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**LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS  
MEETING 18 MARCH, 2004**

***NEXT LEAGUE MEETING IS THURSDAY  
APRIL 15, 2004 DANVERS FISH & GAME 07:30 PM***

**MEETING MINUTES**

Roll Call:.....	Meeting Date
In attendance representatives from: .....	March 18,2004 .....
Andover Sportsmen's Club .....	1..... Monthly, Second Thursday
Association of Ipswich Sportsmen.....	3..... N/A
Cape Ann Sportsmen's Club .....	1..... Monthly, Second Wednesday
Danvers Fish & Game Club .....	1..... Monthly, Second Thursday
Essex County Sportsmen's Association .....	0..... Monthly, First Wednesday
Georgetown Fish & Game Club.....	1
Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club.....	3..... Monthly, Third Tuesday
Haverhill Hound, Rod & Gun Club .....	2..... Monthly, First Monday
Haverhill Ridge Runners Fish & Game Club .....	0.....
Ipswich Fish & Game Club.....	0.....
Lawrence Rod & Gun Club .....	1..... Monthly, First Monday
Lynn Fish & Game Protective Association.....	3..... Monthly, Second Wednesday
Plum Island Surfcaster's Club.....	2..... Monthly, Third Tuesday

10 of 13 Present: Quorum Established

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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.

Annual dues and delegate lists have been received from the following clubs:

Andover Sportsmen's Club	Jerry Woodmansee
Association of Ipswich Sportsmen	None Listed <i>Barry Moore</i> <i>Bill Boice</i>
Cape Ann Sportsmen's Club	Bob Young
Danvers Fish & Game Club	None Listed <i>Mike Robinson</i>
Essex County Sportsmen's Association	Fred Hanson, III Dave Harbison
Georgetown Fish & Game Club	Bob LaFreniere Graig Owen
Haverhill Ridge Runners Fish & Game Club	David Lemerise Thomas Baureft Alan Lemerise

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Ipswich Fish & Game Club  
Lawrence Rod & Gun Club

None Listed  
Bob Bradshaw, Ron Hajj, John Hess,  
Bob Kalil, Dennis Noel, Brian Roberts,  
Al Williams, Lou Williams, Lyle Williams  
Ed Hooper, Emery Hooper, Ed Kleimola  
Ralph Bowdridge, Tom Mailoux, Darryl Huttunen

Lynn Fish & Game Protective Association

Missing as of March, 2004

Haverhill Hound, Rod & Gun Club  
Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club  
Plum Island Surf Casters

Delegates listed in italic were not listed  
on the Club's Notice of Membership Renewal

### PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY REGARDING ANY OMISSIONS, MISSPELLINGS OR OTHER ERRORS

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made, seconded and accepted as noted.

**Treasurer's Report:** No formal report made, status not significantly changed from last month.

**Communications & Bills:** Mass Wildlife Federation banquet April 23, Maynard Rod & Gun Dave will talk with Paul Kress regarding a communication from someone regarding mercury in water and standards governing same. Dave will report at next meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Legislative Activity:** S-1302 has been favorable released regarding tagging explosives. Now black powder will get complicated. And no one will want to reformulate for Massachusetts. Stay tuned! There may be some confusion regarding Black Powder training for youngsters under 15 years of age. Check with Mass Wildlife for confirmation.

**Mass Conservation Alliance:** A study group is being set up to study the role of the EP. Mike Yaciino will be a member of this group. We would all hope that the EP's will concentrate on environmental affairs. One answer we would all like to hear is how much of the EP's time is spent on non-environmental work. Stay tuned! As part of a discussion on youth training it was mentioned that Danvers has had a good result by starting with archery instruction. From the gist of the conversation it could be surmised that there are a large number of youth programs running concurrently in the state, but there seems to be no real coordination. In addition, there was some mention of state funding available. Dave mentioned fishing and archery as possible smooth avenues for child and parent involvement in sporting activities. Dave also mentioned inviting the BSA and GSA onto club grounds for specified times particularly for archery and black powder. There was a mention, I think from Larry, that there are some concerns with the BSA black powder merit badge program. We have discussed an many occasions the need to interest youth in conservation, hunting and shooting programs. Any bright ideas would be greatly appreciated. Any help that the League or any member clubs can give to the League or to MCA regarding existing or planned programs would be a great start. Getting this information available state wide would at least be a try. It was suggested that we all keep our eyes open for anti gun programs at schools. We could call for equal time.

**Mass Wildlife Federation:** The banquet is discussed under Bills & Communications. A motion was made, seconded discussed and passed to donate \$50.00 for the gift table at the banquet.

**Mass Council:** Banquet is April 10 and is a 75 year anniversary.

**Topsfield fair:** Joe reported that there will be training and persons available regarding fire and other emergency procedures at the fair. Joe will round up persons for this training. It appears that the fair will open one day earlier than usual. There will be more about this at future meetings. Stay tuned!

**Marine Fisheries:** There will be a proposal made regarding Stripe Bass fishing limits, but it is held up in the Governor's office and may not be ready for discussion at the public meeting. Watch out for Marine Reserve being formed in Massachusetts state waters. The freedom to fish act 2042, was put in study a few weeks ago. Another battle lost. Fishermen better watch out, you are about to become as abused as hunters!! As a point of news, if you want to petition a state commission for rule making, it must come to the

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commission in the form of a petition and the commission must then bring the petition before a public hearing. A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed with one abstention from

Chuck Casella that at this point that the League not be party to a letter being sent to the commission regarding closing a section of state waters to commercial fishing. This motion effectively closed a motion tables at the past two meetings.

There was a short discussion at the Council regarding use of nets in estuary waters for herring and bait capture. The League's position is that wildlife management be kept in the hands of the professional wildlife management persons and the League recommends no change from present regulations.

**Youth Waterfowl:** Mike Robinson and some others had assembled an information package for Chuck Bell in order to better disseminate and coordinate both Division and Program information regarding the Youth Waterfowl Program throughout the State. When Chuck's new position is established it is expected that someone at the Division will pick up this ball and continue. Stay Tuned!

**Some upland game topic was discussed here:**

*(Could we get information back from the Division regarding the success of the self stocking pheasant hunt?)*

There was some discussion regarding better placement of bird purchasing and the one day duration of the hunting permit. If there is a good demand we could maybe find a farmer or club who would wish to raise birds for local consumption.

**New Business:** A motion was made, seconded and passed for the League to pay for no more than 8 persons, one table at the Council Banquet.

Call your senator and rep regarding signing the letter to request the Senate President and House Speaker to allow votes on bills bring an FID LTC grace period into play and to rationalize the prior record portion of the law regarding LTC and FID permits. The Bills in question are H.814 and H.3682 respectively. Ask also that he/she support these bills.

**COLLATION: April is Haverhill Hound and May is Lawrence, June is Lynn .**

**FOOT NOTE: THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND ADDRESSES HAVE BEEN GIBEN TO THE TOPSFIELD FAIR MANAGEMENT AS PERSONS FROM THE SPORTSMAN'S BUILDING WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SAFETY TRAINING:**

Larry McBeth  
Bill Boice  
James Wallace  
Joe Wyka  
Tom Walsh  
Dave Harbison  
Liz Wyka  
Curious Creatures person  
Peter Graves