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Meeting for March 6, 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

President's Comments: Board meeting March 22 at 9am via Zoom. Marion Larson has retired from the Division. Survey from Southwick Assoc and MA Wildlife says this is a valid survey. No word on the reappointments of the Board members. Checking to see if the Governor and/or Lt Gov will attend the MSC Banquet. March 2 email from Doug Sousa thanking attendees for going to the show. Larry Adair had to contact a Doctor in New Brunswick to get a Covid Test to return home. You have to supply a Zip code and Canadian zip codes were not recognized. Lots of kids at the show this there. Articles in the Commonwealth Magazine had a good article. Ken Brown and John Kellstrand quoted. Globe article on coyotes had miss information on shooting from 250 ft from a dwelling. Joe Afonso was quoted in the article.

Communications: Henry Repeating Arms Celebrates 25 Years. As part of Henry's 25th-anniversary celebrations, the company is donating 1,000 Golden Boy "Silver Anniversary" Limited Edition rifles. Armed Citizens Aided Wounded Lawmen in Whatcom Co, Washington. Now Democrat lawmakers in the state legislature are feverishly pushing gun control laws that could ultimately penalize those Samaritans. Sandy Hook Settlement is being paid by insurance companies. Remington Outdoor Company (ROC), no longer exists.

MCA: Twenty Item Raffle going on sale. Maximum of 5000 tickets has started. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Monies raised are for paying the Lobbyists. Paul Johnson emailed a list of House Members and their contacts. John Kellstrand added Senator's information. We will post on the MSC website.

Legislative: Watch List was updated on 3/5/2022. Following up on the Legislators Book that will be online. H.4442 is the new Compact bill on Illegal Hunting. This was engrossed by the House and is now in the Senate. H. 904 and H.914 sent to Study. H.1015 sent to Study. H.1019 to study H.1024 and H.991 for crossbows is still in play. H.1934 Hunter Harassment in Study, S.508 Noise bill on Coastal Hunting for Migratory Birds favorably out of committee. Act to reimburse Inland Fisheries came out of committee successful. S.552 out favorably. Act to prohibit sale fur products went to study.

Hunter Ed: Trying to get courses started at clubs again. Safety guidelines for courses provided in the past have been rescinded. All currently posted courses are full.

Ware River and Quabbin Watershed: No report for Ware. As for Quabbin the MSC has been trying to add Bob Sagan as a delegate hasn't been successful yet. At the March 21 meeting 2022 fishing season prep and changes to boat launch times. Presentation on prescribed fire on watershed lands.

Marine Fisheries: Nothing for Recreational Fishing. On March 21 Mike Armstrong doing a Zoom meeting for Draft Amendment 7 on Stripe Bass.

Deer / Bear Damage Report: Delegate Don Graves addressed the Seven Person Board on February 16th. This resulted in a subcommittee being formed. Don was told that changes will not be fast.

Forest & Parks: Beginning Monday, February 21, 2022, and continuing through Friday, March 11, 2022, (excluding weekends) the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be performing timber deck maintenance on the Norwottuck Rail Trail Bridge at Elwell State Park in the City of Northhampton.

On Feb 23rd public meeting on Sudbury and Foss Reservoirs Watershed public access plan

On March 1st public meeting on the updated draft of the Resource Management Plan for the Myles Standish Complex.

Big E Show: Results provided. Vendors had good sales. MSC sales was down. The storm on Friday still yielded 500-1000 visitors. By mid-afternoon the crowd dwindled on Saturday and Sunday.

New Business: A person questioned Reward Program at the Springfield Show on how it affected him. The MSC would like to meet with Col Santos on the Rewards to get the word out to the officers. Should the Reward be increased?

Barnstable Co League – Town of Mashpee town article for discharge of firearms and the Town Manager got the article withdrawn, Harwich article to discontinue hunting on Bell's Neck, the town council has issues. This same article came up in 2015. No vote was taken. The town of Brewster could regulate so why can't Harwich do the same.

Work is needed in Hampshire, Middlesex and Norfolk to get the County Leagues in reorganized.

Donations of prizes for banquet will be accepted.

2022 Banquet: Chester Tuttle Post in Auburn on April 9th, doors open at 4pm. A Henry Survival Pak with an AR-7 and an Engraved Buck Knife will be prizes. The night will be dedicated to Dennis "Boomer" Hayden.

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

Adjourn: 11:50 am

Next Meeting: April 3, 2022