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JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

Wildlife Action Pee Dee
June 14, 2026

Meeting Notes

Meeting was opened at 2:30 pm by John Etheridge. Reggie Armstrong offered prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 20 members were in attendance including Board Members, Mike Hopewell, Roger Burrows, Pete Kennedy Treasurer, Donnie Wheeler Secretary. Meeting led by John Etheridge. May minutes were reviewed and approved.

Guests

Reggie Armstrong invited Dr Paul Lowe
Walker Floyd invited Wade Holt
Pete Halbert invited Randy Pontae

Old Business:

Reviewed 200-yard rifle range capital project. Main portion of the project was completed over three days. Seven loads of dirt were brought in. The work focused on widening the rifle range, rebuilding and extending the left berm wall, cleaning and building up the right side of the pistol range berm, building up the 100-yard range berm, building up the 200-yard range berm and improved the drainage issue with additional grading, opening up two access roads, and restoring the 50-yard berm. Club members have added straw mats to the rifle range berm. Walker Floyd reviewed importance of getting the new berms seeded to try to stabilize the new dirt and mitigate erosion.

(Dennis Wade seeded the berms soon after this months meeting. See below)

Targets need to be built and installed on the 200 range. Steel targets need to be reinstalled on the pistol range.

New Business

Club needs to plan and complete additional capital projects and general maintenance items. 200-yard range remains closed until targets are installed. All other ranges are now open.

Reminder- Monthly meetings for July, August, and September will be held on the 2nd Saturday. These meetings begin at noon.

CRSO report –

No report this month

Treasurers Report was given by Pete Kennedy.

Club has \$9,657.62 in checking.
Savings has \$30,343.10 which includes the \$25,000.00 capital donation. At the time of this report the known capital project cost so far is \$8,730.00. Some additional expenses will be incurred.
A \$2,500.00 donation is pending from White Tail Foundation.

Hunting - Roger Burrows

During this summer the club needs to focus on trapping or shooting Coyotes and Raccoons to protect nesting and young birds. Also trapping or shooting Beavers to help prevent flooding and protect trees.

Fishing – Roger Burrows

Rivers and streams too low for boats. Temperatures are warming up for summer. Better time for lake and ocean fishing.

Environment – David

In 2026 there is an El Nino in place. This should give favorable weather and rain for Argentina. The southeast US should experience water than normal summer and this should reduce the development of severe storms in the Atlantic.

Education

No report

Meeting adjourned 2:50 pm

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Follow-up 200-yard interior berms and the back side of the 200-yard berm were pneumatically seeded by D Wade on 6/19. The 200-yard berm hay mat and part of the wingwall areas were observed sprouting green foliage (wheat grass, nut grass, & misc. weeds) Part of the 100yard berm as well as the

50-yard berm , north end of the pistol range berm, and the barrier berm between the rifle range and pistol range firing line were also seeded at this time.