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JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Prayer-Steve Cox

Pledge

About 35 members were in attendance for the January meeting

Reintroduction of newest members

Rebecca Caffrey-Recognition of birthdays for members in November, December, and January

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Cox-Chief RSO Report:

Amendment to the last minutes-March 1st will be the cut off for dues. If not paid they will owe an additional reinstatement fee. Contact Larry if you need a member card. 79 members on roster, 13 new this year, 1.5-2 per month, 5-6 pending, more than 1/2 the club are now RSO's. The goal is to have all members as RSO's. 33 members unpaid for dues currently. All RSO's should have a key. See Steve Cox if you need one.

Dennis asked about a former member's membership status. That former member chose not to pay the reinstatement fee and will not join. Kevin pointed out that the new member and reinstatement fees need to be applied equally and are necessary for repairs and improvements to the park. The past three years the members have generously given donations to complete the improvements.

Jimmy Lee, the shooting range owner, phoned Kevin to thank us for keeping WLA clean and kept as tenants.

Steve also restated that NRA's RSO certifications and renewal will no longer be necessary or tracked for RSOs. However, our WLA RSO trainers will maintain certifications to allow us to purchase training materials from the NRA.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Fishing Report: Roger Burrows

Bream and Shell Crackers biting using red worms as bait, threw about 100 back. Fish are lethargic, no snakes, but turtles are a problem. Encouraged members to go to St. Stevens for Shad. Take your license for 29 per person per day. It's fun! There are Copperhead and Rattlesnakes around. Be aware and careful.

Environmental Report: Victoria Heath

Shooting Range Bank Erosion-Boy Scouts will plant clover and grass cover early spring recommended by Clemson Extension office. Steve asked about the clover attracting deer population running on the bank causing more erosion than now? Planting it will encourage turkey, rabbits, and deer.

Review of 10 earthquakes in the Midlands area the past two weeks. Scientists looking into the situation.

Victoria gave out FEMA booklets for preparation in event of disasters that could be flood, fire, earthquakes or active shooters.

Scientists are also trying to understand and stop the spread of the Northern Snakehead fish listing it as an invasive species from Asia. If you catch one, kill it and then put it in water. Contact Dept. Wildlife Resources and report it. Be sure to photograph length and mouth width.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Davis

Balance: \$8299.62

Reserves: \$3710.63

Hunt Club \$693.91

Check not cashed \$1678.15

NEW BUSINESS

CLEANUP DAY Scheduled for this Saturday, January 15 starting at 9:00 AM (lunch provided)

Goal is to clean out and around the Tractor Trailer Box

A scrapper will take metal left

Members will clean out the trailer and deposit unwanted materials in Dumpster

Ticket Sales National

National WLA is once again selling \$100 supper/raffle tickets for their annual fund raiser scheduled for February 12th @ 6:00PM. The event will be held at Homestead At Zion located in Mullins. Please contact Kevin @843-861-5175 or Larry Davis for tickets. We have two members who already volunteered to attend.

Next fall, WLA Pee Dee chapter will have an Oyster Roast as a 2022/23 fundraiser. Victoria Heath volunteered to chair this event but volunteers will also be needed. This Saturday there will be a work day starting at 9.

Voting Day Ballot

Rebecca Caffrey running as secretary unopposed. Three members coming off board that includes Ron Lochner not finishing term and Charlie Adams with Steve Rath. Also, Bill Bessinger, Vice President resigned. Charlie Adam's running again along with Reggie Armstrong, Dennis Wade and Steve O'Hara.

Candidates gave their campaign speeches before election.

Election results:

Dennis Wade - Board Member

Charlie Adams – Board Member

Steve O'Hara – Board Member

Regi Armstrong – Appointed VP

Rebecca Caffrey – Secretary

David Evans – Webmaster

David Howell – Assistant Webmaster

Victoria Heath – Appointed VP Environmental

Bob Veasey – Appointed VP Education

No further new business was brought up.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM

February Meeting

February 13th

2:30PM

Chapter Park