

Plymouth County League of Sportsmen

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Opening Statement – Paul Bonville thanked all for coming to the second Annual Plymouth County dinner. Paul thanked the kitchen crew and named all who helped in the kitchen and especially Brenda for her fine cooking. Paul also said he very much appreciated Plymouth county league for what it does for the sportsman.

Roll Call – 10 Clubs Represented 34 Delegates 13 Guests

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

Treasurer's Report - Dee Bonney was not in attendance for this meeting, No bills were submitted

State Council & Legislation – John Kellstrand was not in attendance for this meeting. John gave a briefing on the Current legislation.

At the Mass State council meeting Mike Moss had two guests from Worcester County. The guests were the former president, Ken Stinton and the current president, Dave More. They came to see how the council is operating and being represented. They are considering getting back into the council.

Peter Bernard, a representative of Bristol County handles all our hunter education questions and he stated right now there are over 20 Hunter Education Courses on the web site across the state. Jim also stated there were more than 4000 participants in these classes last year and Jim Kennedy, also a representative of Bristol county brought to the meeting the complaints about the restrictions being posted on the land of the state forests. These complaints had already straightened out by John Fabroski talking to the State agencies in charge of the state forests. As we all know from our last Plymouth County meeting it was for safety reasons caused by the amount of snow fall that had fallen.

The ATV bill has received a docket number which is #2584. Harsher penalties and heavier fines are in this bill.

There is a bill in that allows anyone in the military to have 90days after they have been discharged to renew their expired firearms license

The ocean bill S2281 has been redrafted and pertains mostly to commercial fishermen.

Senate bill #S487 requires reporting the taking of problem animals by the board of health. Right now the board of health can hire a designated person to track and kill the problem animal but they are not required to notify the Division of Fish and Wildlife so they can have an accurate count of problem animals. This bill will require notification of any animals taken.

Senate bill S806 is a Dog training bill that protects trainers from harassment.

Mass State council wants us to remind you there are raffle tickets still available.

Mass State council's 80th anniversary book advertisement deadline is February 25th.

Advertisement rates are: 1/8 page (Business card size) is \$25.00, 1/4 page is \$50.00, 1/2 page is \$100.00 and a full page is \$180.00

John plans on taking a full page that displays the Plymouth County back drop and under that there will be a brief history of the Plymouth County League and the things that we've done and have accomplished in the past 10 – 12 years. On the next page will be the sponsors that congratulated the mass State Council on their 80th anniversary.

Mass State Council banquet is April 12th. A table reserved for 8 people is \$280.00 but if submitted before Feb 29th it is \$250.00. There was a motion to reserve a table for the banquet. Motion carried.

Banquet is in Auburn

Old Business – The new names have been added to the new Plymouth county League banner.

They are: Arthur Merritt, Stanley Troupe, John Peterson, Ernest Ellery
Hall of Fame – Carmine Bonney, Al Bonney, Gill Costa

New Business – Important NRA NOTICE

There is House Bill # H783 and a Senate Bill S558 That could shut down all shooting ranges and use of lead ammunition for hunting, self defense target practice in Massachusetts.

Please read enclosed NRA notice.

If this passes it will jeopardize all your ranges and shooting, Hunting, Target shooting, trap shooting, pistol and rifle shooting anything that involves lead.

Call your reps and refer to the numbers above and tell them that they should oppose these bills not only because they affect you but all the businesses that are involved also.

DON'T WAIT CALL TODAY!!!

John attended a summit called teaming with wild life in Acton. The reason for the summit was the governor has submitted an environmental bond bill to be used for the Clean up of river ways, Dam removal or restoration, purchase of land, Etc... There is an estimated 40 acres a day being lost to building contractors this is an alarming rate of loss.

Enclosed is a letter for your club to sign and send back if you support this bill. It is being recommended by the division of fish and wildlife.

Standish sportsman show is on the 2nd and 3rd of February. Need help at the Plymouth county Booth.

Worcester show is from February 7th to the 10th. State council is asking for any help at their booth

Springfield show (Big E) is from February 21st to the 24th. State council is looking for help if you have time.

F & W Report - The winter Salmon stocking has finished up for the year. Fish have gone into long pond and little pond in Plymouth and Cliff, Sheep's and Peter's pond on the cape.

The second year of the cranes management is well underway. Cutting trees and mowing the scrub out. In the spring and fall will be doing control burns.

Preliminary Deer harvest numbers are not in yet. But the kill is up from last year.

Eagle count was done on January 16th. Numbers of the eagle count are not available at this time.

Sporting license are available now. Get your antler less deer applications and your beer tags in now while you're thinking of it.

Please participate in the youth pheasant program they are starting up again.

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Hunter Ed class starting on Monday February 4th and continuing Wednesday and Friday for two weeks at the carver Sportsman club. The class hours are 6:30pm to 9Pm

Go to the web site for more information.

Meeting ended 8:50pm

The next meeting will be Feb 20th at Scituate

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