



# WILDLIFE ACTION

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## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

At 2:30 PM the meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill Bessenger followed by a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### NEW MEMBERS

Bill Bessenger ask if any new Park members were to be presented to the group. Steve Cox chief RSO and board member said that the roster currently contains 96 members. The following candidates were presented to the members for approval and voted into membership...Dr. Alan Causey, sponsored by Keith Wyrick and Andy Weatherspoon sponsored by Walker Floyd. (Letters of recommendations have been received for both candidates) Isolde Manning had been previously vetted and paid her dues today. She is now a Park Member. New pending Park member is Kenny Boone, sponsored by Kevin Casper.

### OLD BUSINESS

Steve Cox told the members present that we are currently in the process of purchasing a Promatic Super Sporter trap machine which holds 400 clays for \$3500. Pledges have already been received to cover this amount. Sometime during the first part of this coming week plans are to inspect the machine, observe how it works, and have several questions answered about the machine before purchasing. The Maranatha trap team needs a machine such as this to compete in the trap league. The trap house could cost another one thousand dollars. We are still accepting donations for the machine and trap house.

Rodney Howard, trap team coach, was present and introduced to the group. The team practices twice a week using about 600 clays a session. The team is currently accepting donations of clays and shells. Rodney told us that there would be no organized summer practice. The chapter will be providing RSOs for the balance of this season. Doc ask when pledges would be needed. Steve replied by saying whenever members were able to turn in their pledges.

### RSO CLASS

Steve mentioned that he had three people interested in RSO class and need at least two more to hold a class. Bill Bessenger mentioned that you had to have the RSO class first before being able to operate the trap machines. Ron Lochner would be giving the instruction on the trap machines and range operation....certifying the Skeet Range RSOs.

### PIONEER DAY

An assignment sheet for the pioneer day coming up on May 11 was passed around members were asked to volunteer for the various functions on the assignment sheet. Date had been selected to allow scheduling of naturalist Tyler Wright. After a brief discussion Dennis Wade made a motion that we table the Pioneer day event until the board members could meet to discuss the relatively short period of time we had to work on putting this event on.

### NEW BUSINESS

Dennis is taking the tractor to Steve's house for Steve to repair the bush hog.

## **FISHING REPORT**

Roger Burrows gave the group the fishing report. Shad and herring have stopped running, this happened about two weeks ago. He suggested that you check your fishing regulations because a number of the rules have changed from last year.

## **HUNTING REPORT**

Dennis Wade said the turkey season is in. We're also still considering a predator hunt sometime during the off-season. Also we have a beaver problem and if anyone would like to trap beavers to get in touch with Dennis.

Dennis said we need more help with the mowing committee. We need additional volunteers to help keep the grass mowed. If anyone isn't familiar with the tractor Dennis will give you training.

Dennis also mentioned that the road coming in to the park is in need of some maintenance.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Larry Davis club treasurer said that we do have money in the bank. There is approximately \$6300 in checking (\$4090 after deducting out the Hunt Club funds). There is \$3500 in savings.

A motion was made by Dennis to move the monthly meeting to May 5th to avoid any conflict with Mothers Day. The motion was seconded and moving the meeting was approved.

Walker Floyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting Keith Wyrick seconded the motion, by show of hands the meeting was adjourned at 3 PM.

The "Know your Limit" event wasn't held after today's meeting. No event was planned for the May meeting.