

Plymouth County League of Sportsmen
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Old Colony Sportsmen's Association

April 17, 2008 Meeting

Opening Statement – John Introduced Dick Curtis, the President of Old Colony. Dick thanked the Plymouth Rod and Gun Club for switching meeting months with old Colony. Due to a meeting mix up the league meeting could not be held at the old Colony club last month. Dick also thanked John for making the phone calls to make the club meeting switch happen.

John thanked the catering company for the fine meal they put on. The catering company came all the way from Blackstone Ma.

Roll Call – 13 clubs Represented, 36 Delegates, 3 Guests and Jason Zimmer

Secretary's Report – There was a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written and corrected. There were 695 shooters at the SASS National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting where Dee took first place in the Grand Dame category not 643 as written in the news letter last month. Motion Carried

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

Bills to be paid – \$72.70 to the Secretary for copies, stamps and return address stamp. Motion to pay bills, Motion Carried.

Communication – Anybody that wants to receive the monthly meeting minutes by E-Mail please send me a note to pcl_secretary@yahoo.com .

On May 13th, U S Sportsman alliance is holding a youth program in Yarmouth port 15years and older teaching them how to shoot a shot gun, BB gun, 22rifels, archery, fishing, ETC.... They will be supplying everything needed.

State Council – By 2011 you will have to have either federal saltwater licenses, at a cost of \$35.00 or a state saltwater license, No price yet. Maybe \$15.00. Will be reciprocal with other states
Senate 1365, the bill that gives anyone leaving the military with an expired firearm license 90 days to get their license renewed. This bill looks very favorable.

Senate 2575 which would restrict lead sinkers ½ oz or less

Senate 540. This bill is to establish a wildlife commission. Bad bill. 9 other bills attached to this bill.

The council 80th year book is out and John Kellstrand will bring some to the next meeting.

Senate Bill 1401 - This bill is very important and we want to see it pass. It has passed the Senate and now it's in the house. **CALL YOUR REP** (See Senate 1401 bill enclosed.)

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/senate/185/st01/st01401.htm>

Plymouth County was well represented at the state council banquet. We had a full table plus Jason Zimmer representing the Division of fish and wildlife.

Mike Moss, even with his recent hip operation, went table to table and acknowledged all that were there.

Mass Sportsman Council 2008 Raffle ticket drawing is on May 4th at the next council meeting.

Tom O'Shea, according to the last state council meeting minutes, gave a summery deer harvest report. Deer kill preliminary deer harvest for 2007 was 11,125 in all seasons. The percentage breakdown is:
52% = shotgun
30% = Archery
14% = Muzzleloader

The projected deer density, set in 1983, is 12-15 per square mile except on the islands where it is 40 – 60%. This density goal was met in 2007.

The Black bear population has also grown every year. With 3000 in 2007, they're growing approximately 8% per year. Annual harvest is approximately 125 per year.

John brought up Recreational regulations from the marine fisheries and talked about fish sizes (see page 4)

Mass wildlife - Artist that want to submit entries for the 3 - 2009 wildlife stamp competitions. The dead lines are: archery and primitive arms entries are due by May 31st 2008 and the water fowl stamp entries are due June 3rd 2008.

You are required by law to be wearing your Personal Floatation Device (life Jacket) while in a canoe or kayak from September 15th to May 15th .. In over 80% of recreational boating fatalities the victims were not wearing a life jacket.

Old Business – Public access, discussion about Burrage and Blood pond

F & W Report

Go to the Mass Wildlife website. www.masswildlife.com. **Good site.**

- * Jason thanked John and the County league for inviting him and Bill Davis (Central District Manager) to join them at the Mass State Council Banquet table.
- * Still Trout Stocking.
- * Contractor finished at crane in Falmouth.
- * Eagle nests – two have been confirmed to have eggs.
- * Young Adult Pheasant hunts are starting up again. Get your club Involved.
- * There are 19 commercial deer farms and division is having a lot of problems with them. Southeast district has most of them. Chronic waist disease almost always associated from deer farms.
- * More discussions on what is legal or not with muzzle loaders. So far there is no case law with muzzle loaders. Make sure you have a license or FID card when hunting with a muzzle loader.

It was voted to have another banquet. We need to get permission from Wankinquoah to have it there again. The banquet would be the third Wednesday in October

A nomination committee was formed. John Kellstrand and Dick Thorn volunteered

Next Meeting: Upland Club on May 21st

A motion was made to appropriate monies for the Banquet bucket prizes. Motion Carried

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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