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

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Meeting for April 6, 2025 at 9:00 am held via ZOOM,

by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website.

**President’s Comments –** Moment of Silence for Stan B. in the death of his grandson. Request from Barnstable Co for Hall of Fame Inductee and Outstanding Achievement Award; this is moving forward.

# Communication – Fort Deven’s Gun Club wins lawsuit. Felon freed by President Biden on drug charges reoffends with more drug and gun charges, GOAL has created a video on how to make your town 2A friendly. Secretary Bernard attended the Worcester Co League Banquet. GOAL and the Civil Rights Coalition is having a presence at the Lexington Green event on April 19th and a dinner event on the evening of April 19th at the Regency hotel in Boxborough, MA. Grand Reopening of Gate 3 Boat Ramp at Quabbin on April 18th at 10 am in Petersham. F&W Board meeting at 10 am on April, April 29th Board Meeting for Migratory Bird Hearing at Westborough at 1pm.

**Legislation -** The 2025/2026 Watch List has been posted to the MSC website. Opposed to the Ban of New Fur Products, Deer Hunting in Wampatuck State Park as written, No position on Boating Access along with Ecological Restoration from F&W to the Secretary’s Office. A couple bills still need more review. Support the bills repealing Chapter 135 or parts of it, Crossbow change. Still waiting on Hearing dates for the bills.

**Hunter Ed / Fisheries & Wildlife –** Instructor course for Muzzleloading was held this past Friday. There will be four teams in the Commonwealth soon. Courses are being scheduled until June right now.

**Ware River Watershed –** Unable to attend.Next meeting April 17th at the Rutland Senior Center.

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory –** No information. Available. Next meeting is April 7th  at 6:30 pm. Gate 8 condition, report on 2025 fishing, Keystone bridge update are topics scheduled to be discussed.

**Marine Fisheries –**  Advisory Commission had their hearing on numerous species. Changes are due soon. There is a change on lobster size for Commercial and Recreational. The Hanson Milone Safe act / boating course is for every vessel with a motor on it. Your completion card/certification must be with you.

**Forrest and Parks –** no information available. Mt Grace Land Trust video is worth watching.

**Super Raffle 2025 –** Tickets are now available. Drawing is June 1st.

1. Henry Big Boy, .44 mag

2. Henry Golden Boy

3. Ruger 10/22 with scope

4. $250 Bass Pro / Cabela’s Gift Card

5. Athlon 20-60x80 Spotting Scope

6. $150 Bass Pro / Cabela’s Gift Card

7. 2026 Spring Turkey Hunt

8. 7’ Boat Rod & Case

9. Traditions Drop Breach Muzzleloader

10. Compound/Crossbow archery target block

11. SIG Sauer M17 Air Pistol

12. Cabela’s Blind

13. LL Bean Knife

**New Business –** Coyote season extension until the end of March is being requested by Franklin County. Delegate Don Graves will write up the request.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report –** The bear change proposal vote is expected in May.

**Good of the order –**

Tri-County Longbeards Banquet May 17th

Bristol County League Banquet April 25th

MA Bow Hunters Banquet April 12th

Youth Turkey Training, Falmouth April 19th

MBBA Learn to Fish Day, Provincetown June

**Adjournment –** 11:03 am

**Next Meeting –** May 6th via Zoom