

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.
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Meeting for February 9, 2022 at 9:06 am held at via Zoom by President John Kellstrand

Past Monthly Minutes can be found on our website, MASPORTSMEN.ORG,

CTO 9:06 am

Quorum present

Moment of Silence for Joe Cravalho from the Beach Buggies and Boomer Hayden of MA Trappers.

President's Comments: Had a conversation with Dave Peters to catch up on events. Feb 16th at 1:30 is the next Board meeting and Don Graves will speak about Bear & Deer Damage. No news of Board reappointments. Need to reactivate Middlesex and Norfolk County Leagues. Lot of Road Kill reports by the EPO. Jack Rabbit season stopped on Nantucket; not enough animals.

Communications: National Shooting Sports Foundation says 5.4 million new guns buyers in 2021. ATF was found to have 920 million digital gun purchase records which they are not supposed to keep. Huntstock Festival in Augustin Westminster. MA Audubon's [Beacon Hill Roundup](#) is being suspended until the summer. Report that some links on our website needed work but was found to be false. State House News says the Navy will not be cleaning up No Man's Land Island off Martha's Vinyard.

MCA: Banquet event on 1/29/2022 in Marlboro was postponed. Twenty Item Raffle going on sale. Maximum of 5000 tickets will be available. These will be on sale at Sportsmen's Show in Springfield. \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Legislative: Barnstable sent a letter to Dave Viera to see if he could get the reappointments moving. Governor's Budget: Section 60 Bow Hunting on Sunday, Section 61 is the Archery Setback. The F&W reimbursement for free licenses is not in there. Looking for favorable release of bills from committee. Fur Free Plymouth is supported by HSUS, Animal Defense Fund, Animal Rescue League coming up a town meeting. S.587 Compact Bill reported out favorably to House Ways & Means. MSPCA Animal Action Team's Illegal Hunting bill went to House Ways & Means.

Hunter Ed: No report.

Ware River and Quabbin: No report

Marine Fisheries: Marine Fisheries has some job openings: Full Time Recreational Fishing Tech for SE, Seasonal Marine Recreational Information Program Tech for North Shore and SE. Groundfish Management 2022 measures has closure in state waters for April 15 -30. Expansion of Gillnet closure to protect Right Whales, New Buoy Line Marking Rules for Commercial Trap Gear. Access in the Cape Cod Canal for a fishing pier was made.

Deer / Bear Damage Report: Missing fields on a few entries entered. Delegate Don Graves will address the Seven Person Board on February 16th. The report will be sent to Susan Sacco for the Board.

Forest & Parks: February School Vacation Programs announced. Public Hearing Sudbury and Foss Reservoirs Watershed Public Access Plan on February 23rd at 6pm.

New Business: With the snow storm the MSC did not attend the Boxboro Show. The Standish Show was canceled due to Covid issues.

2022 Banquet at Chester Tuttle Post in Auburn on April 9th, right off Route 20.

Banquet 2022 items discussed. A Henry Survival Pak with an AR-7 and an Engraved Buck Knife will be prizes. The Scholarship is still available. Do you have a Hall of Fame candidate? Let us know.

Super Raffle 2022: Tickets are available now. How many books would you like?

Adjourn: 11:34 am

Next Meeting: March 6, 2022