

Wildlife Action Meeting Notes

Oct. 13, 2024

Meeting was opened at 2:30 with Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 17 members were present including Board Members D.Wade, C.Adams, R.Burrows and S.Cox. K.Casper presided.

Last month's meeting notes were approved.

No Visitors today

Old Business

S.Cox gave the CRSO report. Still have 101 park members on the roster. 2 members are currently scheduled to be dropped in November for nonpayment of dues. We have 5 new RSOs from the Oct.5 training class.

S.Powers

P.Halbert

P.Kennedy

B.Hylton

W.Powell

This makes 64 PDWLA RSOs for the park. As a side note we have 16 members still showing 0 RSO / Volunteer hours through September...warning this year is quickly winding down. Please schedule your hours in or risk losing key privileges next year. We are still seeing Skeet Range users leaving thrower houses unlocked and machines energized after shooting. Please double check these items before you leave for the day.

Ask for help if you need assistance....

Housekeeping

Kevin reported disking and raking the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. This is to keep the grass and weeds managed as well as red bugs in the high grass.

Safety

One leaning pine from the recent hurricane plus a damaged pecan tree has been removed at the gate. In addition several other dead pines were removed from adjacent the dirt access road.

All the debris was hauled off by the contractor. Total spend was approximately \$1500. Jimmy Lee thanked the club for keeping up the club appearance.

Youth Opportunity

W. Floyd shared a NRA sponsored youth leadership opportunity in Washington DC. They will spend a week touring the historical sights and learn how our government operates. They will then participate in competitive debates. This free program is called Youth Educational Summit.(Y.E.S.) It will be held in July, 2025. It is open to 40 high school sophomores and juniors selected from across the country. A \$40,000 college scholarship will be awarded to one of the attendees. Email the NRA at YES@nrahq.org for more details and how to apply...

Security Update

C.Adams gave an update on the park security camera program. Blink cameras were ordered during Amazon week which saved approximately \$150. They are expected to be delivered this week. Charlie asked for help getting Spectrum installation quotes to better understand those options and costs (Cox and Casper will assist)

Rifle Range Legacy Board

B.Feley gave an update on the competition board. The red do targets can be bulk ordered at S&W Printing for 5 cents a sheet. A show of hands indicated there is low interest in putting up a similar board for pistol competition.

New Business

K.Casper asked if there is interest in having a Holiday Gun Festivus this fall? (in lieu of a December Christmas party) Group consensus was almost Unanimous since December is very busy for most members. Saturday Nov. 16 was selected so save the date! We will have a short chapter meeting at 9 A.M. with festivities starting at 10 A.M. Our chapter will provide hot dogs and burgers. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. Kevin will be asking RSO's to assist with the various games. Activities will continue till approximately 1 P.M. Guests are welcomed. (prospective members please) ***Remember, Festivus is an opportunity to put in 3 weekend RSO hours or other volunteer hours as needed so signup early!***

Grounds Maintenance

Kevin recognized D.Squibb for his dedication in keeping the grass trimmed this summer and fall. This is typically the most time consuming task we have in the park. Thanks Dave ! Kevin also recognized D.Packard and B.Feley for their assistance in refurbishing the south backstop on the 100 yd lanes. This permitted us to improve the mounting location for rehangng the steel gongs that will not frag the paper targets.

Treasurer's Report

K.Wyrick updated the group on club financials. Recent expenditures have decreased checking balance to \$7748 (plus \$5000 still in Contingency Savings) Hunt Club funds are reported separately. Last major spend this year was approximately \$2000 for the landowners tax bills. He assured the group we are on solid financial footing...2025 PUF membership funds as well as additional donations are starting to come in.

Hunt Club

D.Wade gave the Hunt Club report. Despite several hunts, no deer have been harvested so far this season. If you are interested in a doe hunt (or obtaining deer meat) contact Dennis. Coyotes plus racoons on the corn piles are still a problem, although turkeys also have been seen. If you want to hone your shotgun skills call Dennis (843-250-5309)to setup some 5 stand group shooting.

Fishing Report

R.Burrows reports it is a great time to fish the inlets for shrimp and flounder. If you lack experience Roger advises chartering a boat for a half day (about \$450) Crappie and bass are also being caught in the shallows or brush piles where they are getting ready to bed.

Environmental Report

B Veasey shared the DNR is interested in collecting information on SC bumblebees. They are more prolific pollinators than honeybees!

You can obtain additional information at:

<https://xerces.org/bumblebees/get-involved>

Other News

Please keep the Helene and Milton hurricane victims in your prayers. D.Evans and his wife Susan are still unable to leave their mountain retreat in NC due to roadway damage. (they are fine otherwise) Member K.Hauer lost his brother when a tree fell on his house in NC. If you want to make donations, Samaritans Purse, Red Cross, and state chapters of the Southern Baptist Relief funds are recommended charities with boots on the ground. Do not send donations to FEMA!

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Post Meeting Note:

Skeet Range Manager C.Adams is resigning from that position for personal reasons. Please contact K.Casper or S.Cox if you are interested in helping staff this important position.