and annual youth deer hunt at Camp Edwards. There were 13 hunters At Camp Edwards and 5 successfully harvested a deer. District supervisor and Wildlife Biologist visited a site in Scituate to assess an ongoing bold Coyote situation. Fisheries community surveys were completed on a number of water bodies in the district. District staff began to prepare for fall Trout stocking. Work is ongoing at many WMA'S including mowing of roads, fields, dikes, and fire breaks and Measures to control water levels at various ponds. The district had several encroachment issues at WMA's to contend with. An illegal OHV access issue was identified at Hyannis ponds WMA and steps are being taken to block off access points. The district Supervisor attended a Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) meeting with other agency staff in Westborough to begin a review of Mass Wildlife's draft R3 plan. The plan will be designed to look at ways to increase interest and participation in hunting, fishing, and shooting sports.

Seven Man Board Report: For a review of the complete latest published report go to our web site. Next meeting is Tuesday Oct. 30, 2018 at the Welles Gallery 18 Main St. Lenox Ma.

Legislative Report: No new bills filed at this time.

Massachusetts Conservation Alliance: Joe Afonso, from Worcester County League of Sportsmen, was scheduled to meet with Commissioner of Mass. Fish and Wildlife Ron Amidon and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Matt Beaton to discuss our new push for Sunday hunting. President Johnson has not received any updates as of our October meeting. Phone calls were placed and we await any new information. There was a discussion on how PCLS should move forward with group.

Old Business: Work is continuing on PCLS Charter and annual filing proposal. Attorney Ed George has secured a copy of Articles of Organization and is sending a copy to President Johnson along with questions. After Articles of Organization are reviewed and questions are answered, Attorney George will continue work on filing update. The bylaw committee is on hold until the status issue is resolved. President Johnson spoke with the owner of 0 Marion Rd. Wareham, Ma. and Ross Kessler from Division of Marine Fisheries regarding the purchase of the property by Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries. The owner of property has paid fine issued by town of Wareham but has not filed a notice of intent with the Wareham Conservation Commission.

New Business: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed, to keep ticket price for upcoming PCLS Banquet at \$35.00 per person.

Good of the Order: Ruffed Grouse Society Banquet is November 4, 2018. Contact Ernie Foster at 617-620-0999 for information and/or tickets. Holbrook Sportsmen Show will be held November 17th & 18th 2018 at the club, 150 Quincy St, Holbrook, Mass. PCLS Banquet is April 6, 2019. Mass Sportsmen Council Banquet is April 13, 2019. Worcester County League Banquet is March 23, 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting came to an end at 7:58 pm. Our next meeting will be at Hanson Rod and Gun Club 1 Davis Rd, Hanson, Mass on November 21, 2018. Comradery at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm.

PCLS Secretary

Ed Birch

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!

May be picked up at monthly meetings or contact Ed Birch @ 508-254-2889