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**LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS  
MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER, 2003**

***NEXT LEAGUE MEETING IS THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 16, 2003 DANVERS FISH & GAME 07:30 PM***

**MEETING MINUTES**

Roll Call:.....Meeting Date  
In attendance representatives from: ..... May 15, 2003 ..... Club meeting night:  
Andover Sportsmen's Club .....0..... Monthly, Second Thursday  
Association of Ipswich Sportsmen.....2..... N/A  
Cape Ann Sportsmen's Club .....0..... Monthly, Second Wednesday  
Danvers fish & Game Club .....1..... Monthly, Second Thursday  
Essex County Sportsmen's Association .....0..... Monthly, First Wednesday  
Georgetown Fish & Game Club.....0  
Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club.....2..... 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.....4..... Monthly, Second Wednesday  
Plum Island Surfcasters Club.....1..... Monthly, Third Tuesday

7 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.**

The League welcomed guests from:

CAMOKIDZ, Mike Haye & Tim Lajoie, PO Box 11, 46 State Road, Baldwinville, MA 01436;

Friends of the NRA Committee, Dave Haloon, 14 Blackhorse Lane, Burlington, MA 01803;

The Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Chuck Bell.

G.O.A.L. & The Mass Conservation Alliance, Jim Wallace

**CAMOKIDZ**

Many Sportsmen and many of the club representatives are familiar with the activities of the CAMOKIDZ, and their activities have been discussed at prior meetings. The Directors mentioned above are interested in obtaining protection under the League's 501 C4 corporation identity, but after some discussion it was discovered that the KIDZ really need a 501 C4 organization. A motion was made and seconded to allow the KIDZ to use the League 501 C4 organization of League and if the League is subjected to no additional liability risk.

Jim Wallace suggested that the Directors contact him at the G.O.A.L. office and he will suggest a source of legal competence to aid the directors in the formation of the proper organization in order that the KIDZ be able to receive tax deductible corporate donations. While no formal motion has been found in the League minutes, the League stated that the KIDZ would obtain League support in completing the required organizational structure.

## LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

### **FRIENDS OF THE NRA COMMITTEE**

The mission of the Friends of the NRA is to raise money. 50% of the money raised goes into NRA programs such as Eddie Eagle and related programs; the other 50% comes back to clubs.

Grants are available from the NRA to clubs for ranges, roads, clubhouse etc. Some usage of the facilities for the good of the general public is required to obtain grants. For details contact Dave Haloon. Grants can be extended beyond one year.

The committee needs volunteers to help in raising funds, again contact Dave Haloon.

### **MASS DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

September 27, Martin Burns Youth Hunt: paper describing the hunt was distributed, Seminar to be held at the Danvers Club on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Participants must break 5 out of ten clay birds to qualify and will need a certificate from a Club that the shooting requirement has been met.

October 25 will be the date of the Parker River Youth Waterfowl Hunt. The required seminar will be at the Parker river refuge on 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

There will be a paraplegic hunt at Fort Devins on October 30 through November 1, 2003. Applications are available from Mass Wildlife. Applications must be mailed in by 20 October and your permit will be back to you by 27 October.

He announced that the Mass Outdoor Exposition will be held at Hamilton Rod & Gun club in Sturbridge, MA.

Antlerless permits are available but some of the procedures are a bit complicated. Chuck passed out a paper describing the procedure.

There is a Q&A page on the web sight.

Trout stocking information is not yet available and will be on the web sight.

Obviously there are some real issues at the Department regarding staffing and the governors (note lower case g, it was not inadvertent) raid on funding from license and Pitman-Robinson funds.

### **G.O.A.L. & THE MASS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE**

Next week there will be a Mass Fisheries and Wildlife Board meeting where program cuts will be discussed. The cut to the division was 7%. Early retirements will reduce the department work force from 170 to 106. The inland fisheries and land stamp funds are gone. There was legislation passed to protect these monies where ever they have gone, but the belief now is that the money is gone and spent. If the Federal Government determines that the state is in violation Dingals-Johnson & Wallace-Roe acts then the state will lose all federal funding of that type. The immediate effect will be a reduction of the Fisheries and Wildlife budget by 60% thereby making it defunct. Hold on for a possible strong drive from the Alliance to attack the state on these subjects.

**Secretary's Report:** No minutes taken at the June meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Report passed out to representatives and discussed. Motion to accept is made seconded and passed by acclamation.

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

**Mass Wildlife Federation:** No report

**Mass Council:** No report

**Marine Fisheries:** Larry gave a good presentation, but it was lost on the tape

**Topsfield fair:** Joe passed out some passes and we filled about 50% of the booth time. There will be a work party on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> for a final set up of the booths. Tickets have been distributed for the raffle and there will be an additional 1000 made for the fair. Joe was given a check for \$50.00 to cover doughnut and coffee expenses at the fair.

**Banquet Committee:** It was discussed and the conclusion was that Tom and Dave will pick a date and we'll all agree to it at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed

If I've left anything important out, see me at the next meeting and I'll modify the minutes. TWW

**COLLATION: Andover Sportsmen didn't show up and there was no collation. Next is October, Association of Ipswich Sportsmen.; November, Cape Ann Sportsmen; December, Danvers Fish & Game**