

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.

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Minutes of the meeting on January 5, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:18 am by President John Kellstrand at the Century Sportsmen's Club.

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Roll Call – Quorem present

President's Comment – Moment of Silence for Greg Moss (Mike/Shelia's son), Randy Julius, Dave Junior (New Bedford). Next month Joe Alfonso from the MCA will attend our meeting.

Communications: Update for Falmouth R&G received from Barnstable County League. Second Amendment sanctuary cities are growing, about 365 as of January 1. Speaker Pelosi continues telling lies about Children and Gun Violence a Fact Checker reported to the Washington Post. Aurelia Shipwith confirmed as Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A NY consumer group asking Hasbro to stop producing "Assault-style" Nerf toys. NRA Education and Training is raising credentialing fees. Black Friday, November 29th, had the second highest background check going back to 1998, 11 percent increase over 2018. Michael Bloomberg has released his top ten gun controls items : Universal Background Checks, Banning Assault Weapons, more Gun Trafficking laws, High Cap ban, War of Gun Shows, Expansion of Prohibited Purchasers' List, more Red Flag laws, opposes National Reciprocity, opposes Campus Carry, opposes Armed Teachers. January 2020 Wed Jan 15th monthly meeting of F&W Board, Water Supply Protection Jan 10 to address deer hunting on Quabbin and Ware River Public Access plan update. E-mail from wacked organizations keep coming to MSC e-mail for President and Secretary, averaging two to three a day.

Legislation:

Coyote regulations were passed by the F&W Board. Noted to take effect by the 2020 fall hunting dates. Details of the changes were read.

H.3926/H.4138 New bill for Waterfowl Hunting in Revere. 1500 yd set back.

H.754, Allows Bow Hunting in Wompatuck State Park but rules are set by DCR and not F&W.

The Council asked for an amendment saying that F&W must be the regulating body.

- S.461, Hunting near a dwelling no movement.
- S.2253, make up of Ware River Advisory Committee ordered to a 3rd Reading.
- S.2254, Office of Outdoor Recreation. Reported in Favor to Senate Ways and Means.
- S.990, Dog Tethering Bill has had no action, hearing on September 24th.
- H.767, Creates Sudbury Watershed Advisory Committee no movement
- H.1307, 40B regulations on building within 500 feet of WMA, no hearing yet.
- H.3866, consolidated Crossbow Bow, is in House Ways and Means.

Hunter Ed – Courses for 2020 are starting.

Ware River / Quabbin Watershed Advisory – Ware River has a meeting on January 16th. Quabbin completed a Lake Trout Survey in November. 130 Lake Trout checked. 142 were also checked at Wachusett Reservoir. Quabbin meeting was on 12/9. Paraplegic Hunt had 3 hunters and 2 harvested deer. Quabbin Park Hunt was canceled this year. The Board had not input on this. Next meeting on March 9th.

Forrest and Parks – no much for winter activities have been posted.

Marine Fisheries – Recreational Regulations on Fluke, Scup, Black Sea Bass published on 1/3/2020. Striped Bass Regulations for 2020 1 fish, 28" to 35" per day.

Unfinished Business – Web Site updates needed. iPage does not return phone calls about our account. Both Peter and John will stay overnight for the Boxboro and Springfield for the show weekends. Reports of +\$300K in damaged reports from the Farm Bureau. Reports are only from two counties, Franklin and Berkshire. Damage was less in 2019 mostly likely due to the natural foods (nuts) being available.

New Business - Super Raffle 2020 Raffle Tickets are now available. Award nominations for the Banquet Awards are needed.

Good of the Order –

April 11th MSC Banquet on April 11th.

Shows for 2020

2020 Show in Boxboro, January 24-26

2020 Standish, February 1,2

2020 Show at Big E, February 21-23

2020 Annual Banquet April 11, 2020

Adjournment – 11:37 am

Next Meeting – February 2nd at Century Sportsman’s Club, Auburn . We are meeting on the lower level.