

# Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.

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Minutes of the meeting on February 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:14 am by President John Kellstrand at the Century Sportsmen's Club.

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Roll Call – Quorem present

**MSROB:** Dave Morin spoke about the Big MOE. Solicited for a donation. Insurance went up from \$1200 to \$5400. Individual County Leagues and clubs are being solicited as well. Donators can set up a booth for training and education for no charge. Selling anything there would be a cost for the booth. NWTf said that their BB Gun Range is busy for six hours straight. There is free admission and free parking.

Mike Moss motioned to donate \$2000. Seconded by Ron Gleason. Passed.

**President's Comment** – Has anyone heard about the Sudbury Deer Management Plan? Dan McKiernan is the acting director of Marine Fisheries.

**Communications:** Most of the news is around politics, the SHOT Show, and new people in organizations. Regionally New Hampshire has bills to Anti-Shooting range bill and have anti-Hunters on the Fish and Game Commission. At the Buxboro show even though not a record event we sold a lot of pins.. Secretary Bernard won one of the big raffles from an attending vendor.

## Legislation:

Governor's budget printed. Right now there is \$16m for Fisheries and Wildlife, Habitat purchase is \$1.5m, EPO almost \$12m.

Bills have no movement. Legislature will now begin working on the budget. Watch for last second movement at the end of the session in July.

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| H.3866 | consolidated Crossbow Bow, is in House Ways and Means.   |
| 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.471  | Hunting from a tree stand  |
| S.2253 | Make up of Ware River Advisory Committee ordered to a 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 24 <sup>th</sup> .  |

- H.767 Creates Sudbury Watershed Advisory Committee has no movement
- H.1307 40B regulations on building within 500 feet of WMA, no hearing yet. Under advisement.
- H.3926/H.4138 New bill for Waterfowl Hunting in Revere. 1500 yd set back.

**Hunter Ed** – Courses for 2020 are running. Instructor thank you Pen and Date Planner was received. Instructors were being looked for a course at Bass Pro.

**Ware River / Quabbin Watershed Advisory** – Ware River has a meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Due to timing we could not attend. The next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Joe Alfonso was able to provide information on the meeting. Quabbin's next meeting is on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Mike Moss commented that sportsmen need to attend these meetings to show we care.

**Marine Fisheries** – Hearing Feb 13<sup>th</sup> on scup, sea bass, flounder at Mass Maritime. The wind farm reps will be at the meeting at Falmouth Fishing Association this week. Marine Fisheries has a new e-mail notification set-up. See the web page.

Reported that the early Marine abstract shows the Salt Water License is \$15.

Access advisory panel: Deer Island project is almost done. It is 160 feet and looks like the Oaks Bluff pier. Mike Moss had some photo's from the project.

**Forrest and Parks** – Not much for winter activities have been posted to the DCR website.

**Unfinished Business** – Bear/Deer Damage Project Don Graves and Ron Gleason will be attending a Franklin Farmer's meeting later in February. No reports from Worcester County and east. This is needed.

**New Business** - Ron Gleason asked how to reintegrate Worcester County League back into the council, and asked to open a discussion. Joe Alfonso, President of Worcester Co, is open to a discussion. Super Raffle 2020 Raffle Tickets are now available. Award nominations for the Banquet Awards are needed.

#### **Good of the Order** –

Worcester Co League has a subscription based calendar available to post events.

March 7<sup>th</sup> NWTF Pioneer Valley Longbeards Banquet in Northampton.

March 28<sup>th</sup> NWTF Tri-County Longbeards Banquet in Plainville.

April 11<sup>th</sup> MSC Annual Banquet and Ray Gribbons Award in Sutton

April 27<sup>th</sup> Bristol County League Banquet in Swansea.

#### **Shows for 2020**

February 8-9 Fishing Show in Westport.

February 14-16 Fishing and Outdoor Show at Mohegan Sun Casino

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| February 21-23 | Sportsmen Show at Big E,                 |
| March 14-15    | Mass Striped Bass in Hanover             |
| March 20-22    | Fishing & Hunting Show in Hartford       |
| March 27-29    | New England Saltwater Show in Providence |

**Adjournment** – 11:37 am

**Next Meeting** – March 1st at Century Sportsman's Club, Auburn