



# WILDLIFE ACTION

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## JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### WEB HOSTING SERVICES

David Evans texted the board on Friday afternoon, July 13, 2019, asking their approval to update the club's web hosting service which would result in a savings of \$252 over three years compared to the current service plan. After several questions and one person saying this should be decided at the board meeting. Charles made a motion to update to the new plan followed by Keith 2nding the motion. The motion passed with five yes votes. The plan was updated on Saturday the date of renewal.

Dennis Wade chided David Evans' for his handling of the recent renewal of the club web hosting services saying that matters pertaining to spending the club's money are to be brought to the board for discussion and approved, not by text messages.

Dennis Wade address the group saying that 85% of the bridge to the river was completed. He estimated that \$502 were spent on the bridge and that was taken from the hunting account.

### 200 YARD RANGE

Dennis is going to talk to the loggers about building berms. The last time it cost about \$800 to build berms. The range will be closed during login operations in the area of the ranges.

Ron asked Dennis what the loggers were doing? Dennis responded by saying they were thinning the pines. The area around the pond on the hunting side is protected by a buffer zone. Dennis said he would contact the loggers the first part of the week. The rifle range is to be extended on the left-hand side. During logging operations behind the ranges a "Range Closed" sign will be on the gate.

Dennis asked that we have a fundraiser to compensate the property owners for additional usage. Dennis said that around \$2000 has been invested in the property with additional work to be done. Dennis said that hunting side money can be used to completely 200 yard range (bridge loan).

### TRAPHOUSE

Steve told the group that the traphouse would have to move 16 yards closer to the tree line to have an adult firing line. Additional trees would need to be removed.

The traphouse would require about \$1000 to build and is still unfunded at this point.

Dennis said that the 200 yard range takes priority unless the traphouse gets funding.

Dennis made a motion that we make the traphouse a secondary priority and the 200 yard range the top priority at this time, Charles seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Trap coach, Rodney said that he will bring the need to have a fund raiser up to the trap team if we will quantify the need. Steve assured the group trap shooting activity will continue whether there is a trap house or we continue to use the current (temporary) configuration.

Dennis said there would be more use out of a 200 yard range than the trap facility. Ron ask if there's a budget for the range. A Motion was approved unanimously by the board members.

## **DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE**

Denis asked that if were being RSO to bring some loppers or pole saw to trim some of the lower limbs that are hanging in the driveway.

## **HUNTING REPORT**

Dennis Wade VP of Hunting said that two of the blinds have been moved and they're building two more blinds. Dennis also ask about having a youth a local youth hunt this year and also asked if any members were interested in having a Dovehunt. Several members indicated interest. He will need to contact the farmer about cutting the field.

## **FISHING REPORT**

It was no fishing report this month. The fishing VP was absent.

## **CRSO REPORT**

Steve Cox CRSO, said as of July of this year we have 92 park members. 16 RSOs presently have no volunteer hours.

We currently have 50 RSO's with keys plus four more without keys...54 total

He asked if anyone had knowledge of Mark Defield (pending member that requires vetting).

Larry mentioned there was some confusion about the list at the sign-in shed. Steve said that this is a list of park users not club members. You can be a WLA Pee Dee chapter member without having range (Local Park) privileges.

Dennis said that we should consider an increase in range fees this coming year. He said the new range fee should probably be \$75. (A range fee increase has not been discussed by the board.)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasure Larry Davis said that we made \$1.30 in interest on our savings account for the last quarter. The checking account began June with a balance of \$6291.44 and ended with a balance of \$6670.16. We had income of \$140 from the post office from closing our bulk mail account. Total income for the month was \$480.46 we have \$3531.95 is savings. The Hunting Club began with \$2189.45. There was no income and expenses. The ending balance is \$2,189.45. The club checking balance minus the hunting club balance is \$3,753.06.

We have collected \$2800 of pledges for the trip machine. The trap thrower cost \$3225.84.

We've received no money for the 200 yard range.

Bill Bessenger VP asked if there was any more business to be discussed. With no new business to be discussed at 3:09 David made a motion that the meeting be adjourned it was seconded by Ron.

## **AFTER MEETING ACTION**

After the meeting adjourned a member donated \$1000 for the traphouse.