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MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Wildlife Action Pee Dee
May 17, 2026

Meeting Notes

Meeting was opened at 2:30 pm by John Etheridge. Prayer was offered by K. Casper and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 20 members were in attendance including Board Members Dennis Wade, Mike Hopewell, Steve Cox, & Roger Burrows, Pete Kennedy Treasurer, Donnie Wheeler Secretary. Meeting was led by John Etheridge.

Minutes: April minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Business:

Reviewed 200-yard rifle & related range refurbishment plans. Total of four bids submitted, and board voted to hire B&G to complete the project as soon as possible. Bid includes \$1,100.00 mobilization fee, \$3,000.00 per day covers all equipment, fuel, and labor. Good clay-based fill is approximately \$200.00 per tri-axle load. Options include having a second party (K. Myers-Dirt Pit) provide the fill or B&G to minimize potential logistical concerns. 200 yd lane includes berm refurbishment to 22 feet in height compacted with additional widening and additional (minimal) maintenance on the 100 and 50 yd berms and as well as north end of the pistol range berm. A very generous gift was given to the club for use in this and other maintenance projects in the amount of \$25,000.00. Weather and vendor permitting, range refurbishment activity will start shortly.

Dennis Wade discussed a 22-caliber steel challenge match on pistol range following today's meeting. The Shotgun range was also scheduled to be open

Discussion on temporarily moving monthly meetings to noon on 2nd Saturdays for months of July, August, and September. This is in effort to encourage more members to attend the meetings. Plan is to include a lunch and to have meeting earlier in the day to provide opportunity for more range time for members before or after the monthly meeting.

CRSO report – Steve Cox

- Current roster has 92 members.
- There are some potential folk who may join in near future.
- The Maranatha trap team concludes their season this month. This season the team had 5 shooters
- Members were encouraged to use range targets that are generic.
- Shooters were asked not to use any targets that have NIL or political material.
- The T-8 target is not working properly and will be inspected and repaired.
- The Atlas trap thrower was repaired earlier in the week by replacing the electronic timer (generously donated by our machine supplier)

Treasurers Report was given by Pete Kennedy.

Club has approximately \$15,295.15 balance in checking/savings.
The gift of \$25,000.00 has been received and will bring savings up to a nominal \$30K

Old Business NA

Fishing Report Roger Burrows

Very dry weather. Big Pee Dee and Lynches River have almost no water. Only fishing will be accessible walking to areas where deep pools are located. Recommended fishing Santee, private ponds, or ocean due to the low water levels. Wendell Jones has offered to buy some fish to stock the pond on club property.

Hunt Club Report Dennis Wade

There was limited turkey activity on property this season. Trapping efforts will continue. This is favorable for turkeys and other nesting birds.
Members encouraged to participate in planned coyote and raccoon management hunts.
Deer season will be coming up soon.

Environment – David Evans

David commented on the practice of cloud seeding to enhance local rainfall. 10 countries (including the US and UAE) are known to participate in this practice.

Education

No report

Other

Rebecca Caffery provided birthday cake and presents during the meeting for members celebrating a birthday in May or June.

Meeting adjourned 3:00pm.

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Post meeting- approximately 15 folx participated in the steel and clay shooting after the meeting. Folx enjoyed the activity. T8 hand controller was returned to service with a fresh 9v battery.