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Minutes of the meeting on January 8, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:04 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 former Rep. Steve Kulic. Annual Report has been filed with the Commonwealth. New Secretary of Environmental Affairs, Rebecca Tepper. A letter was sent to the Healy/Driscoll team to support Ron Amidon.

Communication: There is a change in the penalty for firearms caught in carry-on airline baggage. It went up 7% on December 16th with a minimum of \$1450 to a maximum of \$14,950. The Sportsmen's Alliance MEGA Raffle ended on 12/31 with less than 6000 tickets sold; the 50/50 raffle is \$200K. President Biden caught in another lie, this time in Stolen Valor. A magazine ban of greater than 10 cartridges has gone into effect in Rhode Island. There are 4473 changes taking effect by April 1, 2023. Firearm industry sales prediction for 2023 is expected to ease back to 2017 levels. January 18th is the next F&W Board meeting at 10am.

Legislation: Sen Ann Gobi was requested to refile the omnibus bill. The Legislator Contacts have been updated. Waiting on some missing information before posting the info. Dave V and Ann G will contact legislators about joining the Sportsmen's Caucus. Dan MacGilvrey suggestion for a bill for hunter orange use on F&W Property for everyone. This was brought up before and failed.

Hunter Ed – New course format. You register for the course and are provided online information. At a specified date you have a "Field Day" and Exam. This is now a one day event at a club. Five Blended courses, Three In-Person courses are scheduled.

Ware River / Quabbin Watershed Advisory – Ware: Wants to have a meeting in February, the chairman put out a feeler on which date would be best for committee members. Committee member organizations needs updating.

JR Green is the new Chairman for the Quabbin Watershed. Bill Pooler is our delegate with Bob Segan as our alternate.

Marine Fisheries – Working on commercial regulations. Nothing new on recreational regs.

Access – No new proposals.

Forrest and Parks – The Stewardship Council is meeting on January 12th via ZOOM at 9am.

Fund Raising - Super Raffle 2021. Tickets are available. The first prize will be a Mossberg 940 Pro, second prize is a Henry Golden Boy. Adding the ticket information to the website.

Shows - Scheduled for 2023

Boxboro: Jan 27,28,29

Standish: Feb 11, 12

W. Springfield: Feb 24,25, 26

Bear Damage Report – A report from the Subcommittee was given at the F&W Board meeting on December 21st.

MCA – No meeting due to the holidays

New Business - Hunters for the Hungry will have more detail soon according to Director Tisa.

Mashpee trying to place restrictions on Santuit Pond on the Cape. Meetings were supposed to be set up and no one was contacted. This is going to the Town Selectmen on January 9th. Shallow Pond in Barnstable has an island and you can duck hunt and a complaint was made and the town posted no hunting. The Director of Fisheries & Wildlife stated at the last meeting that funds are needed to pay for environmental programs that DFW handles. The DFW received two grants for work in the southeast and northeast, \$1M and \$800K respectively.

Good of the Order – **MSC Banquet will be April 29th at the Tuttle Post in Auburn.** Looking for Scholarship nominee and SOY, both Gribbons' Award, Hall of Fame nominees.

February 18th at 1pm at the NE Boat Show hosting the Sport Fishing Awards.

Adjournment – 11:51am

Next Meeting – **February 5th** at location TBD