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SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Notes

Meeting was opened at 2:30PM by Kevin Casper. Reggie Armstrong led prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 25 members were in attendance including Board Members, Steve Cox, Roger Burrows, Dennis Wade, and Dan Packard, Keith Wyrick Treasurer, Donnie Wheeler Secretary. Meeting led by John Etheridge as President-Elect. August minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Business: NA

CRSO Report by S.Cox

There are 94 current members and 4 or 5 potential new members. Maranatha Sporting Clays team will shoot at WLA this year. They will meet on Friday's. Team is smaller this year with some changes at Maranatha. Coaches are Rodney Howard and Steven Marsh. The RSO class will be held October 4th if enough candidates sign up for the class. Ranges will be closed during the class hours.

(update: RSO class is cancelled since did not reach minimum student level required)

Treasurers Report was given by Keith Wyrick.

Treasurers report shows favorable balance at this time. Club has approximately \$11,045.92 balance in checking/savings.

Does not include Hunt Club balance of approximately \$4,303.60.

Two significant expenses paid were website expenses of \$1,200.00 and \$1,000.00 to National for insurance premium. Current funds are approximately \$2,000.00 ahead of last year at this

point. Revenue from park use fees should begin coming in during October through the end of the year. Park use fees are due Dec 31. There will be some expense to repair the park Tractor.

Old Business

Camera project completed. Will no longer have data on cloud. Will have data on SD card. Some discussion about purpose and need for this project.

Reviewed some members not policing brass on ranges and someone shot a stapler on the pistol range. (Dan Packard is investigating the stapler incident – stay tuned...)

Confirmed October 11, 2025, as a work and prep day at the park prior to the Fall Festivus which will be held Saturday October 18, 2025. All RSO who are on duty at Festivus will receive credit hours toward annual requirement. Day of Festivus a short meeting will be held at 9:00 AM.

Missing earmuffs and pens were mentioned.

Fishing Report by Roger Burrows

Good conditions for saltwater fishing in the inlet areas and shrimping. Crappy are schooling in shallow areas. Best time for Catfish is nighttime.

Hunt Club Report by Dennis Wade

The corn has been cut. Season opens on 09/01. Memberships hunting slots are filled. Park members can request opportunities to hunt for doe and to bring a youth hunter. Speak with Dennis or other members of hunt club for more information.

Education report by Bob Veasey

Review Inland Waterway system. The inland waterway system was first approved in 1808. Construction in began in 1920. SC began construction in 1934 and continued through 1940. The approved dimensions are 250 ft wide and 12 ft deep. A lot of work is required to maintain the IWS due to sediment and development.

Environmental Report NA

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

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ADDENDUM:

We encourage our chapter membership to invite friends and family to Festivus Oct. 18. Hamburger fry will be held free of charge at noon, but we encourage folks to bring a dish to share. The club's 22 rifles and ammo will be available. However, feel free to bring your own especially hi-power firearms for our competition and gun games. Some of our activities:

- Lumberjack competition two team members pistol/rifle combo to cut stakes first
- Tannerite unsupported shoot at 100 yards
- 3 = 5 shot target shoot unsupported and bench
- Shotgun field open during event
- Pistol pit open with 22 training rifles
- Archery field