



# Wildlife Action

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## AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

Meeting was opened at 2:30PM by Kevin Casper. Ron Nesmith led prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 20 members were in attendance including Board Members and Senior Leadership Kevin Casper, Dennis Wade, Roger Burrows, David Evans, Dan Packard, John Etheridge, Steve Cox, Keith Wyrick Treasurer, Donnie Wheeler Secretary. Meeting was led by Kevin Casper.

July minutes were reviewed and approved.

### New Business: NA

- Shawn Carraway (sponsor W. Floyd) for fully onboarded for Park membership.
- Nick Carter sponsored Mike Carter, his father as a new Park member. The Board approved this candidate.
- Annual Festivus will be held October 18, 2025, after a quick 9am Chapter meeting
  - Open to friends, guests and member families. Will include games and a cookout for lunch. Please bring a side dish to share. All ranges will be open, and the club will need RSO's to manage the ranges and games.
- Work Day set for October 11, 2025, starting at 9:00 AM. Need volunteers to help get all things in order and ready for Family Day event. Work day includes cleaning trailer, grille, tables, chairs and general mowing. Members are encouraged to take on tasks before work day like organizing pistol pit, painting steel targets and discing/raking ranges.
- Looking ahead for nominees for officers and board members. Kevin Casper has resigned as President due to on-going health problems. Please submit nominations.
- Discussed having additional dirt brought in for entrance, road, and range maintenance and improvement.

### CRSO report – Steve Cox

There are currently 97 members in the park. There are 2 new members and 1 potential new member. There is one new life membership. 1 member is likely not to renew WLA membership.

RSO training tentatively scheduled for October 04, 2025. Class time is 8:00 to 5:00. We need at least 5 candidates to hard schedule for the class given the interaction of the material presented to the attendees. Contact Steve to register for the class or ask questions. Remember, this is the pathway to obtain your personal key for the gat

Reviewed security issue regarding members making sure all doors including trailers and the mobile home doors are locked before leaving the range. Last member out should double check these items.

Reviewed range policies regarding prohibition against: full auto firearms, FRT devices, binary triggers, bump stocks, and related fast cycling aids on the range.

### Treasurers Report was given by Keith Wyrick.

Club has approximately \$14,011.00 balance in checking/savings.  
Does not include Hunt Club balance of approximately \$4,303.60.  
Next major expense is annual insurance premiums.

### Old Business NA

### Fishing Report Roger Burrows

Fresh water levels are fluctuating and fishing is hit or miss. Santee - Bass fishing early or late. Catfish not moving, crappy are slow. Bream and shell crackers will be active around the full moon. SCDNR will hold events with limited spots on August 14 at Springmaid Pier Myrtle Beach, August 16 at Huntington Bay State Park and September 10 at Bass Pro Shop.

### Hunt Club Report Dennis Wade

Mineral blocks are being put out on hunt club. Additional mowing and cleanup is ongoing. Additional work and volunteers are needed.

Culling of beavers, raccoon, and coyotes would be positive for turkeys.

Dennis attended the Whitetail Unlimited banquet. They support WLA and youth. We are encouraged to support them.

Education report Bob Veasey

Reviewed history of the origin and split between NC and SC

Environmental Report Dennis Wade

The Carolinas Bay's wetland area has declined approximately 97%. Land Conservation recently purchased Snow Island and an additional tract with a total of 7,600 acres to replenish this area. Wetlands are important for natural habitat and flood control.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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