

**Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.**  
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Minutes of the meeting on October 4, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am by President John Kellstrand at the Century Sportsmen's Club.

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Roll Call – Quorem

**President's Comment :** MSC Banquet – issued refund checks to all attendees that had paid. 3 not cashed yet (\$465)

Raffle – The last 2 prizes have been delivered – Issued cash alternative checks. One Org Share check not cashed - \$73 (Norfolk Cnty). We have to switch to E-Mail of the monthly minutes. The cost and time is getting to be too much. Our bylaws say we have to send to all clubs. PLEASE PLEASE get us the E-Mail for your member clubs.

**Communications:** F&W Board meetings being held via Zoom, next meeting Tues, Oct 27 @ 9am. Renewal notice from lpage – masportsmen.org - domain registration, Due 10/25. Minutes from August received. GOAL has a new website coming online. Three new EPO were starting their Field Training in the Southeast this October. This takes 1 ½ years to complete. A few more candidates are ready to the next academy. Fisheries & wildlife Board minutes from August received. FBI Crime Data for 2019 still show it is not the gun's fault. Project ChildSafe from NSSF completed a 30 month initiative in Oklahoma City, MO – Memphis, TN – Cleveland, OH. 497,000 gun locks distributed, identified misleading data where 18 year olds are included as “children”, manipulating public perception with data that is not vetted, and highlighted a National Public Radio report which concluded the number of school shootings is vastly overstated. Customs Officers confiscated 1513 shipment at O'Hare airport containing almost 20,000 fake US Driver's Licenses. All phony names all registered as Democratic voters. Maine is facing another challenge for predator hunting including registration requirements, bag limit, prohibiting hunting contests, prohibiting taking of coyotes under 40lbs. Senator Chuck Schumer lost his cool when a heckler yelled “you ain't doing s\*\*\*! “ and “Stop lying to the people”.

**Legislation:**

H4346 Town of Mashpee conservation land swap –02/24 to 3<sup>rd</sup> read No Further Action

H.2 Gov Budget F/Y 2021 – nothing from House yet

H.3866 Comm ENR&A – Crossbows in Hunting. 06/13 Fav to H W&M. not optimistic about crossbow bill getting passed. No Further Action

H.754 Bow Hunting in Wompatuck State Park – agreed to amend, but does not expect further action, will refile with amendment next session if necessary. Hearing 06/25/20 No Further Action

S.2501 Sen Gobi/MSB Bow Hunting from elevated position not less than 250 ft from any dwelling – New draft of S.468, S.471, S.472, S.473, S.474, S.476, S.479, S.487, H.782, H.835, H.884 and H.887 – 03/19 Fav to SW&M No Further Action. Secretary Bernard send correspondence to Chairman Rodriques about this bill. He responded “Let see what I can find out.”

S2253 WRWAC Sen Gobi drops 2 orgs & adds 3 new – engrossed by Senate, House ordered to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on 10/15. No Further Action

S2254 Nat Res redraft of S484 establish Office of Outdoor Recreation – 06/13 Reported Fav to S W&M. No Further Action

H767 Rep Dykema Establishment of Sudbury Watershed Advisory Committee, MSC 1<sup>st</sup> org listed as a member. 06/13 reported fav to H W&M. No Further Action.

H1307 Rep Mirra WMAs & 40B structures – Hearing 12/03/19 No Further Action

H4610 (H3926/H4138) Waterfowl Hunting in Revere – Fav 02/10; 02/13 to 3rd Reading No Further Action

H2881 Add “nips” to bottle bill – 2/10 placed in study & immediately recommitted to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. 03/2/2020 fav to HW&M No Further Action

**Hunter Ed** – More courses being held at Field HQ. Fisheries Wildlife SE Manager **is** working on trying to set up a few field days in late October or early to mid November to provide a more convenient opportunity for those looking to complete a course that live in southeastern MA

**Ware River / Quabbin Watershed Advisory** – They are not meeting. Last items posted online were in early March.

**Marine Fisheries** – Just commercial stuff going on.

**Forrest and Parks** – No report available.

**Fund Raising - Super Raffle 2021.** Please send Peter Bernard ([ShootingPete@comcast.net](mailto:ShootingPete@comcast.net)) your Commitments for the prize from your league. Please not the same Gift Cards and Muzzleloaders. We know that is easy but let's give the buyer's something new. We already have a Henry Big Boy and a Bow for prizes.

**Shows** - Scheduled for 2021. Boxborough (January 29, 30, 31), Springfield (February 19, 20, 21). Contracts are ready to be returned. The promoters have not said if the shows are being held as scheduled waiting on the venues to say.

**Bear Damage Report** – A few reports from Bristol County have been sent in. Seeing photos of the damage looks like farm equipment mowed down the crop.

**New Business** - Proposal from Barnstable Co League regarding hours for Coyote Hunting and use of Rimfire Ammunition in hunting Coyote. One would require Fisheries and Wildlife Board and one would require legislation. The second item is addressed in a current bill pending in the Senate. This has to go to the member organizations to review/approve. (email sent on 10/12/2020).

Updates to be made to the MSC Contact List.

Would a Zoom Meeting help in attendance to monthly meetings? Tell us what you think.

Special Veteran's Only Hunt will be on January 30<sup>th</sup>. You need to have proof like your DD-214. More detail on F&W website.

**Old Business** – Website. Motion passed to start the process on a new site.

Good of the Order – Gun-A-Week calendars from NWTF are available for \$50. If you are interested contact the Secretary ([ShootingPete@comcast.net](mailto:ShootingPete@comcast.net))

**Adjournment** – 11:36am

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