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Wildlife Action Pee Dee
August 12, 2026

Meeting Notes

Meeting was opened at 12:00 pm by John Etheridge. Kevin Casper offered prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 18 members were in attendance including Board Members Dennis Wade, & Roger Burrows…also Secretary Donnie Wheeler. Meeting was led by President John Etheridge.

July minutes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

John Etheridge discussed the positive growth beginning to get established on the berms. Clemson Extension recommended Fall seeding with Rye, followed by Bermuda in the spring as a permanent cover. Plan is to watch the growth over the next two hottest months and make the rye seeding decision when the cooler weather arrives. Dennis Wade reported that after the board approval he applied the recent White Tail Grant to purchase the used Chandelle thrower and this will be setup which will complete the expansion of the shotgun range. Dennis Wade also built a rotating steel target that will be setup at the 25-yard station on the rifle range. This is intended for pistol use only.

New Business

Kevin Casper has been the armorer for the club for the past 10 years. He is looking for someone else to step up and take the position. The armorer will be provided a large capacity safe that can hold all the club firearms. Also be willing to clean and maintain the inventory of 22 Caliber rifles. John requested an inventory list of club owned firearms. As a side note we audit the asset ledger that lists all firearms. Search window for the next armorer is open.

John Etheridge, Harold Docherty, and Dennis Wade are designing and planning to develop a walking archery range through the woods. This is to encourage more archery at the range and to allow a realistic environment to develop members skills. Nick Carter will be the manager for the archery range. The general timeline is to have this plan implemented by March 2027. The board will be updated as the project comes together.

The group discussed extending Saturday morning for the monthly meetings. Dennis Wade made a motion seconded by Roger Burrows. The attendees voted to extend Saturday meetings thru December 2026. This is to encourage more member participation and shooting events prior to the meeting. May consider a meal at one of these meetings.

Dennis is discussing obtaining and applying more topsoil to the berms and will report to the board with an update.

Youth outreach volunteers was also discussed.

Reminder- Monthly meetings for September through December will be held on the 2nd Saturday. These meetings begin at noon.

CRSO report – No report

Treasurers Report was given by Keith Wyrick

Club has $6,629.13 in Checking. Savings has $24,123.10 .
$2,500.00 donation from White Tail Foundation used to purchase additional trap machine for the shotgun range. $400.00 Maintenance incurred. $70.00 electric utility.
The club is in favorable financial position of $17,000.00 from last year. Club status as a 501C3 non-profit is in good standing.

Hunting – Dennis Wade

Hunt club funds are now in an escrow account for the hunt club.

Fishing – Roger Burrows

No report.

Environment - David Evans

The state of Washington stated their position that the large destructive wildfire was the result of climate change and global warning. Facts now show it was an arson fire, and a suspect has been arrested.

Education – Bob Veasey

Charleston fell in 1780 to the British. Williamsburg county in South Carolina became the center of the resistance. Francis Marion was the leader of the resistance with the Swamp Fox Brigade. Kingstree and Mingo were key areas. Francis Marion was a plantation owner. His plantation was located near Pine Bluff Ave Eutaw Spring which is currently underwater in Lake Marion. The British were very popular in South Carolina until they chose to burn down Indiantown Presbyterian Church. That turned sympathizers into dedicated patriots.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm

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