

## PDWLA Meeting Minutes February 12, 2023

The meeting opened at 2:30 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The January meeting minutes were approved as published.

Twenty-three members and 2 guests were present. The guests were Bobby Henegar., invited by Walker Floyd, and Jack Eckenstein, a new member candidate recruited by Kevin (was accepted into membership following the meeting – welcome Jack!). Bobby H. expressed interest in joining, and we look forward to his application.

Kevin reminded everyone that the PUF (park use fee) for 2023 is due by March 1, or you will be dropped from the park roster. There has been good PUF response so far, with only a few members that still need to pay. We will be getting new locks on March 1, and RSO's in good standing that haven't received the new keys yet can get them at the March meeting, or from Kevin in the meantime. Old keys should be turned in to any of the officers or board members or can be left in the lockbox in the sign-in shed. (We will cycle them back into use at a future date.)

Keith gave the treasurer's report:

- \$12,240 in checking (\$1,860 Hunt Club balance)
- \$4,000 in savings
- Approx. \$2,000 in expenses, mostly for materials used on the Jan 14th workday
- Keith proposed moving \$1k to the savings account from checking to better match the on-hand reserve to historical expense levels. A motion was made and approved to increase the savings account to \$5k.
- Keith reported that the Asset List has not been updated in some time and discussion of various assets' status was held. Keith and Kevin will be adding assets not on the list and writing-off obsolete/damaged assets.

Kevin gave the CSRO report in Steve's absence:

- Reminder – when multiple RSO's are shooting, there must still be a non-shooting RSO in charge of the range. (The RSO's may take turns being the RSO in charge.)
- Reminder – shooters should pick up their brass when finished. RSO's need to enforce this range rule.
  - Action item – we will look into “netting blankets” to lay down on the ground to make it easier to police brass.
- During the last Festivus “lumberjack event”, we noticed that steel-core ammo was ricocheting off the ground and had the potential to pass over the berm (7.62 x 39 specifically). Please check your ammo and don't use steel core on the ranges.
- Maranatha School Trap Team will start league shooting on March 26. Coach Rodney Howard will start Team practice ahead of the league start date. Check the calendar for scheduled Team range use.

Dennis Wade gave the hunting report:

- Roger Burrows has starting trapping raccoon and possum to reduce the predator pressure on turkey nests/eggs. Score stands at 14 raccoons and 1 possum.
- There is a significant coyote population on the hunt club grounds. One has been shot.
- A bobcat has been observed on the hunt club grounds.

Roger Burrows gave the fishing report – fishing is flooded out by the recent heavy rains.

Old/New Business:

- Ron Byberg donated a refurbished Dacor gas grill to the club. The old deteriorated flat-top grill has been “retired”. Thanks, Ron!
- John Kirkland won the gun safe on-line auction for \$160.
- Plumbing repair was completed in the meeting trailer.
- Electricity has been restored to the pistol range outlet. Don’t use high wattage devices like lead melting pots on that circuit, though.
- Ron Lochner will conduct skeet range training for interested RSO’s following the March Chapter meeting.
- Dennis gave an update to the suggestion raised at the December meeting to equip the skeet range with 5-stand capabilities and easier use of the existing traps. He presented four options for controllers (for 6 or 8 traps) ranging from \$1,800 to \$3,000. He recommended the 8-trap option with the more user-friendly controller for \$2,100. A straw vote was taken to determine member interest and was favorable by a good majority. Dennis will coordinate a visit for a working group of members to go to Backwoods Quail Club to see the controllers in action and make a final recommendation. The Board will review the recommendation when received and take appropriate steps to implement.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 3:30 pm.