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**LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS  
MEETING 15 JANUARY, 2004**

***NEXT LEAGUE MEETING IS THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 19, 2004 DANVERS FISH & GAME 07:30 PM***

**MEETING MINUTES**

Roll Call:.....	Meeting Date	
In attendance representatives from: .....	January 15, ,2004 .....	Club meeting night:
Andover Sportsmen's Club .....	1.....	Monthly, Second Thursday
Association of Ipswich Sportsmen.....	2.....	N/A
Cape Ann Sportsmen's Club .....	1.....	Monthly, Second Wednesday
Danvers fish & Game Club.....	1.....	Monthly, Second Thursday
Essex County Sportsmen's Association .....	1.....	Monthly, First Wednesday
Georgetown Fish & Game Club.....	0	
Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club.....	0.....	Monthly, Third Tuesday
Haverhill Hound, Rod & Gun Club .....	1.....	Monthly, First Monday
Haverhill Ridge Runners Fish & Game Club .....	0.....	
Ipswich Fish & Game Club.....	0.....	
Lawrence Rod & Gun Club .....	0.....	Monthly, First Monday
Lynn Fish & Game Protective Association.....	2.....	Monthly, Second Wednesday
Plum Island Surfcaster's Club.....	0.....	Monthly, Third Tuesday

7 of 13 Present: Quorum Established

**LEAGUE AND STATE COUNCIL DUES DUE THIS MONTH: LETTER SENT BY POST TO ALL SECRETARIES.**

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League of Essex County Sportsmen's Clubs web sight at [http:// lecs.surfcaster.com](http://lecs.surfcaster.com)

A list of publications and web sights of interest to sportsmen:

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife: [www.masswildlife.org](http://www.masswildlife.org)

G.O.A.L [www.goal.org](http://www.goal.org)

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council [www.masportsmen.org](http://www.masportsmen.org)

G.O.A.L "MESSAGE"

N.E.F. Publishing Corp. "THE FISHERMAN"

US Sportsmen's Alliance [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org)

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Alliance 1-877-770-TRCA [www.trca.org](http://www.trca.org)

Massachusetts Wildlife Federation [www.masswildfed.org](http://www.masswildfed.org)

US Sportsmen's Alliance [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org)

National Shooting Sports Foundation [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)

**Meeting called to Order:** 07:30 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** No quorum at the Dec meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Not present, no report.

**Communications & Bills:** Will be presented at the next meeting

**Mass Wildlife Federation:** No report

**Mass Council:** No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

## LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

**Topsfield fair:** Joe

**Banquet Committee:** It Place and time of the banquet is March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Hilltop in Saugus. Tickets will be sent to all lead reps in the mail. (Done on Jan 12). The attached letter was sent to each lead rep along with the tickets. REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR, LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR, NON-SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT MEETING. A motion was made, seconded and passed that \$400.00 be set aside for financing the gift table prizes to be raffled; **each rep will ask his club for a donation (nominally \$50.00) toward the gift table.** Dave and Mike will purchase gifts.

**Youth Waterfowl:** Mike reported that Chuck Bell is assembling a program and we should hear soon.

**Marine Waterfowl:** Jerry reported that he hasn't been out much because of the cold weather, but there is a preponderance of geese this year everywhere. What's New!

**Marine Fisheries:** Jerry handed out a typed letter from the Andover club and a hand written letter was submitted to the league for action regarding the emergency action taken by then Division of Marine Fisheries on the coast line from Lynn to Marblehead. The letters suggest that ALL commercial fishing (including party and charter boats) be banned in the affected area. A motion was made and seconded to send the hand written letter under League letter head to the Division. After a long discussion including a long debate about the meaning if commercial fishing, the motion made seconded and by majority vote passed to table the motion. *(Note, Tom's opinion after listening to all this twice: The FAA makes it simple. A commercial flight is one in which any fee is paid for any portion of the flight except that a passenger on a non-commercial flight may volunteer to pay only his/her share of the fuel expense for that flight only. Obviously, the fishing laws are all screwed up and/or complicated as a result of the many compromises made to the law over the years because of competing factions. In addition, at the January meeting, there seemed to be many individual interpretations as to what the actual law is. Any possible resolution of the over-harvesting in this area will need to be carefully researched and in all probability be addressed to the Division on an individual club or member basis.)*

**New Business:** Dave reported that he, Darryl, Mike Moss, John Kellstrand and others have suggested that there needs to be improvement in the methods of communication among sportsmen. During the introduction of this discussion it was suggested that many Leagues and Clubs must be interested and that the Council must be interested. And that interested means make contributions. A motion was made that Dave be authorized to go the Mass Sportsmen's Council and propose a web site in the name of the Council. This new web site would be more interactive (possibly through the use of a chat room), complete and useful to clubs and leagues and would consolidate information from each and all throughout the Commonwealth and that the Essex County League would underwrite, with welcome help from other leagues, this effort to the tune of up to \$400.00 for the first a two year period. At the end of two years the Essex County League would revisit the issue but would, by that time, expect that the Council would be able, through its own means, to support the site. Initially Darryl Huttunen would be the web master. The motion was seconded and carried by show of hands.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to eat Dave's venison stew. Yum!

**COLLATION: Danvers did the collation for January, February is Essex County, March is Hamilton/Wenham unless H/W can convince Georgetown to show up.**