

Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Plymouth Rod and Gun Club

March 20, 2008 Meeting

Opening Statement – John recognized Dave Reggiani the President of Plymouth Rod and Gun and Bob McIver, a Delegate for Plymouth, for their work in getting the club setup for the meeting. Dave Gave tours of the new indoor range they just built. There was sound deadening foam on the walls, water flowing over the back stop and a new ventilation system. John thanked the Plymouth club for the excellent meal that was put on by Mama Mia's and for switching meeting dates with Old Colony due to a meeting conflict.

Roll Call – 13 clubs Represented, 40 Delegates, 5 Guests and Jason Zimmer

Secretary's Report – There was a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report – Expenses for the month were paid. Motion made to accept the Treasurers report, Motion carried.

Bills to be paid – \$93.94 to the Secretary for copies and stamps. Motion to pay bills, Motion Carried.

Communication – Executive Director, Chris Cox from NRA thanked the Plymouth County League of Sportsmen for the generous donation to the NRA Institute for Legislative Action.

State Council – The 80th year Anniversary book is being finalized and going to the printer. John Kellstrand said it was a decent show season but all the shows this year were low in attendance. The good news is they beat their ten year average.

* The governor's budget is good for all of the environmental affairs agencies

* Most of the bills that have been filed for this year, If not acted on, will have to be filed again in the next legislative year.

* John said we are losing a lot of good Reps and Senators this year. They are retiring and stepping down.

* John Fabroski asked John Kellstrand about the muzzle loader. Then question was what they consider a breakdown (break action) muzzle loader.

* In the abstracts the muzzle loader with a break action is considered an illegal fire arm during the muzzle loader season. Just remember if the muzzle loader has a break action it is illegal during the muzzle loader season.

Jason said he may have more information on this at the next meeting since he will have to be involved with the Otis hunt.

* Any inline muzzle loader that has a 209 primer you must have an FID or license to carry it. The 209 primary is considered ammunition.

* Council Raffle tickets **MUST** be turned in by the next meeting at Old Colony.

Old Business – Three Names to be added to Plymouth County Banner - **Alston Burr**, (Nickname Shorty), **Harold Morse** and **Eli E Perrault**.

Before the motion was made to add the three names Eli made a motion to add another name to the banner, **John Fabroski**, A motion was made to add the names presented. Motioned carried.

We are still looking for mail order companies that will send components to Massachusetts.

Send company names to pcl_secretary@yahoo.com

F & W Report - Doe permits have to be submitted by July 16. Trout stocking has started 3/11/08.

* Check off box on your taxes, Give the buck it helps the natural heritage endangered species program and helps division when purchasing land because of the endangered species on the property.

* District office renovations are being done – New septic system and new furnace going in.

* Looking for turtles – the district got some money to buy nets to catch **Blanding Turtles** at Burrage pond and Rocky Gutter. This is one of the most rare turtle species. It looks like a German helmet with a yellow chin. They are using the population of these turtles to justify additional land purchases.

Go to the Mass Wildlife website to look at the Turtle Jason is referring to. GOOD Pictures.

www.masswildlife.com brings me to their website.

* They are finishing up the annual mowing of the trails and fields in the Pheasant and Quail areas at Crane.

Next year they will mow Mile Standish so every other year it gets done.

May 5th – the 9th turkey hunt at Otis.

* John asked Jason about better access to Burrage pond. There was a long discussion (For and against) Better access to Burrage and other ponds Jason is going to go back to Division and ask about getting better access and may have some answers at the next meeting.

* The definition of a great pond is ten or more acres.

* Jason was asked about picking up road kill to get mounted. Jason's answer was to pick up the animal and notify Jason or someone at the district office and they will get you through the process of getting a mounting permit through Boston. The safest way is to call the Environmental Police and get permission to take the animal.

*REMEMBER it is illegal to pick up road kill and have it in your possession unless it's during open hunting or trapping season for that species.

Good of the Order

Dee Bonney (our Treasurer) went to Arizona to compete in the Winter Range SASS National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting.

There were 28 categories to shoot in and Dee took First place in the Grand Dame Category.

Out of 643 competitors Dee was one of only 39 shooters to shoot clean matches.

Congratulations to Dee on her excellent performance at the national championship and good luck at the world championships.

Go to this website for more information. www.winterrange.com

Next Meeting: OLD COLONY

Anyone interested in having the Plymouth County League meeting minutes E Mailed to them, send your

E Mail address to: pcl_secretary@yahoo.com I only have 5 people so far.

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