

Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Scituate Rod and Gun

February 20, 2008 meeting

Opening Statement – Ron Rice from the Scituate club thanked all for coming and hoped to see us next year. John thanked the kitchen crew for the great meal they put on.

Roll Call – 11 Clubs Represented 33 Delegates 8 Guests
Guest speaker – Representative, Tom Calter
Division of Fish & Wildlife - Jason Zimmer

Secretary's Report – A motion was made to accept the Secretaries report as written. Motion Carried

State Representative Tom Calter was invited to the Plymouth county league Banquet but could not attend. Tom sent the league a letter of apology and asked if he could attend another meeting in the future to talk to the members of the Plymouth county league.

State Representative Tom Calter introduced himself and welcomed any questions not just on guns and gun laws but any concerns any one had.

Tom started by saying He's kind of pushy on issues and some people don't like that. Tom said that it's not his top desire to be re-elected it's his top desire to have an impact on issues.

Tom also stated that "it is not important to him for us to know what he thinks, It's important for him to know what we think" so if there are issues that concern you call him.

Tom said he can assure us that he will stay focused, through our Lobbyist, on our issues and make sure they are moving in the direction that we want them to be

Tom said he has great regard for people that are gun owners and handle their guns responsibly. Tom noted that his son just became a police officer and went through more gun safety classes than he had to because he was bringing a gun into the house. This is the kind of responsible behavior that I value and know you value to, Tom said. Tom continued saying that any means or methods to try to control what people do in terms of there right to bear arms and limit them he is and always has been apposed to. Tom qualified his statement by saying he is for stricter gun laws for people who abuse the right to bear arms "lock them up for good and send them away"

A questions that was asked of Tom was what is happening with the lead ban bill (H783 & S558) Tom said the premise of the law everybody would agree with and that is to get toxic chemicals out of the consumer lives. The part of the law that wants lead out of bullets Tom said will be amended and it was never intended for bullets.

Tom said it's a common sense issue and he knows of other reps that feel the same way.

Other issues of concern, John asked about the transfer of power of the Division of Fish and Wild Life seven man board over to a different organization which the governor would appoint its members. Tom responded by saying with 8,000 bills up there, there is no way anyone could understand the details of this and when a bill comes up Tom will come to us and ask how we can work through it.

John asked Tom to look at the beaver problems and to help with the bill that Representative Green has in. Tom said he would be happy to sponsor the bill in the house.

John Kellstrand and Tom will get together on the Beaver issue, the ATV bill and the Sunday hunting bill.

Dee Bonney asked about the one gun a month bill the governor wants and Tom said that it will die then be refilled and die again. This has no chance of passing.

Tom gave his cell number if you would like to contact him. His cell number (781) 831-3221

Treasurer's Report – Dec Balance 10,186.00

Income – dues from beaver brook, Streams & Lakers, Hanson Rod & Gun, Standish Sportsman Fin Fur & Feather Raffle donation, Standish Sportsmans show raffle.

Expenses – 3 mo. of service charges.

Balance as of 2/20/08 is \$11,677.99

There was a motion to accept the Dec, Jan, & Feb treasurers report together. Motion Carried

There was a motion to pay the bill from the secretary. Motion Carried

Communication – John had a flier from Massachusetts Scholastic Clays Program. They are having a Raffle for ten dollars – No action taken

* Goal patriot freedom Volley- on April 19th fill you firing lines and at 10:00am fire one shot to commemorate the battle of Lexington & Concord. See goal website

* Goal to have a league dinner and auction Saturday, April 12th at the Lantana in Randolph. Guest speaker Wayne LaPierre and Chris Fox of NRA

State Council – John Kellstrand was not in attendance. There are still Council Raffle tickets available. *

Council Banquet is the same day as the goal dinner. There are still 6 seats available to go to the council banquet.

* John went over the information and the layout of the pages Plymouth county league is putting in the State Councils 80th Anniversary book.

* Remember to submit names you think should go on the PCL Banner.

* John thanked the following people for help at the Standish show: Bob & Eli Perrault, Dick Thorn, Frank Burke, Dave Bouldry and Bob Johnson. If anyone sat at the PCL table and is not mentioned here, we apologize, but are very thankful for your help.

* The goal raffle we bought tickets to, we didn't win anything.

* The young marines pulled the winning ticket for the Black powder gun we raffled off and the winner was a guy from west Bridgewater.

* There was a motion to buy \$10.00 worth of raffle tickets to the May 2nd Banquet of GOAL Motion Carried.

* Division of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner, Mary Griffin, recently had a death in her family. Mary's husband died un-expectantly. John sent a letter of condolences from the Plymouth County league.

New Business – appropriation of funds to Organizations we want to be affiliated with. The following organizations we sent money too.

1) GOAL Affiliation	\$300.00
2) GOAL foundation	\$200.00
3) Gun Owners of America	\$200.00
4) US Sportsman Alliance	\$300.00
5) Division of Fish and Wildlife	\$300.00
For the outdoor woman	
6) NRA-ALA	\$300.00
7) Citizens Committee for the	
Right to Keep and Bear Arms	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total for the year 2008 is	\$1,600.00.

John was asked, "what is Plymouth County League doing about not being able to buy Firearms and components from out of state. Ex: Cabelas catalog. They say it's against the law and they can't send it into Massachusetts.

John found that it is not against the law; it's the amount of paper work that is required for an organization to lawfully send components. You have to be a Federal Licensed dealer to send components into this state. If they are a federally licensed dealer you have to send them a copy of your License or FID card, Date of Birth so they can keep this on file. This is the only way to send components into Massachusetts. Cabala's said that it would be way too much paperwork and this is why they won't send components to Massachusetts.

NOTE: A 1960 Massachusetts law mandates that you must present your license or FID card when purchasing fire arms and components.

If you are buying from out of state, please send the companies name and Phone # to me so this information can be shared with others.

The organization **Taunton river watershed** have a newsletter that has been sent out and has a ton of events coming out which may concern some of you. To get on their e-mail list Type in Taunton watershed on your web browser and hit enter. Pick the first one and follow the directions.

Mass Wildlife Website.

Go to www.masswildlife.com too reach the home page.

Go to **PUBLICATIONS** and select Mass Wildlife Newsletter.

Go to the upper right hand corner under Search Mass wildlife and click on 2007 or 2008 news index.

Here are the Newsletters for the past year

* Marine Fisheries – 2007 non commercial permits for lobsters are still valid until March 31st . This is due to getting the new applications out late.

F & W Report – Right now, According to Jason, the only thing going on is the mowing of fields and trails down at crane in Falmouth

* There have been reports from fisherman that the fishing is good so far.

* The Otis hunt for turkey and deer. No dates for the deer hunt yet but the hunt will consist of 3 days Archery, 1 whole week of shot gun and 4 days of primitive firearms.

* Turkey season May 5th through the 9th Scouting is allowed anywhere off the base. You can't go on the base property until opening day.

* Brood survey reports found a significant increase in the southeast district. If you are interested in increased Turkey hunting in the southeast district you need to send a letter and request this from the fish and wildlife board. John to send a letter to the board to ask to have the hunting season extended for another two weeks.

* There are currently three known eagle nests. If you see any more please contact Jason

* Jason Zimmer and John to work together to bring Guest speakers to the next meetings

Ruddy Hillstrom from Wankinquoah said they had a “Packed House” at their last 3D shoot in January with 119 registered adult shooters and 14 youth shooters.

* Annual game, Saturday April 5th at 6:30pm Tickets are available from Ruddy.

* Anyone interested in commercial stainless steal kitchen equipment. Contact John Sullivan @ 1-508-291-2975

* Lastly Wankinquoah will be holding their annual ham shoot March 9th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm Public invited.

The next meeting will NOT be held at Old Colony it will be held at Plymouth Rod & Gun Club (Map and instructions Enclosed)

*** **The Secretary's New E_MAIL Address is: pcl_secretary@yahoo.com *****

Please send me your E-Mail addresses and I will send you the monthly minutes electronically instead of mailing you a copy. If you do not have an E-Mail address I will continue to mail it to you. This will save on the monthly cost of stamps & envelopes

Thank you

Submitted By: Jeff Sampson

