



# WILDLIFE ACTION

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## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### OPEN HOUSE

Kevin Casper distributed the draft marketing materials for the November 9th Pioneer Day Festival event.

- The Trail Life group is expected to bring 15 people to the event.
- Tyler Wright, Sr. VP of Education for WLA National, will attend.

### President's Report

Kevin provided an update on activities at other WLA chapters.

- The Santee Cooper chapter is planning to update their camping facilities.
- National in Mullins is still working on recovery from storm damage but is increasing focus on membership growth. They are considering renovation of the McMillan Park.
- Many chapters have expressed concerns about declining memberships.
- Steve Cox provided an update on the trap house.
- The Maranatha trap team is active and we will need to wait till the end of the season to proceed with building the trap house. The season should end by the first week in November.
- In addition, 15 more yards of trees must be removed.
- The scrap metal was removed during the meeting and this was a condition for the loggers to bring their equipment into that area.
- There is no confirmation on when the loggers will return to finish the clearing of the trap range or the removal of trees for the 200 yd range.

### FISHING REPORT

Roger Burrows provided a comprehensive update on fishing opportunities in the area.

- Shrimping season is still open till November 5 th . Make sure your licenses are up to date and that you follow **ALL** regulations. Roger described the shrimping process and the minimal equipment needed. It may take some practice, but the results will be better than anything you can buy at a fish market.
- Redfish, Drum, Trout and Flounder are all good at this time. Popular areas are in Murrells Inlet and Georgetown.
- Sincere thanks to Roger for the time and effort he put into the presentation. Non-attendees missed a good one.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

There have been no significant changes to the chapter's financial position since last month, but annual taxes will be paid in October.

CRSO's Report.

- There are 97 active members on the current roster. All members are current with their National dues.

- 14 family memberships from the Maranatha School.
- There are 7 "key holding" RSO's with no logged RSO hours. Time is running out.
- There was discussion about the range SOP.

The SOP establishes rules for RSO's and guests to ensure the safe use and enjoyment of the park. The development of the SOP was open to all chapter members and there were many opportunities for active participation. The SOP was ratified by the Chapter Board and all of its provisions are expected to be enforced by the RSO's.

If a member believes that a provision in the SOP should be changed, they can notify the CRSO with a written recommendation. The Board will review the recommendation and vote on any proposed changes.

- Steve noted that the finishing mower is back in service. Many thanks to Steve for making this happen – the mower looks new. While it isn't fragile, the mower is NOT intended to go over tree roots. Stay away from the tree lines.

- Resealing the trailer roof is nearly complete. Again, thanks to Steve for doing this and for not falling through the roof in the process.

- There are several general clean-up projects that need volunteers. We want to make a good impression to visitors at the Pioneer Day event.

Kevin Casper discussed the project plan for the November 9 th Pioneer Day Festival.

- NOTE: Many volunteers are needed to make the event safe and fun for our visitors. Too few of our members have signed up to help.

- We need more RSO's and help with general clean-up of the facility before the event.