



WILDLIFE ACTION

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DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

- Logging activity has been active for the last two weeks. The range will be closed through at least Wednesday. Watch the calendar for updates on range availability.

PIONEER DAY UPDATE

- o There were 40 – 50 visitors
- o 17 RSO's were helping at the event
- o The birdhouse activity was very popular
- o Tyler Wright's falconry demonstrations and the hay rides were very well received
- o Dennis Wade made the recommendation that we consider offering the Swift Creek property to use as a wildlife refuge.

TRAP HOUSE UPDATE

- o Logging required to expand the trap range is nearly done.
- o When the logging is finished, we can build the permanent house for the trap machine. The next step is to dig the hole.

200-YARD RANGE UPDATE

- o We shouldn't expect the loggers to do much more than they already have.
- o A bulldozer and qualified operator are needed to proceed (should assume 2-3 days).
- o Cost estimates are needed before funding options are determined.
- The main entry road is becoming increasingly rough. Dennis Wade made a motion to bring in a load of dirt to smooth it out. The motion was approved.
- Deer on the WLA property are moving well in some locations. If anyone is interested in hunting, contact Dennis Wade.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- o There were roof repair expenses of \$600 last month.
- o We currently have \$7,549 in checking and \$3,533 in savings.

- o The Hunt Club has \$3,189.
 - o A \$2,200 lease payment is due in December.
 - o 2020 park usage fees for all members are due NOW.
- There was discussion about compensating George Lee for the electrical bill for the well (pump). A motion was made to pay George Lee \$300 in a lump sum at the beginning of the year to cover the annual cost. The motion was approved.
- Education update: Southland Gunworks has been getting a lot of Browning Auto-5s coming in for service lately. In many cases the buttstock and forearm are cracked because of improper reassembly by the owner.

CRSO REPORT

- o The front gate must always be open while the range is in use so that emergency vehicles can access if needed.
 - o RSO's should restrict lane usage if there are too many shooters on the line to monitor safely.
 - o Some current RSO's are expected to roll off at the end of this year for various reasons.
 - o Reminder that the guest access rules are intended to encourage new members and the privilege should not be abused.
- Larry Davis noted that we currently have 148 active chapter members and 30 of those are life members.
- All members are encouraged to attend the January 2020 meeting, when all board members and officers will be elected.

Next Meeting January 12, 2020 at 2:30 PM