



Plymouth County League of Sportsmen
Meeting Minutes

Date
April 17, 2023

Location
Standish Sportsmen's Club

6:00 Dinner Hosted by: President Art Cabral
Chefs: Scott and Bill

Opening:

Meeting opened by Chairman Paul Johnson at 7:05 with Pledge of Allegiance and Motion of Silence. Remembrance of Ernie Watson and Ed Stauch from Middleboro Club. Paul thanked the club and volunteers who prepared the meal and hosted the meeting.

Roll Call:

| Club | Delegates | Guest | Other |
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| Braintree | 0 | | |
| Carver | 4 | | |
| Cedar Gun | 3 | | |
| Fin fur feather | 1 | | |
| Hanson | 2 | | |
| Holbrook | 4 | | |
| Marshfield | 0 | | |
| Middleboro | 2 | | |
| Old Colony | 1 | | |
| Plymouth | 0 | | |
| Sagamore | 1 | | |
| Samoset | 4 | | |
| Scituate | 2 | | |
| Standish | 4 | 10 | |
| Trout Unlimited | 2 | | |
| Upland | 3 | | |
| Wankinquaah | 1 | | |
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| Ross Kessler (FWE) | 0 | | |
| Jason Zimmer (FWE) | 0 | | |
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| Guest Speaker: Kelly Dooner, Sen Cand | | | 1 |
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| Total: | 32 | 10 | 1 |
| Total Attendees: | 43 | | |

13 clubs represented with 32 Delegates, 10 guest 1 Officials 1 Speaker

Secretary Report:

April Minutes were read by Robert Belbin. Motion to accept was made; Seconded from the Floor. A unanimous vote from the membership present approved.

Treasurers Report:

Dee could not be here, Paul read treasures report to membership. Motion to accept was made; Seconded from the Floor. A unanimous vote from the membership present approved.

Bills: \$216.75 for awards reimbursement due Paul Johnson for Banquet. *Motion to accept was made; Seconded from the Floor. A unanimous vote from the membership present approved.*

Dues due: 0

**Motion to suspend the rules to allow Kelly Dooner from Taunton running for State Senator to speak. Motion to accept was made; Seconded from the Floor. A unanimous vote from the membership present approved.*

Kelly Dooner (R):

LTC and Gun owner and had her first pheasant hunt with her dog, both successful. Watched her father hunt and this was her first year hunting with her dog. Looking to advocate for us. Reform right to shelter law, we are only state not reformed this law. Migrant issue is costing use billions. Helped streamline the business bylaws in Taunton. Reduce high registration fees. Worked to double senior tax credit in Town. Help create senior programs in town. Lawn signs available on Friday. Will represent: Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, Dighton, Carver, Wareham, Seekonk, Marion. In real estate law.

Jason Zimmer, Mass Wildlife: None

Ross Report Mass Fisheries: None

Discussion by Paul:

1. **PCLS Banquet:** is April 20th at Camp Kiwanee in Hanson. 6pm start, meal at 7pm.
 *NO EARLY ARRIVALS! Raffle tickets are available now. *Dinner, Cash Bar, Raffles, Grand Raffle. *Need help setting up!* 3pm to set up. Jim Wallace and Guest will be there.

Jake Mcguiggan to speak, Allison Sullivan will be there late and Chris Reedy will be there. Table vote done. Raffle ticket money please turn in tonight. Thank you to Jim for all his hard work putting this all together.

2. **Bass ProFund raising Mass Conservation Alliance:** Need volunteers for May 5/6 to help sell raffle tickets at Bass Pro in Foxboro. Will sell at Banquet too. Lots of guns in raffle. Drawing May 19th. Please help out for a few hours. Hours 9-5sat and 10-5 sun.

3 **Gun Bill H4139:**in conference committee. Need 3 members to vote against it. the bill is dead. Need Joe lovely to vote against. Email, Call, write letters. July 31 is end date to get bill out of Committee.

4. **Goal Membership:** need new members 21000 members now; 1 out of 30 gun owners. Need resources to fight. They bust butt to get this Bill defeated. **More signs are available.** Goal is sending out 3500 letter in Lovely communities.

Southwick had meeting to close off Mass wildlife and other Hunting land. Goal sent out email blast to all local members and brought plenty of people to defeat that attempt to stop this. Middleboro was a great defeat because of GOAL.

Numerous retailers have donated. Carver and Wankinquoah made donations. Middleboro club too. Every dollar went into more signs. **Signs are available.**

5. **Fur Ban Bill:** S590 and H849 has been sent to study committees effectively killing it for this session.

6. **Middleboro Conservation Commission Meeting:** Conservation Committee met again Frank Dunphy and Paul attended. The Commission presented a listing of properties along with notations of present restrictions/bylaw or deed restrictions. We have asked for all information. Looking at these to insure restrictions are justified.

7. **Cape Cod Seashore:** No response received yet on Mark Tiso April 13 letter. The letter was very strongly worded. Paul read the letter.

8. Beaver Brook is now a deed issue. Jim used lots of his money to keep it going. Closed.

Member Discussion:

Migratory bird: Mass Wildlife talking about at Board Meetings. Later seasons, veterans, out of state guides and fishing. Using chuckers on cape on cape instead of Pheasants. Issue with birds being washed up and not being collected by hunters. Guide licenses are on table

**Please contact Mass wildlife to provide input of duck hunting regulation
Paul commended Ernie for his help in printing the signs and all his time**

Invasive Species: New Project Manager of DCR for invasive weed pull in nemasket.
Herring in Middleboro: lots found. Lots of water this year and waiting for it to reside.
Spotty in other areas. Some are being harvested and moved to other areas.

Motion to adjourn at, Second, Pass by membership present.

***Next Meeting is May 15 at the Scituate Club. 965 Chief Justice Cushing HWY (RT 3A)**

Minutes created: Robert Belbin

Attachments:

Mass Conservation Alliance notice

Letter by Mark Tiso

Email issues:

[John Sullivan \(jms340@comcst.net\)](mailto:jms340@comcst.net)

[kevin Smith \(samosetrodandgun@gmail.com\)](mailto:samosetrodandgun@gmail.com)

Fundraiser Raffle
\$5 Ticket, 5 for \$20
Drawing May 19th, 2024

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| Ruger 57 5.7x28 Semi Auto Pistol | Chartered Fishing Trip for 4, Westport MA, Little Sisters |
| Henry Goldenboy Silver Lever Action .22LR Rifle | Freshwater casting rod and Pflueger open-face spinning reel |
| Ruger .308 Scout Bolt Action Rifle | Daiwa BG Offshore Spinning Combo |
| Ruger Precision Rimfire .22lr Bolt Action Rifle | Cabela's 22 Quart Polar Cap Cooler |
| Savage 220 .20 GA Bolt Action Shotgun | Bushnell Prime 10x42 Binoculars and 1300 Rangefinder Combo |
| Stevens 320 Turkey 12 GA Pump Action Shotgun | Vortex Crossfire HD 10x42 Binoculars |
| Ruger American .308 w/3x9 Vortex Crossfire II Scope Bolt Action Rifle | Top grade eastern coyote pelt from Mass Trappers |
| Wolf V2-Stainless 24" Barrel.50 cal black powder inline rifle | Wall mount woodcraft American Flag w/2 hidden compartments, 18"x42" |
| 500 Rounds .30 Cal Ammo | Americana themed home-crafted set of pillows |
| 200 Rounds Winchester AA 12 GA Shotgun Ammo (8 boxes of 25) | Allen Company Camo Day Pack |
| 200 Rounds 9MM 124 gr FMJ Pistol Ammo (4 boxes of 50) | Kunde Wine, Sonoma County, choice Cab. Sauv. or Chard. w/2 wine glasses |
| 800 Rounds .22LR 38gr HP Ammo (16 boxes of 50) | Eton FRX3+ Self-Powered Weather Alert Radio, Clipray, AquaLite Adventure Kit |
| Allen Company Universal Gun Cleaning Kit (pistol, rifle, shotgun) | SpyPoint FLEX G-36 Cell Camera |
| Gamo Swarm Maxxim 10x Gen 2 Air Rifle with Scope Combo | |

<https://www.massconservationalliance.org/fund-raising-and-raffles.html>

Final

2023-2024 PCL Host Club Schedule

**MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH**

SEPTEMBER 20 SAMOSET ROD & GUN CLUB

350 Matfield St West Bridgewater, MA 02379

OCTOBER 18 WANKINQUOAH ROD & GUN CLUB

92 Pine St. Middleboro, MA 02346

NOVEMBER 15 HANSON ROD & GUN CLUB

126 Davis Rd. Hanson, MA 02341

DECEMBER 20 PLYMOUTH ROD AND GUN CLUB

225 South Meadow Road Plymouth, Ma 02360

JANUARY 17 UPLAND SPORTSMENS CLUB

76 Upland Rd. Plympton, MA

FEBRUARY 21 MARSHFIELD ROD & GUN CLUB

300 School Street Marshfield, MA

March 20 OLD COLONY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

159 Forest St. Pembroke, MA 02359

April 17 STANDISH SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

1 Burr Ln. East Bridgewater, MA

MAY 15 SCITUATE ROD & GUN CLUB

965 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy (Rte. 3A)

JUNE 19 CARVER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

127 Main Street Carver, MA 02330



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February 1, 2024

Jennifer Flynn, Superintendent
Cape Cod National Seashore
Park Headquarters
99 Marconi Site Road
South Wellfleet, MA 02000

RE: Upland Game Bird Stocking Program at Cape Cod National Seashore

Dear Superintendent Flynn,

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) has a long history of working cooperatively with the National Parks Service (NPS) on wildlife conservation and associated passive outdoor-recreation opportunities at the Cape Cod National Seashore (CACO). As you are aware, MassWildlife has a pheasant and quail stocking program to provide additional upland gamebird hunting opportunities to the public. This opportunity is especially important in regions of the Commonwealth where the ability to pursue and harvest wild upland game birds is severely limited due to the disappearance of early-successional habitat from changes in land use (e.g., farm abandonment), limited habitat management, and/or the loss of open space due to development. Hunters that reside on the lower Cape have very limited opportunity to pursue upland game birds absent a public stocking program, therefore maintaining this opportunity at CACO is of paramount importance.

To provide some additional background and context, MassWildlife has been stocking the area where CACO now exists since the early 1900s. In 1961, roughly 500 acres of state-owned land on the lower Cape, including several areas where pheasant were stocked, became a part of CACO via a land transfer for \$1.00 to the federal government. The importance of hunting as a traditional activity at CACO was emphasized in the transfer's enabling legislation and within the "Foundation Document, Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts." Unfortunately, in 2003, the pheasant stocking program at CACO was enjoined and the NPS was required to complete an Environmental Assessment to demonstrate compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Ultimately, the NPS completed an Environmental Impact Statement, and a record of decision was published in 2007 requiring a 14-17-year phase-out of pheasant stocking at CACO, resulting in the final year of pheasant stocking being completed during the Fall 2023 hunting season.

MassWildlife is requesting approval to transition to stocking of Northern Bobwhite (quail) in the same areas where we have stocked pheasants for over 120 years. Northern Bobwhites are native to Massachusetts, and this alternative stocking would provide the upland gamebird-hunting opportunity lost with the phasing out of the pheasant program. Further, it would maintain the long-standing and important heritage and tradition of hunters, sporting dogs, and upland bird hunting on Cape Cod. Such a stocking program is also in direct alignment with the NPS's mission to "[preserve] unimpaired the *natural and cultural resources* [emphasis added] and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

MassWildlife is hopeful that the NPS will work collaboratively with our agency to ensure that this important opportunity and longstanding sporting tradition from the turn of the last century continues.

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We look forward to working with you on this matter to help maintain our important hunting heritage and traditions in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Jason Zimmer, Supervisor, MassWildlife Southeast Wildlife District
Michael Veloza, President, Barnstable County League of Sportsmen's Clubs
Paul Johnson, President, Plymouth County League of Sportsmen's Clubs
Peter Bernard, President, Bristol County League of Sportsmen's Clubs
Wayne Adams, Massachusetts Conservation Alliance
John Kellstrand, President, Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council

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Paul <gspointer.1@59443689.mailchimpapp.com>

4/26/2024 2:50 AM

Need help

To bOB <housecallbob@comcast.net>

I need volunteers to help raise money for the Mass Conservation Alliance at Bass Pro in Foxboro on Saturday and Sunday May 4 & 5. The Conservation Alliance is funding the lawn sign campaign for the gun bill. We will be selling our popular raffle tickets over 28 prizes per ticket. Please volunteer a couple of hours of your time to help spread the fund raising burden around.

Hours Sat 9-5

Hours Sun 10-5

We typically like to split the work into 2-4 hour blocks with 2-3 volunteers for each time slot. Pick your own hours.

Please email me at GSPINTER.1@comcast.net or call 508-241-2333

Thanks

Paul Johnson