

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.
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Minutes of the meeting on November 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at 9:46 am by President John Kellstrand at the Century Sportsmen's Club.

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Roll Call – Quorem

President's Comment : Moment of Silence for Marge Caryofilles, wife of Clem, passed away in September. MSC Banquet – issued refund checks to all attendees that had paid. 3 not cashed yet (\$465). With the posting of the minutes on the webpage we can stop physically mailing the minutes. Bylaw change will be needed. John and Peter spent an hour with Montague Webworks to set up a new webpage for the council. The webpage should be going live the first week of November. An e-mail announcement will be made when it is. The Outdoor Heritage Foundation website is offline. We are trying to contact people to find out their status. Dues notices have been mailed.

PLEASE PLEASE get us the E-Mail for your member clubs.

Communication: GOAL files a lawsuit against Cambridge, Stoughton, and Weymouth for not processing firearm licenses. The 2021 SHOT Show in Las Vegas was canceled. A shooting in Denver was done by security for a local news station – the person had links to BLM and ANTIFA, you have to watch who you hire. We are at 14,848,000 NICS checks through September. This is more than the number of total NICS checks conducted in any year before 2011. Kimber is moving its offices from New York to Troy, Alabama. Multiple stories about voter fraud

Legislation:

Town of Mashpee conservation land swap – H4346, On 2/24 sent to 3rd reading, No Further Action

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/MSC 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 3rd reading on 10/15. No Further Action

H767 Rep Dykema Estab Sudbury Watershed Adv Comm, MSC 1st org listed as a member. On 6/13 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; On 2/13 sent 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. On 3/2/2020 reported favorably to HW&M, No Further Action

Hunter Ed – More field day part of courses being held at Westboro HQ into mid-December.

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 – The hunt at the Blue Hills will be archery only this year. There is no shotgun hunt.

Fund Raising - Super Raffle 2021. Please send Peter Bernard (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.

Bristol committed a 50qt cooler. We already have a Henry Big Boy, a Henry Golden Boy, a Mathews Bow, a Cabela's Gift Card and a Leatherman tool for prizes so far.

Shows - Scheduled for 2021 have been canceled in Massachusetts. The NRA show in Pennsylvania for 2021 has been canceled. The Boxboro show will be merging with the Southern New Hampshire show in Milford, NH. The MSC is holding on a decision to attend.

Bear Damage Report – A few reports are coming in.

New Business - Banquet for 2021 is tentative for April 10, 2021. There will be two awards for Scholarship this year. Affiliation with the Sportsmen's Alliance is being renewed. As a non-political organization the MSC cannot support a particular ticket. A delegate has asked in absentia that you support Donald Trump / Mike Pence. This was passed along to delegates present. A few more updates to the MSC webpage before going live.

Old Business – Would a Zoom Meeting help in attendance to monthly meetings? Tell us what you think. Website. The Legislative / Regulation change from Barnstable will be moved forward for January 2021.

Good of the Order – Gun-A-Week calendars from NWTF are available for \$50. If you are interested contact the Secretary (ShootingPete@comcast.net). Remember that during Shotgun Deer season, animals can only be checked in online. There are no physical check stations manned by F&W personnel. If you plan to hunt Joint Base Cape Code, fill out the liability sheet before you arrive.

Adjournment – 11:10am

Next Meeting – December 6th at Century Sportsman's Club, Auburn