

# **Plymouth County League of Sportsmen**

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Scituate Rod & Gun Club

Date: February 17, 2010

**We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our Service Men and Women in our Armed Forces who have died or have been injured protecting our Country.**

**Opening Statement** – Scituate club Vice President, Phil Lennon, welcomed Plymouth County League and said he appreciated all we do for the sportsman. Phil thanked the kitchen crew for the great dinner and hoped all enjoyed it. Phil mentioned that Dee and Al were out Cowboy Shooting and also mentioned that Al's father was a founding charter member of the Scituate club.

**Roll Call** 10 clubs represented, 28 Delegates, 5 Guests and Jason from the Division of Fish and Wildlife

**Secretary's Report** – The Secretary's report was accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting when Dee is back.

Bills to be paid. One bill from the Secretary for stamps and copying and another bill from the Council for a table at their Banquet.

Motion to pay bills ( Motion carried )

## **Communication**

There is a Ham Shoot at Wankinquoah Rod & Gun march 28th Noon to 4pm

Wankinquoah is having a raffle to help with club ranges. Prize is a Winchester 870.

Wankinquoah is having a Prime Rib Dinner March 6<sup>th</sup>. Start time is 5:30. \$30 per ticket, Call Joe Vernarsky at 774-766-1307 for more information.

**State Council** At the last council meeting Charles Baker who is running for Governor, Senator Tisei who is running for Lt Governor's office, Rep George Peterson and Seven Man Board Chairman George Darey were all in attendance. Mr. Baker said he supported our sportsman's beliefs, He commented on putting people in place based on their capabilities not their affiliation.

John asked Mr. Baker if he got in would he consider re-appointing The Division of Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Mary Griffin to her position and Mr. Baker responded by saying that he intends to put people in positions based on their capabilities and not their affiliation. He supports the concept of the Gun Law Reform Bill, H2259. John Mentioned to Mr. Baker that he should not even think about using the Fish and Game fund money and how the three previous governors tried and failed. John mentioned that the money could be used to build Fish Ladders, water accesses or hire people to replace people that have left.

John turned in Raffle ticket money to the council.

Division of fish and wildlife was level funded.

Marine fisheries budget was cut again this year.

Quabbin reservoir – to launch a boat you need a seal to put the boat in and if you leave the reservoir and come back you will be required to get another seal. It cost \$35 - \$40 to get a seal. Being talked about at the seven man board meeting.

Raymond Gribbons \$500.00 Scholarship is again being offered. Contact john or Jeff for application.

Ernie Foster has not been reappointed to the Seven Man board yet. Letters have been sent out to have him reappointed.

Council is in support of the Black powder break open

John is scheduled to discuss Sportsman's issues at the February Seven Man Board Meeting

Next Council meetings are March 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Griffin reported on the accomplishments that the Division of Fish & Wildlife made last year and will send John a copy of them.

Commissioner mentioned the Standish Sportsman show on how well attended it was for a small show compared to the big E show and how well it was put together.

John Kellstrand is still representing us as a lobbyist. Remember you are your own best lobbyist.

### **Old Business**

Last meeting there was a member that could not find the web site. You have to type in “ plymouth county league of sportsmen “ to get to the web site. Typing PCL will not get you there!!!

There will be improvements to the website next month. All the clubs with web sites will be linked from our web site. There will also be other links from our web site.

Paul Williams drafted a letter to Savage Arms, John signed it and it was sent out. All vendors have been sent a thank you letter for there part in our Raffle.

John thanked all the people that sat at the PCL booth at the Standish Sportsman show. They are: Dave Bouldry, Frank Burke, Eli and Bob Perrault, Dick Thorne and Bob Cormier.

Disabled Vets to have hunting license that are reciprocal throughout the country. John sent a letter to congressman Delahunt and has not received a response form him as of yet. John sent a letter to Rep Perry. John also let him know Congressman Delahunt did not get back to him. John got a response but not what he expected. John to call Rep Perry. John will also send a letter to Scott Brown if no one is responding.

### **New Business**

John sent a letter to the governor to request that he reappoint Ernie Foster to the Seven man board. John got back a letter stating that they are considering it.

Striper proposal is still alive. Call your rep and tell them you are apposed to the bill that stripers forever put in. They are saying they have the support of the sportsman. THEY DO NOT!!!

Appropriate Monies for Annual donations

There was a motion to increase the donation from \$200 to \$300 to Gun Owners of America. (Motion Carried)

There was a motion to table the donations until the next meeting. ( Motion Carried )

### **F & W Report**

Mowing trails and parking areas at Crane. Will continue in summer months

Black duck banding is rapping up.

Two retirements, Eddie Crouse a technician for the past 43 years and the secretary.

License and stamp audit being done now. No secretary so Jason is doing it.

Looking for rabbit heads in the S E District.

Burrage pond restoration project grant coming in.

Restoration project on Red Brook all the way to Buzzards Bay

At the next Plymouth County League meeting John Boardman, Biologist for the Division of Marine Fisheries, will speak on the new Saltwater Fishing Regulation. If you have questions bring them to the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

March meeting is at **Old Colony**

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY LEAGUE WEB SITE >>>>> <http://www.mtrhm.com/pcl> Go to it !! There is new information there. Your club has a link on the Plymouth County League web page**

Submitted By:

Jeff Sampson

Secretary

Our best wishes and speedy recovery go to Dick Thorne on his recent operation. We all look forward to seeing Dick at future meetings. Hope to see you soon!!!