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**LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS  
MEETING, 20 JANUARY, 2005**

***NEXT LEAGUE MEETING IS THURSDAY  
FRBRUARY 17, 2005 DANVERS FISH & GAME 07:30 PM***

**MEETING MINUTES**

| Roll Call:.....                                | Meeting Date           |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| In attendance representatives from: .....      | January 20, 2005 ..... | Club meeting night:                             |
| Andover Sportsmen's Club .....                 | 0.....                 | Monthly, Second Thursday                        |
| Association of Ipswich Sportsmen.....          | 1.....                 | N/A   |
| Cape Ann Sportsmen's Club .....                | 0.....                 | Monthly, Second Wednesday                       |
| Danvers Fish & Game Club .....                 | 2.....                 | Monthly, Second Thursday                        |
| Essex County Sportsmen's Association .....     | 1.....                 | Monthly, First Wednesday                        |
| Georgetown Fish & Game Club.....               | 1                      |   |
| Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club.....            | 2.....                 | Monthly, Third Tuesday                          |
| Haverhill Hound, Rod & Gun Club .....          | 2.....                 | Monthly, First Monday, 07:30 PM                 |
| Haverhill Ridge Runners Fish & Game Club ..... | 0.....                 | Monthly, Second Sunday, 10:00 AM X Mother's Day |
| Ipswich Fish & Game Club.....                  | 0.....                 |   |
| Lawrence Rod & Gun Club .....                  | 1.....                 | Monthly, First Monday                           |
| Lynn Fish & Game Protective Association.....   | 2.....                 | Monthly, Second Wednesday                       |
| Plum Island Surfcasters Club.....              | 1.....                 | Monthly, Third Tuesday                          |

9 of 13 Present: Quorum Established

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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)

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**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from November meeting were approved by motion seconded, discussed and approved without amendment.

**Treasurers Report:** Read and approved by motion made, seconded and approved by acclimation.

**Communications:** *I checked with the secretary of state regarding our report status.*

**Mass Council:** There is grant money available called the Land Owner Incentive Plan. Check the Mass Wildlife web site for additional information. The council has floated an idea regarding assessing clubs on a per member basis of \$5.00. The idea of a check off on the club applications was floated. The general consensus of the representatives was that no required contribution other than the existing would be approved by club membership. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Council be given a no confidence declaration from the League regarding this issue.

## LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

**YOUTH UPLAND GAME AND WATER FOWL HUNTS:** Participants must take and pass the Hunter Education Course. The dates of the hunts have not yet been announced. If interested contact Mike Robinson at 781-598-1196. Ages of kids for these hunts is 15-18

**MASS WILDLIFE FEDERATION:** There will be no banquet this year.

**TOPSFIELD FAIR:** Al Craig will be at the banquet in March. A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide Al with a complimentary ticket. Motion made, seconded and passed to provide \$80.00 for the annual \$H banquet sponsorship and for two tickets for Joe Wyka.

**BANQUET:** A motion was made, seconded and passed that if a club has more than 8 persons coming that the additional persons be allowed to be at \$25.00 each if the check comes in one lump from the club. There was a donation from Hamilton/Wenham of \$400.00 for the gift table. There has been a gift of a \$300.00 charter from Chuck Casella for a salt water fishing charter. The following will be sent to all clubs as a separate item.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PICKED UP TICKETS FOR YOUR CLUB PLEASE CONTACT TOM WALSH AT 978-462-4782 AND THEY WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.**

**Captain Chuck Casella will donate a half-day trip aboard CAN-DO CHARTERS to be used for the 2005 season. Date of charter will be determined on mutual availability and will be limited to 4 passengers. Charter home port is Winthrop, MA and fishing will be conducted in Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay. All bait and fishing equipment will be included.**

**FISHING:** In order to alleviate the annual cod and ground fish problem off Nahant and Gloucester the Division is to be holding a user panel to set in concrete a plan for a solution to this problem of heavy gill netting at this annual fish concentration. Expect some new legislation to be proposed from the Governor's office regarding fisheries. This action is the result of the Ocean Management Task Force report given to the secretary. Expect a public hearing announcement for a hearing at the end of March regarding striped bass commercial fishing. There are presently no recommendations from the Division regarding curbing of recreational fishing. No news regarding licensing fees for recreational salt water fishing.

**TRAPPING:** There are two pieces of legislation of importance to trappers and other sportsmen. Mark Carron is sponsoring a bill that would give us back the gripping traps prohibited by 131 Section 80A. George Peterson also has a bill that would give us back gripping traps. To offer support call Mark Carron at 617 722 2800 X 8569. Call this number in support of the trapping bill, these bills have not yet been numbered.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Scholarship Fund and Scholarships:** Project for this month is to contact all 32 high schools in Essex County and send letters and applications to each and all.

There was along discussion regarding requirements of farmers using WMA resources specifically at William Forward, Kents Island. In brief, if you know of a farmer who wants to use lands on said WMA for crop growing have him/her contact Pat Huckery at Mass Wildlife. New contracts are to be written this summer.

**Good of the Order:** There are a number of events coming up at various clubs. Fishing derby at HHRG on Jan 23 (*subsequently postponed until Feb 13 due to weather on the 23<sup>rd</sup>*); Fishing derby at Georgetown on Jan 30; Bow Hunter Ed April 16, Hunter Ed starting March 15; Muzzle loader Hunter Safety at Parker River Refuge HQ ( by Plum Island Airport) starting Feb 22; Lynn will have a game super at the Lynn K of C on March 12.

No old or new business discussed, Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed.

**COLLATION has been getting short shrift for the past few months. the last one i remember was Haverhill HRG. For February let's have Lawrence do it and I'll be more careful to get clubs listed on the front of the mailer.**