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SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Wildlife Action Pee Dee

September 12, 2026

Meeting Notes

Meeting was opened at 12:00 pm by John Etheridge. Reg Armstrong offered prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 17 members were in attendance including Board Members Roger Burrows, Dennis Wade, Nick Carter & Steve Cox. Also attending was Donnie Wheeler Secretary and Pete Kennedy Treasurer. Meeting led by John Etheridge.

August notes were amended to show Mike Hopewell was not present in August, then reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

John Etheridge reviewed berms and 200 range... advised they are in good condition. Will continue to monitor and consider seeding with winter rye when cooler weather arrives.

Dennis Wade made motion with 2nd by Roger for approval for purchasing a 20-volt DeWalt weed eater and blower to maintain the 200 yard range and other general areas. Approved by vote.

Reviewed that the Saturday morning meetings are showing positive results.

New Business

Reviewed and approved moving the skull and relocating the American flag to the front location.

Dennis Wade shared RMD distributions of 401 k funds can be given to WLA or other qualifying charities. Check with your financial advisor.

Dennis also donated \$500.00 toward either a storage building or a Texas Star or possibly a long-range camera target for the 200-yard range.

Reminder- Monthly meetings for September through December will be held on the 2nd Saturday. These meetings begin at noon.

CRSO report – Steve Cox

There are currently 96 members. RSO class is currently scheduled all day Saturday October 10, 2026. At time of September meeting no one is registered for the class. If class is held that day most ammo will be limited to subsonic, 22 rimfire, or pellets. Suppressors will be required if want to use standard center fire ammo. Goal is to minimize class disruption. If 5 students are not signed up for RSO training, class will be cancelled. Before coming, please check calendar for RSO class and range ammo/firearm status. Lunch will be available at noon for everyone on site. Bring a side dish to share.

Combination range warning / no trespassing signs have been ordered and will be installed.

There are still reports of a pack of 8 aggressive dogs in the area. Members can report seeing them and the situation will be addressed as needed.

Treasurers Report was given by Pete Kennedy

Club has \$7,845.64 in checking.

Savings has \$24,123.10.

\$2,500.00 donation from White Tail Foundation used to purchase additional trap machine for the shotgun range with total cost of \$ 2,675 total. Club expenses for August were \$2,858.24.

The club is in favorable financial position of \$20,000.00 from last year. Club status as a 501C3 non-profit is in good standing.

Hunting – Dennis Wade

Hunt club membership is full, however only one member had paid the hunt club fees. \$ 3000 of hunt club funds will be given to George and Jimmy Lee. Hunt club funds are now in an escrow account for the hunt club.

Fishing – Roger Burrows

Rivers and streams remain at low levels. Fishing activity increasing at Santee. Best time for catfish is at night. Crappy and Brim are slow.

Intercostal activity in Winyah Bay is picking up. All fishing activity should pickup in September. Shrimp season opens on 9/11/2026.

Shrimp catch without bait is 48 quarts per boat per day (no license required). [Review 2026 DNR shrimping regulations for details](#) Red fish limit is one fish per day with new size limitations. No action on trout until October.

Environment Report David Evans

Black bears are very active and aggressive this year in the Smoky Mountain National Park, North Carolina mountains and California.

Education

No report

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm