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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9am. Thirteen members were in attendance, including Board Members Wade, Burrows, Packard, & Cox. Meeting was opened with Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was led by Cox. (Casper was out of country) Meeting length was purposefully abbreviated to accommodate scheduled workday.

Visitors - none

Notes

Last month's Chapter Meeting notes were accepted as published on the web.

Old Business - no discussion

Treasurers Report

K.Wyrick shared we have \$13,744 total in Checking and Reserve funds. Last month we collected another \$320 in WLA Park fees from the Maranatha Trap Team. Our Chapter's monthly expenses were approximately 125\$ on utilities and Spectrum. As feedback from a previous question last Month, Keith reported we receive a 30% rebate from WLA National memberships from PDWLA members. Except for donations, we have received the bulk of our incoming funds for the year.

CRSO Report

Cox touched on several items. We have approximately 95 members presently on the roster, with one member pending to be dropped for nonpayment. A new SOP was issued earlier this month...effective 4/2/25. It replaces the 4 yr old SOP document. No major changes were in this revision. Advised members to review the last 2 pages that list the changes made in this new document. In addition to copies emailed to members there is a SOP link presently posted on the web page. (Please take time to review the new SOP) Cox also requested members to please slow down when driving on the dirt

access road. This is to avoid unnecessary deterioration and ruts. (It is not built for + 30mph use...drive slowly)

Environmental - no discussion

Fishing Report

Burrows shared crappie are biting at Santee. Shellcracker fishing is doing well at Jacks Creek. River levels are low! Use care to avoid unintentional damage to your boat or motor.

Hunting Report

Wade updated the hunting activity. Turkey season is presently underway. Gobblers only... no hens. Turkeys are being observed on the grounds. Several areas were recently disked up to expose bugs and larvae for attracting turkeys. Make sure you promptly report harvested turkey through the DNR portal or designated phone number. Gobblers must have at least a 6" long beard to be legal. Do not use turkey feather fans for frontal concealment. Bag limit is 2 gobblers for the season. Refer to DNR Turkey Hunting Regulations for details. Dennis also shared the Hunt Club could use additional assistance today cleaning up around G. Lee's Trailer and the Pond area as time permits. Members helping maintain the pond area will be allowed limited access for fishing. Hunt Club gate locks are presently being changed, so older keys will no longer work.

Education Report - no discussion

New / Other Business - no discussion

<u>Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am</u> ... Teams were then assembled for the planned scope items on the Rifle Range, Pistol Pit, and cleanup across the road around the Trailer and Pond.

Observation was the June Chapter Meeting is currently scheduled for May 11th Mother's Day...not a good plan. Meeting will be rescheduled and publicized on the web page and calendar updated.

Workday was safely completed by 11:30 am. Planned scope items (and more) were completed. Burgers and additional items brought by the attendees were enjoyed. Susan Evans was helpful in handling food setup logistics and cleanup. Thank you, Susan, we appreciate your help!

Next meeting scheduled for May 4th.