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**LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS
MEETING 20 MARCH, 2003**

***NEXT LEAGUE MEETING IS THURSDAY
APRIL 17, 2003 DANVERS FISH & GAME 07:30 PM***

MEETING MINUTES

Roll Call:.....	Meeting Date	
In attendance representatives from:	March 20, 2003	Club meeting night:
Andover Sportsmen's Club	na.....	Monthly, Second Thursday
Association of Ipswich Sportsmen.....	na.....	N/A
Cape Ann Sportsmen's Club	na.....	Monthly, Second Wednesday
Danvers fish & Game Club.....	na.....	Monthly, Second Thursday
Essex County Sportsmen's Association	na.....	Monthly, First Wednesday
Georgetown Fish & Game Club.....	na	
Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club.....	na.....	Monthly, Third Tuesday
Haverhill Hound, Rod & Gun Club	na.....	Monthly, First Monday
Haverhill Ridge Runners Fish & Game Club	na.....	
Ipswich Fish & Game Club.....	na.....	
Lawrence Rod & Gun Club	na.....	Monthly, First Monday
Lynn Fish & Game Protective Association.....	na.....	Monthly, Second Wednesday
Plum Island Surfcaster's Club.....	na.....	Monthly, Third Tuesday

8 of 13 Present: Quorum Established, tally fro each club not noted

Chuck Bell, Mass Wildlife, Present as guest.

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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

G.O.A.L www.goal.org

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council www.masportsmen.org

G.O.A.L "MESSAGE"

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

US Sportsmen's Alliance www.ussportsmen.org

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Alliance 1-877-770-TRCA www.trca.org

Massachusetts Wildlife Federation www.masswildfed.org

US Sportsmen's Alliance www.ussportsmen.org

National Shooting Sports Foundation www.nssf.org

Meeting called to Order: 07:35 p.m.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of February, 2003 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was distributed to the body. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

Communications & Bills: No Report

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Chuck Bell reported that there will be fish stockings later in the year and that the number of fish to be stocked will be greater than normal. 5-8 pound salmon have been stocked in Lake Saltonstall (Pug Pond) and Forest lake, about 40 in each lake.

Banquet Committee: Ticket sales were not as good as expected. There were actually a number of tickets purchased at the door and overall sales covered the cost of the food. The banquet, excepting the money lost in September, broke even.

Marine Fisheries: There are two meetings planned for April, one on marine protected areas and one on striped bass.

Topsfield fair: The annual 4H banquet was held. No mention was made of the sportsmen's building..

Old Business: No old business reviewed.

New Business: A meeting was set up by GOAL and held on March 18. Participating were representatives from most County Leagues, Mass Council, GOAL and other sporting and conservation organizations. A coalition made up of environmentalists, conservationists, sportsmen and other groups is being formed in order to respond to the MA Governor's FY04 budget proposal. Former Environmental Secretary, Bob Durand has formed a consulting firm and will be working for the coalition for about \$80k for the next 14 months of the legislative session.. The first order of business will be to stop the FY04 Governor's consolidation of Environmental Protection, Environmental Police, Fisheries and Wildlife, Forests and Parks, etc. under one person, a political appointee. Durand's group will also be working on all bills of interest to sportsmen.

Goal has pledged \$10k, Worcester County \$5k, Mass Wildlife Federation \$500 and Essex County League \$3000 to be used solely for the purposes as stated above. The monies will be sent to Mass Council for use only by the coalition.

All member clubs are encouraged to hold fund raising events to support the coalition through the Mass Council.

For more information regarding the Governor's proposal, please read the article by Jim Wallace in the April, 2003 "Outdoor Message", a publication of the Gun Owners' Action League.

Bob Durand is presently the Secretary of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and was, for 6 years the elected State Representative for Middlesex-Worcester. His pro sportsmen, pro environment credentials are without equal in Massachusetts.

Good of the Order: On April 20 there will be a fishing derby at Sluice Pond in Lynn.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed

COLLATION: ; By consensus the League decided to leave clubs that never show up from the collation list. Mar. Haverhill Hound, Rod & Gun; Apr. Lawrence Rod & Gun; May Lynn Fish & Game Protective Assoc