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July 2022 NEWSLETTER

Orders of Business

K. Casper called the meeting to order at 2:30 and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. J. Kirkland followed with opening prayer. 17 folks were in attendance, including all six Board members K. Wyrick, J. Kirkland, D. Wade, C. Adams, S. O'Hara, and S. Cox.

June meeting notes were accepted as published.

Old Business

Kevin recognized the volunteers helping with grass mowing around the range. The grounds look good. Ed Sprenger was given a special shoutout. Thank you, Ed!

Kevin also reviewed the weld repair made to the silhouette metal target on the Pistol Range. As a reminder the higher power bottle neck cased rifle cartridges are not to be used on the pistol range. Ammo restrictions are posted on the Pistol and Rifle Ranges.

S. Cox gave the CRSO report. 84 members currently on the Range Roster, with two candidates pending for Park membership. Cox gave a brief review of WLA renewals vs the annual Local Park Fee. WLA (National Dues) are for 12 consecutive months...that fee is managed by National out of Mullins. The local chapter has no direct responsibility to collect or manage your National Membership. Please review your WLA Membership and Local Park Fee status on the Range Roster posted in the sign in shed. Remember both your WLA National Membership and annual Local Fee need to be current to maintain shooting privileges. The web page has recently been updated to help members manage this process.

New Business

Kevin gave a proposal to have a deer hunting rifle sight-in program activities for the August meeting and have an oyster roast (or similar) for our festival in October. For September's meeting a three team member pole shoot was proposed with pistol, rifle and shotgun per team. First team to cut the post wins. Those in attendance agreed with that plan!

Kevin mentioned an upcoming opportunity to provide basic firearm training to several clerics in the area. This will be conducted on 7/11. RSO assistance was requested.

Kevin also reviewed the recent unexpected personnel changes at the Horry and several other Chapters. A reminder that it is always important to seek Chapter and board members with shared WLA National core values. We need to maintain our commitment to youth programs and youth development. National Leadership provides guidance to the chapters and we are reminded all chapter assets and funds belong to the National WLA organization.

Kevin also communicated we will probably be losing our Environmental Vice President (not in attendance) in the next few months due to relocation out of country. He also led a discussion about potential abuse of our current guest policy (SOP pg 17-18) Maybe an opportunity to address in our next SOP update.

Treasurer's Report

K.Casper gave the members an update on our Treasurer L. Davis who is in the hospital. He also gave a brief report on club finances:

- \$9080 checking including Hunt Club funds
- \$3764 in the Reserve Fund
- A \$1060 insurance payment was made in May. A recent WLA Membership Fee rebate to the Pee Dee Chapter was received of \$39.95 for two individual memberships and two family. This highlights the importance of Local Park Fees to finance our range operations

Standing Committees

Hunting Report:

D. Wade gave the Hunt Club report. They are still trying to keep the area around the owner's trailer sprayed and mowed. Hunt club now has 6 members. The members will be offering a doe hunt opportunity for others with a nominal fee. Hunt club members are limited to harvesting 1 buck per season. There will not be a dove hunt this year due to the cotton crop that has been planted. A designated fishing day at the pond is still an option.

Fishing Report:

R. Burrows was not there. D. Wade reminded us that many of our senior members are eligible for the SC Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License.

Other News

S. Cox reviewed a current problem reported by several of our members not being able to access the web page calendar on some devices and their associated operating systems. Recaptcha type screening is repeatably popping up on some iPhone with IOS . Google has also reportedly been involved. Our web gurus are aware of this situation and are trying to resolve.... stay tuned!

We also are experiencing issues with water delivery from the pump house. The air bladder tank is slowly losing its charge and will require replacement to correct. It was recharged again today. Total cost to replace will be 300-500\$. C. Adams will investigate the possibility of obtaining a new tank free gratis from his former employer.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

After the meeting, several antique firearms were displayed and discussed by C. Adams, J. Sears, R. Lochner, K. Casper. The family history behind them was very entertaining