

# Wildlife Action

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## **DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

# **Meeting Notes**

Meeting was opened at 2:30 pm with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 25 members were in attendance, including current board members S. Oharra, D. Wade, & S. Cox and current Treasurer K. Wyrick. Meeting was led by upcoming Vice President Victoria Heath. (K. Casper & J. Etheridge were out of town)

Last month's Chapter meeting notes were accepted as posted on the web page.

No Visitors were present today

Old Business - nothing was discussed

## **New Business**

Victoria shared we will have a chili dish served at the January 11th Chapter Meeting. We will be recognizing K. Casper and K. Wyrick for their loyal service as PDWLA President and Treasurer respectively. Please contact Victoria Heath to contribute toward a gift or help with food.

## **Treasurer Report**

Keith reported last month's expenses were low with only the power bill. This year's overall income as well as expenses are fairly balanced at approximately \$9000 each. 2025 discretionary spend was less than \$200. 24 PUFs have been collected prior to today's meeting. We also received memorial funds (in lieu of flowers) from the passing of Doc Docherty last month. Compared to 2024 at this time we are approximately \$2000 ahead this year with

\$11,342 in checking and savings. Keith is presently working with our newly elected Treasurer Pete Kennedy to help with transition training for the next few months.

## **CRSO Report**

S. Cox reported we are still showing 94 folx on the roster. We list two folx who are at risk for removal due to nonpayment of WLA membership. RSO/Volunteer hours appear to be tracking well thru year end. 2026 PUFs are due Dec 31st. Late PUF payments will be accepted thru 2/28/26. Folx still unpaid after that will be removed from the roster and subject to paying an additional \$75 reinstatement fee to be put back on the roster. Contact S. Cox if you have any questions regarding your 2025 RSO / Volunteer hrs or 2026 PUF.

## **Education Report**

B. Veasey shared interesting details associated with the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain on Oct 7, 1780. This was a unique battle.... No British troops were involved in this battle - only approx. 1100 Loyalists and 1000 Patriot militiamen. Patriots were armed with the newly available rifles (effective out to 400yds) against the smooth bore muskets used by the Loyalists (effective to approx. 100 yds). In this battle the Patriots made effective use of wood terrain to their advantage as they charged upward and were able to overwhelmingly defeat the Loyalists who were trapped on the mountain. This 1-hour long battle was a game changer for the Patriots. It forced the Loyalists to abandon their Southern Campaign. It lead to a chain of events that culminated with the British surrender at Yorktown on Oct 18, 1781.

## **Hunt Report**

B. Veasey advised folx to be careful before using SC hunting dates and related info obtained from AI. There have been reported errors found in recent AI articles. Use the SCDNR web page for trustworthy hunting details. Dennis reports Hunt Club deer hunting activity has been slow. Deer Hunt season officially closes Jan 1, 2026.

Dennis also shared a renewed effort to bring folx out to shoot 5 stand. Give him or Steve O'Harra a call with your thoughts. Dennis also hopes to build another enclosure to promote more range use. He also reminded members to chat with your financial advisor to make direct 401K contributions to PDWLA. This avoids federal taxes on funds contributed to 501-C3 organizations.

#### Fishing Report

R.Burrows was out sick. D. Wade suggests using this cooler weather to charter fishing boats on our lakes and at the ocean.

# **Environmental Report**

No report given. We need to designate a new VP Environment. J. Howle and Rolfs Hargrave were suggested as potential candidates.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.