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April 2023 NEWSLETTER

Meeting was called to order with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 2:30 pm (immediately after the swap meet) 26 members were in attendance including Board Members O'harra, Wade, Cox, Adams, Sprenger and Kirkland.

March meeting notes were read by D. Evans Secretary. Correction was offered to note C. Adams was appointed the new Trap Field Range Manager by the Board to replace R. Lochner (Ron is moving)

Two visitors were in attendance: Aaron Mobley and Dawson Squibb. Aaron has been accepted by the Board as an approved candidate for Park membership.

K.Wyrick and S.Cox gave a PUF update. We have 1 Maranatha Trap team shooter pending with her payment.

Treasurers Report

K.Wyrick gave a financial update thru March. There is \$8107 in checking (including \$1860 for Hunt Club) and \$ 5004 in reserve savings. Next anticipated spend is \$12-1500 for insurance. Keith reported the club asset list is now current. The membership approved a measure in how to handle asset donations.

5 Stand Project update

D. Wade previously reported phase 1 has been completed. Phase 2 spends are now complete and receipts have been turned into Treasurer. K. Wyrick thanked Dennis for bringing the total spends in under budget. Dennis also reported the locks have been consolidated for the NRA storage trailer big door, Trap House, and the Skeet Houses. New keys are being distributed by Dennis and C. Adams to Trap Range RSOs. Remember the old keys no longer work!

Dennis reported there are 2 tarps in the shed for catching brass or shotgun hulls if anyone interested in using them.

Dennis reported the board has approved an outing by the Ebenezer Church Youth Group to shoot clays and 22 rifles. The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 30 from 3-6 pm for approximately 30-50 teens. RSO volunteers are needed to staff the event. Please contact Dennis if you can help. The Ebenezer visitors are bringing food for all in attendance.

Board Meeting Highlights

Kevin shared several items with the membership:

- C. Adams was appointed the new Trap Field Range Manager.
- Discussion concerning future growth planning vs demand for services limits
- Long Term planning needed for maintenance and improving facilities
- Possible new projects to consider are:
 - renourishment of 200 yard banks
 - concrete pad at the Pistol Pit Range.
 - Improvements to picnic shelter

CRSO Report

S. Cox reported the range roster is now carrying 87 members plus a new member candidate A. Mobley. The next RSO Class has been scheduled for Saturday May 20th at the park. Interested Members who have not received a registration form need to contact S. Cox. Minimum class size is five students due to the interactive nature of the course. We have been advised there may be RSO reservation issues on the web page using Android and Apple phones, but details are incomplete. All reservations are being confirmed by email, so if you have not seen your request put on the calendar within 2 days or received a confirmation, contact S.Cox. Please understand that it is nearly impossible to support multiple phone platforms with specific user settings and software across the spectrum so always check!

Also, questions have come up about holster qualification requirements on the Pistol Range. Individual shooters on the firing line do not need to be qualified to shoot from a holster. A Holster qualification is required to participate with simultaneous participants on the firing line shooting from holsters...maximum of 4 shooters at a time. This is common for CWP drills and the like at varying distances. Ref. the SOP pg 11-12 for details.

RSO volunteers are still needed for mowing. Growth rate is starting to increase...if not mowed every 7-10 days we must bush hog. We also have made arrangements to apply glycofosate mixture (Roundup) to the downrange areas on the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. Berms will not be sprayed in order for growth to slow erosion.

Nova Scotia Dog Trials

K.Casper and C. Adams gave the report on the recent duck retrieving qualification event held in Camden with participants from multiple states. PDWLA members: C.Adams, H.Docherty, and K.Casper comprised the shotgun team. Various Golden and Flat furred classes competed. H.Docherty won the Honorary Best in Show Award for his comical duck retrieval skills.(GOOD DOG!)

Additional Skeet Range Discussion

C. Adams reviewed the new key activity on the thrower enclosures and NRA storage trailer back and side doors. RSO retraining with the new electronics and rabbit clay thrower will be held after the May Chapter meeting (May 21st). Charlie also requested a burn barrel be placed for handling corrugated debris. Multiple participants also volunteered to haul away discarded clays boxes.

Other Business

K.Casper asked when we should hold our next Pioneer (youth)Day. Given the current activity level, was thought June would be a good target.

Legacy Board

B.Feley gave an update on the new Legacy Display Board at the Rifle Range. The 3 approved targets can be downloaded from the web page and printed at home or taken to Office Depot for reduced cost reproduction. 24 or 30 ga. paper is recommended for better stiffness. The objective is to keep 5 rounds in or touching the red circles designed for the distance you shoot. Completed 5 round only targets must be witnessed by RSO on duty and signed for submissions. Submitted targets are later reviewed and scored by B.Feley or D.Packard before entered on Legacy Board. Nonstandard targets like wrong color will not be accepted and rejected by Dan Packard!

Archery / BB Gun Update

S.O'Harra is still shopping additional arrows suitable for club use. Club BB guns have been refurbished and are available for use. These single shot spring powered BB guns are reported to be very accurate and highly desirable for 5 meter use.

Maranatha Trap Team and related update

J. Hale reported the new patterning board is available for use. It is now located on the south side of the range. 35 & 40 yd markers have been placed. Birdshot only can be used.

Maranatha team has a couple shooters scoring in the low20s (out of 25 clay round). Most of these athletes are 12-13yrs old and have a promising high school future. Proper technique is the current coaching emphasis. Tracer shotshells and a shotcam are desired tools to help drive team improvement. A collection has been started for the club to purchase a \$700 unit for team use. If you would like to see how this coaching tool works Google Shotkam Gen 4. ***(At press time \$500 has been already raised. If you would like to contribute please contact K.Wyrick or mail donation to our PO Box. Please remember this training aid will be available to all members!)***

Environment

K.Casper shared the current status of storm driven sewage, chemicals and fertilizer discharges into the Atlantic at Ft, Lauderdale. DO NOT WADE IN THE WATER! Also shared was the identification of a volcanic flow under the ocean along the Pacific Coast that could cause severe seismic activity for the Portland and Seattle area. The impact is the molted lava and gas under the tectonic plates have a cushioning effect on the movements of the plate. Remove this by volcanic activity the severity becomes harsher and results in major earthquakes.

Kevin also advised A.Nunnely is unable to continue handling the VP Environment duties. We will be seeking a suitable candidate to assume this position.

Fishing Report

R.Burrows advised that local ponds, rivers, and lakes are showing good crappie activity after the recent rainfalls. Bring your favorite bait or lures and have a good time.

Hunting Report

D. Wade advised Turkey season is still underway until the end of the month. Hunt club has observed hens, but no gobblers. Three tags are being issued this season with DNR using phone-in reporting. R.Burrows reminded hunters no rifles are allowed on WMA lands during turkey season. Also, shotguns must be unloaded and cased while transporting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

