



## **Plymouth County League of Sportsmen**

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## **Samoset Rod and Gun Club**

**September 16, 2020**

At 7:15 pm we began our monthly business meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for all our friends and family members who have passed, 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 at our monthly meeting and thanked the Samoset club for all they do in support of Sportsmen and Sportswomen as well as the kitchen crew for a wonderful meal. Club representative Mike Kominski spoke on behalf of the Club welcoming all in attendance and thanked the PCLS for all we do representing the sporting community. President Johnson reminded all in attendance that masks must be worn, and if any one is feeling ill during or after the meeting or think they may have been exposed to the Corona Virus to please let him know so that he can contact all the people on the attendance list from our meeting.

**Roll Call:** There were 24 Delegates representing 13 clubs present.

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

**Bills to be paid:** President Johnson presented a bill for printing costs. A motion was made seconded and passed to pay the bill.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the June, 2020 minutes as published.

**Communications:** Long time Wankinquoah Delegate Bruce Westgate will be stepping back from his duties as a delegate. His nephew Tom Westgate was introduced as a new Delegate. Welcome Tom, You have big shoes to fill.

We received a thank you letter from the N.R.A. for our donation. We received 2 news letters from Gun Owners of America, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 news letter from The Second Amendment Foundation Reporter.

**Special Guest:** No special guests were present

**Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Report:** No report was available.

**Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Report:** Jason Zimmer was Unable to attend the meeting but forwarded a report.

Although the Southeast district office remains closed to the public, the staff has been doing there best to assist people over the phone with license sales, harvest reporting, and general questions and concerns. They have also been busy working hard to take care of the many WMAs in the Southeast district, and preparing for Pheasant and Quail stocking. Information is available on web site at [mass.gov/pheasant](http://mass.gov/pheasant).

Fall trout stocking will begin October 5<sup>th</sup> and be completed within 2 weeks, information is available on web site at [mass.gov/trout](http://mass.gov/trout).

The first part of Bear season is underway with approximately 155 animals harvested.

New this year is an "Active Military and Veterans Waterfowl Hunt . Two state wide Waterfowl hunt season dates are open to active members of the Armed Forces, National Guard, and Reserve, as well as Veterans. Proof of eligibility is required and must be carried on person while hunting. All migratory game regulations and bag limits apply.

There has been a large increase in Beaver related calls in the Southeastern district. Beavers have been causing issues with roads, fish passage, and cranberry bogs.

District staff members have been working with MA Environmental Police and the city of Fall River police to address an aggressive Coyote situation.

Staff members have been assisting with hunter education field days as part of the ongoing hybrid model of hunter ed courses for the public.

Camp Edwards controlled hunting programs are proceeding as scheduled, with some significant changes to check in/ out process. Information about hunts and changes can be found on web site at [mass.gov/how-to/participate-in-the-camp-edwards-controlled-hunting-program](http://mass.gov/how-to/participate-in-the-camp-edwards-controlled-hunting-program).

Staff have been working to plan for this fiscal years boundary marking, survey and general stewardship projects. There have been many general stewardship projects completed this year at various WMAs throughout the Southeast District.

Several staff members assisted DCR and local fire departments responding to the Tully Mountain wildfire.

Arron Best (stewardship biologist) and Dan Fortier (wildlife technician III) completed a several month long process of creating a low complexity burn plan for a portion of the Frances A. Crane WMA.

A site walk of Southeast Pine Barrens WMA in Carver is scheduled for October 29, 2020 at 4PM. Interested attendees should meet at the Myles Standish State Forest HQ on Cranberry Rd. in Carver.

Surplus antler less deer permits will be sold by Management Zone on the following days:

- Zone 11: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 9:00 am
- Zone 10: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 9:00 am
- Zones 9,13, 1nd 14: Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 9:00 am
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**Seven Person Board Report:** No report was available

**Hunter Ed:** there was a lengthy discussion with many unanswered questions regarding hunter ed classes.

Minors between 15-17 yrs. Old can purchase there hunting licenses on line at: <https://form.jotform.com/200925785448061>.

A reminder that any youth 14 years old can apply for a FID card, they can not get card until their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday but can start the process early. If anyone has an issue with trying to apply before they are 15, contact President Johnson and he will forward them the necessary information.

**Legislative Report:** A drive to push for crossbow bill H.3866 is underway. The legislative session has been extended until December. Please contact Chairman Michlewitz and Speaker DeLeo **NOW** and ask them to schedule a hearing and to pass crossbow bill H.3866 in this session. Please be polite and respectful. The contact info is:

Email: Chairmen [Aron.M.Michlewitz@mahouse.gov](mailto:Aron.M.Michlewitz@mahouse.gov)  
Phone: Chairmen Aron Michlewitz 617-722-2990

Email: Speaker of the House [Robert.DeLeo@mahouse.gov](mailto:Robert.DeLeo@mahouse.gov)  
Phone: Speaker Robert DeLeo 617-722-2500

Please forward the contact info to all your club members and any friends or family members. Also post to any hunting websites or chat rooms that you know of. don't casually sit by and think someone else will do it and then wonder why it didn't pass.  
**We need to push for this now!**

**Massachusetts Conservation Alliance:** No report was available

**New Business:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to refer to the executive committee an application to present Bruce Westgate with an honorary lifetime membership.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a "thank you" letter to Bob Perrault for his help with getting Beaver Brook club solvent again.

**OLD BUSINESS:** After being tabled at our June meeting, discussion continued on our annual donations to Com 2A, Gun Owners of America, and USAA-Sportsmens alliance. A motion was made, seconded and passed to make the annual donation to all 3. A second motion was Made, seconded and passed to exempt GOAL from our donation cap limit. The annual donation to Goal will now be set and voted on by the Delegates each year. our annual donation to the N.R.A. will remain the same. Please note that any and all donations to various organizations are discussed and voted on at our June meetings.

President Johnson and Emeritus President Fabroski worked with Beaver Brook club over the summer. The East Bridgewater Conservation Commission has approved a lease agreement with the club. The club has secured the necessary Insurance, and committed to cleaning up the club house as well as approving new membership applications and reformatting the club officers and board members.

**Annual Banquet:** Our annual banquet will be held on April 24, 2021 at Camp Kiwanee in Hanson, Mass. A motion was made, seconded and passed to keep the Grand raffle prizes the same as last year. First prize a gift card to Bass Pro Shop, Second prize a gift card to Either Hunter's trading post or Outback Arms, Third prize will be which ever gift card is left from second prize. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the Grand Raffle tickets printed now.

**Good of the Order:** A reminder that if your club is hosting an event, Secretary Birch has forms that you can fill out in order to get your information listed in the minutes report. I also have club status report forms that need to be filled out by each club every year, please see me at our meeting.

Marshfield Rod and Gun cannot host the February meeting, another location will be determined. **If your club cannot host a meeting please let president Johnson or Secretary Birch know ASAP.** If your club can host but cannot provide a meal, please let us know.

**Adjournment:** The meeting concluded at 8:32 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled at Wankinquoah Rod and Gun Club, 92 Pine St. Middleboro, Mass. On October 21,2020. Comradery at 6:00 pm and agenda at 7:00 pm. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic we are limited to 25 attendees at our meetings. **Please RSVP** to Secretary Birch if you plan to attend the meeting by e-mail at [PCLS\\_secretary@outlook.com](mailto:PCLS_secretary@outlook.com) or by phone at 508-254-2889. **Masks must be worn at the meetings.** If you are feeling ill please do not attend the meeting.

PCLS Secretary,

*Ed Birch*