**Massachusetts Sportsmen’s Council, Inc.**

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Meeting for May 2, 2021 at 9:03am held via ZOOM by President John Kellstrand

**Send your E-mail addresses to get the minutes electronically.** **ShootingPete@comcast.net** **This will help us save in postage.**

**Roll Call** – quorum

**President’s Comments -** Jack Coughlin passed away April 17th. He will be missed. Barnstable Co. lost Bob Medeiros.

MA Bow Hunter’s have a new President. Ken Brown is now the President.

**Communication -** Check received from Century for $250, this was an MCA Donation. Message from Dave Wattles regarding the Damage Report. NJ did a report on Deer damage on Cranberries. Pennsylvania has a “Reg Tag” permit for farmers. Opposition against David Chipman for BATF&E Director. The Supreme Court will hear a couple gun related cases this fall. May 17th for the next F&W Board meeting. At the last Board meeting the Waterfowl hearing had its numbers approved.

**Legislation -** Bill numbers have been assigned. All but a few Bills have been assigned to committees. The Watch List has been updated and posted to the MSC website. The House FY’22 budget was completed but it has not been posted yet to the Commonwealth’s website. No update if bills will be done without hearing as previously rumored.

**Hunter Ed –** The was a request to have a presentation to the Board on Hunter Ed.

**Ware River / Quabbin Watershed Advisory –** 33 Forestry Projects for Quabbin Watershed and 5 for the Ware Watershed.

**Marine Fisheries –**

DMF Advisories.

Speed limit on small vessels ( less than 65’) extended through May 15th.

Trap Gear Closure in effect to May 15th.

**Forrest and Parks –** No major announcements.

**Fund Raising -** **Super Raffle 2021**. The drawing will be held at the June 6th 2021 meeting. Here is a reminder of what you can win. Get you tickets now.

1. Henry Big Boy rifle, .44 mag.

2. Henry Golden Boy rifle, .22 LR

3. CVA Optima v2 muzzleloader, .50 caliber

4. Cabela's Gift Card of $250

5. 50 quart Bison Cooler with two tumblers

6. Kittery Trading Post Gift Card of $150

7. Garmin ETEX 10 handheld GPS

8. Bass Pro Gift Card of $250

9. 10 ft Surf Rod

10. Foodsaver Vacuum Sealer System

11. 1 Day Fall 2021 Guided Turkey Hunt

12. Leatherman OHT multi-tool

13. Mathews Cruze 2 compound bow

14. Personal Fridge or Warmer

**New Business -** There was a news story in the Globe about the F&W Fee Increases. The MCA had a meeting and updates made to the fund raising for the Lobbying Efforts. Watch for a press release, a web site, and a donation web site.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report –** A list of damage has been collected for 2018, 2019, 2020. There is a new Deer Biologist coming on board soon. The numbers have been received by F&W.

**Nominating Committee** – Dan MacGilvray

**Good of the Order –** NWTF in Foxboro on May 22. Go to [www.NWTF.Org/Events](http://www.NWTF.Org/Events).

May 15th Town Meeting in Brewster will have an item to ban firearms discharge and hunting.

May 5th has a meeting at Brewster Sportsmen & Civic Club on Tubman Road regarding the meeting.

**Adjournment –** 10:44 am

**Next Meeting –** June 6th at Century Sportsmen’s Club in Auburn.