

Plymouth County League of Sportsmen
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Samoset Rod & Gun Club
September 19th, 2012

We opened the meeting at 7:33pm 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 and the loss of Eddie O'Brien.

Opening Statement: President John Fabroski welcomed all in attendance at the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen September Meeting. Speaking for the Samoset Rod & Gun Club was Eldon Moreira, who then addressed the members and guest in attendance at the meeting thanking the PCLS for all that they do to help in keeping our rights as sportsmen. He then thanked all who made the meal possible.

Roll Call: 34 delegates representing 13 clubs in attendance, along with 1 guests.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

Bills to be paid: There were two bills to be paid.

Communications: President John Fabroski reported on the celebration of 100 years of service at the Hatchery in Sandwich. Many dignitaries were in attendance. John Fabroski was extremely pleased to hear the recognition that the Sportsmen of Massachusetts received for their contribution, from all of the speakers. John was unable to speak, but if he had he would have given praise to MDF&W Commissioner Mary Griffin. He personally thanked the Commissioner, in private, for her dedication on the improvements to the Sandwich Hatchery since her appointment. John also spoke about the land dedication, from Makepeace at Half Way Pond. That the sportsmen now get to enjoy another great location. This is another accomplishment provided by the land stamp program. This event was attended by many political dignitaries including Governor Deval Patrick and other guests totaling approximately 200 people. John spoke on the National Heritage issue on how the state wanted to take over that department from the MDF&W concerning endangered species. At this time efforts from the PCLS and other sportsmen organizations have defeated the legislators. Remember that our fight is not over because this battle will continue by the state. Letters were received from Audubon and National Heritage thanking us for our support on this issue. A letter received from the Division of Marine Fisheries pertaining to the allocation of moneys received from

licensing fees was explained. Moneys received from licensing has gone to many projects such as research into Diadromous Fish, information and education, improving our assessment of recreational fishing impacts and public access. We are actively looking for good ideas from the public where we can invest in the future of salt water access. The PCLS and other sportsmen organization across the country together has defeated the United Nations on the disarmament treaty, but our resolve will still be tested. Our efforts to keep our legislators informed on our position must continue.

State Council: The MSC report was accepted as written. In addition to the report John Kellstrand added that there is a link on the MSC web site to all political parties running for office.

Seven Man Board: Please refer to the report on the PCLS web site. Also the decision by the PCLS not to change the shot size from #7 ½ to #7 was not accepted. The new regulation of #7 alloy or steel shot is in effect as of next year. Also there was a lot of regulation changes to migratory birds. Check with the MDF&W news.

Legislative: Reported by John Kellstrand that the legislators are dead on the hill. Pertaining to Slig Shots that there is no bill at this time, but opposing language has been presented to regulate sales.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife: Reported by Jason Zimmer that the on-line checking system for game will not be in effect for the remainder of this year. The on-line system will return possibly by the Spring Turkey season for 2013. All game taken for the remainder of this year must be checked at a checking station. The Burrage Pond restoration project has begun. We are in the permeating process and was granted a one year extension from National Fish & Wildlife Service. Next August 2013 is now the projected finishing time. Another restoration project at Red Brook Century Bog is still ongoing and will have an excepted restoration plan by the end of this month. A TV show hosted by Jeff Corwin, Ocean Mystery, was filmed at Red Brook for the Salted Brook Trout Research and pit tagging. This show will air in November of this year. Time and date of show will be announced at the next meeting. At the Rochester WMA there has been some major flume blow outs which will be replaced in October with the help from Makepeace. Jason spoke on the need for more Hunter Ed Instructors. He also mentioned that any area that has 8 to 10 interested individuals that Sue Langlois will conduct a special course for that area. This training will be a 2 day course. All Otis scheduled hunts are now posted on the DMF&W web site. The move of the headquarters for MDF&W to their temporary location is now complete. The temporary location will be at 100 Hartwell St. West Boylston, Ma. All phone numbers have stayed the same. Anterless Deer permits will become available October 9th, 2012 on-line only at 8:00am. A list of all venders can be found on the PCLS web site that can help people that do not have internet access. New regulations in zones 13 and 14 to help the increase of deer

harvest has been excepted. The regulations is to when you need to check your harvest. A herbicide treatment at Penikese Island covered the entire island to help protect the Terns and other species. Field cutting and herbicide treatments were conducted at the Nocachoke WMA. Mowing at Crane WMA was conducted. The Black Bear that was captured in Wellsfleet this summer was returned to the central part of the state and was recaptured in Brookline a week later, then relocated to the most western part of the state. The identity of the bear was accomplished by an ear tag.

Old Business: President John Fabroski informed the delegates that he needs to know the number of tickets sold for our annual banquet, so that he may inform WR&GC of the number of people who will be attending, so please get that information to John. John is in the process of purchasing raffle prizes for the bucket raffles. Also please remember to sell any or all tickets for the Henry Golden Boy Rifle. At this time there are three or four speakers lined up for the banquet. Undetermined at this time who they will be. Hopefully there will be one speaker from the MDF&W. The usual attendance from the MSC and the MDF&W will be present. A reminder that dinner tickets will be collected before serving of the meal, so please bring your ticket with you.

New Business: Some supporters of the PCLS were nominated for recognition at our annual banquet.

Good of the Order: Plymouth County League of Sportsmen annual banquet and meeting will be held October 17th, 2012 at Wankinquoah Rod and Gun Club. Cocktails at 6:00pm. Dinner to follow at 7:00pm. Contact John Fabroski at 508-574-0123 or Mike Armburg at 508-673-2539 for tickets. Hanson Rod & Gun Club is holding a Hunter Ed course the first two weeks in October. Check their web site for time and dates.

Adjournment: The meeting came to a close at 9:38pm. Next meeting and annual banquet will be held at Wankinquoah Rod & Gun Club on October 17th, 2012.

PCLS Secretary

Mike Armburg