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June 2022 NEWSLETTER

Orders of Business

Meeting was opened by J Kirkland June 13th at 2:30 pm with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance Attendance was 18 members including Board members Adams, Kirkland, and Cox. Last month's meeting notes were approved as previously written and posted. New Range Members S.Collins and V.Mistretta introduced themselves to the group.

Old Business

- 84 members currently listed plus one pending member.
- Maranatha Trap Team Coach R. Howard gave an update on the team performance this spring.
- Veteran Sidney Connor received 1st place Novice medal at the State Meet.
- Trap Team will continue to practice this summer to maintain proficiency going into the Fall Trap Season.
- Coach Howard was recognized with a thank you card and gift for his volunteer efforts with the team. His help to continue this PDWLA youth outreach program are greatly appreciated...
- Cox reviewed the observed damage being found the last couple months on several of the stationary and flip style targets located on the Pistol Range:
- Unapproved bottle neck style (rifle)cartridges are causing this damage. Refer to the approved ammo listing posted on the Pistol and Rifle Ranges. K. Casper further discussed the safety risks caused by using hi energy cartridges such as .223, 300,308, 30-06 and 7.62 x 39 mm on these steel targets. The large indentations left by these bullets setup potential ricochet locations for subsequent bullet strikes. Casper advised the membership he will recommend to the Board that individuals observed causing such damage lose their range membership.

New Business

K.Casper advised the membership we have been approached by member V. Heath for PDWLA to become a Scout Sponsor separate from BSA. Heath is evaluating program structures of other similar organizations. It was suggested that Trail life be looked into as one of the contenders. Actual details what this would involve are still pending. This same Scout group has previously used our facility for camping and several pack meetings. It may be an excellent opportunity to further expand our PDWLA youth outreach activity...stay tuned!

Treasurer's Report

- New checking balance is \$ 9199 (excluding \$994 from the Hunt Club).

- May income was \$486 with \$396 in posted expenses.
- \$1060 insurance invoice was paid but has not cleared. There will be an additional (supplemental) insurance invoice due for approximately 700\$
- Reserve fund balance is \$3763.
- K. Casper commented the excellent financial condition of the Chapter is largely attributable to the benevolence of volunteers making things happen without incurring club expense.

Standing Committees

Hunting Report: Dennis Wade

Sr.VP of Hunting was absent

Fishing Report:

R. Burrows gave a detailed Fishing report for Santee, Big Pee Dee, and the coastal area.

- Santee
 - Bass is good in the am in shallow water with top water crank bait. In the afternoon use soft plastic plugs in the deeper areas
 - 2-3 LB Crappie are being caught on underwater brush piles in 8-10 ft depth using minnows, crickets on jigs with floating corks.
 - Bream are also doing well with grubs on floating cork jigs.
 - Shellcrackers are being caught using red worms (preferred over crickets) in shady areas.
- Big Pee Dee
 - Large catfish are doing well using live bream or bream parts as bait. Live eel is also reported to be effective.
- Georgetown
 - Flounder are being caught using mud worms or minnows. Soaked hot dogs are also yielding results.
 - Sea Trout are being caught using colored crank lures. They have teeth...be careful.
 - Red fish are being caught over oyster beds using small bait fish or mud worms. Be advised invasive snakeheads are being reported. If caught, do not release. Contact DNR with details. They are be distinguished from a mudfish due to their round (not flat) head and different dorsal/anal fins.
 - Also remember do not eat gar eggs...they are poisonous. Gar blackstrap meat is highly desirable to eat.

Other News

- C Adams reported late breaking news details with the Ad-Hoc Senate team working on firearm proposals that will potentially meet the required 60 vote threshold. Does not include reimplementing a federal assault rifle ban or new age restrictions on purchasing semi-automatic rifles...stay tuned as legislation evolves.
- Wildlife Report – Bats are a protected species even if located in your house there is a moratorium on removal June to August during their nesting period. K. Casper reported successful technique to legally persuade bats to leave attics include moth balls pans of bleach, strobe lighting, and bad Rock n Roll from 1980 - 90s , Taylor Swift music was also used. (Undetermined if royalties were involved)

No further new business was brought up.

Meeting was adjourned at 3 PM. Was followed by informative pellet gun and air pistol demonstrations by J. Kirkland, C. Adams, and K. Casper.

Members are advised to bring their oldest firearm to the July meeting for show and tell.

Addendum: We have approximately a dozen range members with WLA expiring in June and July. Please be proactive in renewing your WLA membership to maintain range privileges 😊