

**Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.**  
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Meeting for January 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](http://MASPORTSMEN.ORG),**

CTO 9:06 am

**Quorum present**

**Moment of Silence** for Fran Marini former Speaker of House passed away. Delegate Stan Bazycki's cousin passed away too.

**Presidents Comments:** Dues Notices have been sent out. Members Ties SW has been updated. Next Fisheries & Wildlife Board meeting on 1/25/2022. Nothing on member reappointments. Middlesex Co needs delegates. Norfolk Co League has fallen apart. Updates to Presidents comments needed in December minutes.

**Communications:** Lots announcement of new product announcements prior to the Shot Show 2022. Remington Ammunition has announced the reintroduction of the nostalgic favorite shotshell of shooters everywhere, Peters Paper, Trap, skeet, and sporting clays. Cities that had police cutbacks are experiencing increased homicide rate and President Joe Biden is blaming the guns and not the perpetrators. Accidental death numbers from 2021 show more deaths from Bicycles & Tricycles than from guns. There is proposed Bylaw in Plymouth to ban fur sales. The New York City DA told the staff to not worry about minor offences and focus on murder, Rape and Kidnapping. There is a list of questions to ask candidates for local office: Do you believe in the Second Amendment, do you believe that self-defense is a right, will you repeal local ordinances that infringe on the Second Amendment? Sportsmen's Alliance Megaraffle drawing this Monday.

**MCA:** meeting scheduled this Wednesday. Banquet event on 1/29/2022 in Marlboro at 5:30pm.

John was shot down when he mentioned the reimbursement of fees to inland fish and wildlife fund. Letter from Nature Conservancy and Trustees of reservations to support this.

**Legislative:** The House and Senate are quiet.

Report given on hearing that was held on Tuesday. Animal Rescue League, HSUS, MSPCA spoke against all the Hunting bills, about 15 were in favor. Secretary Bernard spoke about the Crossbow and archery setback bills and he did not read from a prepared statement like others. The bills spoken in favor were the crossbow, archery set back, Sunday hunting.

**Hunter Ed:** New courses at Bass Pro ready to be announced. Thank you pen and date book received. Hiring new assistant needed. It looks like Tim Bradbury is the only tech left.

**Ware River and Quabbin:** Meetings are starting to happen

**Marine Fisheries:** Nothing new to report. Webinar of Atlantic Mackerel rebuilding public hearing on 1/11 and 1/12. New Chief Ranger at the National Seashore.

**Deer / Bear Damage Report:** No updates. Delegate Don Graves gave some general comments.

**Forest & Parks:** Winter Hikes scheduled for Blue Hills, Borderland State Park, Wompatuck State Park. There is no report on the Blue Hills hunt yet.

**New Business:**

At the shows we will have a reel raffle that purchasers will be entered for purchase of 2 books of Super Raffle Tickets.

2022 Banquet at Chester Tuttle Post in Auburn, right off Route 20.

Zoom account extended and we go a 20% discount.

In lieu of not having a table at the MCA event we are donating a few prizes.

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

**Budget:** 2022 Budget accepted and passed.

**Adjourn:** 11:37 am

**Next Meeting:** February 6, 2022