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April 2022 NEWSLETTER

Orders of Business

Meeting opened at 2:30 PM

Prayer- Keith

Pledge- Kevin Casper

Reintroduction of newest members

Notes from last meeting-Rebecca Caffrey

Correction to the notes from the last meeting: The Saint Anthony Youth Training Day will include Conservation, Range and Firearms training, etc.

Old Business

Steve Cox-Chief RSO/-81 members on the April roster and 3 pending for membership.

We lost 7 members but picked 2 of them back up. The trap team is underway. There are 12 students for 10 families.

David Howell is working on the website. It is good to go now. Check it out.

Kevin Casper asked the group these questions: "Does everyone know where the first aid kit is located? Where is the sign in book?" Then he reminded everyone that RSO's will sign in in the RSO notebook and Volunteers (such as mowing, etc.) will sign in in the Volunteer notebook. He also gave a shout out to Ron Byberg, Walker Floyd, and himself for participating in the Dog Trials. The Poodles were the fastest and smartest dogs there. Walker got the award for the fastest man on the ground. Updates for old work projects: The trailer doors are looking good. Flex seal was applied, and the re-sheeting of the floor was added. In addition to that the equipment for the archery stations are ready to go! It is more informal. Use the rag targets and set up behind the pavilion. Be sure and put everything away at the end.

New Business

Kevin Casper introduced three new members present and they gave a few details about themselves. This included Donny Wheeler, Josh Howell, and Adam Nunally. They participated in the RSO class April 9th as well. Kevin asked them about the class and to share some good highlights. Kevin Casper and Steve Cox were pleased with the class and told the group positive testimonials. It led to some good reminders regarding safe practices on the range for members and RSO's. Kevin had Larry Davis share a story about when his family member was visiting, and they came to shoot. Larry handed him his gun and without being asked he automatically checked it and unloaded it. Of course, it is a good practice for all of us to remember. Range is being staffed better. RSO's are present so members can come out to enjoy.

It's that time of year for the lawn to be mowed. Members are to contact Steve if interested in helping. One lawn mower is in working condition so far. Larry Davis is interested in cleaning up and improving the Pavilion area. Ideas would include adding lights, fans, and other arrangements for seating. Larry will work with a subcommittee (on this) including Kevin, Steve, Larry, and Dennis thus far

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance (03-01-22): \$8,141.08

Ending Balance (03-31-22) \$9,378.34

Reserves (02-28-22): \$3,763.00

Hunt Club: \$993.91

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Standing Committees

Hunting Report: Dennis Wade

Turkeys have been seen recently. Turkey hunting is open until 4/30/22. The hunting club is up to 5 members and looking to add another member.

Fishing Report: Dennis

In the future we will look at having a fishing rodeo alongside a shooting event. Also, when the Saint Anthony student event is scheduled, we can include some fishing in the itinerary.

Environmental Report: Victoria Heath

As we've been told by experts the berm is too steep and hard to grow things on. Victoria made the U.S. Army DOE Prevention of Migration and Erosion pamphlet available for more details on this. In December we can throw more seed down again. Also, the U.V. Index is high, wear sunscreen.

Education: Bob Veasey

Bob gave us some reminders for gun safety rules and how to be safe. First, keep gun pointed in safe direction. Second, keep finger off the trigger. Third, keep gun unloaded. He reminded us as a good practice to make sure that your gun is unloaded in the car before you enter a gun store. Also, know your firearm.

No further new business was brought up.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.