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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Meeting opened at 2:30 PM by Bill B. with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
Approximately 15 members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Quick review of Range membership by Steve C. shows approximately 59 in good standing with around 22 ready to roll off in April from non-payment of 2021 (after approximately 100 days since Jan 1st due date.) Larry D. reminded us the total PDWLA Chapter is still around 120 members since not everyone is a Park Member. Kevin C has been busy making further contact with those who have not paid. This follow up is after emails and USPS letters. Main issue for why membership is not readily renewing is availability of ammunition. A related discussion involved folx who have not paid their PUF rolling off the Park Roster in April, being subject to a proposed initiation fee to rejoin at a later time. Bill B. reminded us the initiation was originally imposed to recoup previous capital investment made by others. Bill also reminded us other local facilities watch our fee structure closely and that we need to be careful. After much discussion by others Regi A. suggested that we call the "Incentive fee" for members rejoining a "Reinstatement Fee" that could be levied at a different rate than the first time Initiation Fee. Steve C advised the board will take up this discussion for resolution.

STANDING COMMITTEES

VP of Fishing absent: Several members mentioned bass are being caught in Santee. Also, Catfish are being caught in the shallows at Wateree. Shad are also being now caught as well.

Trap Field and School Update: Ron L. gave quick update on the trap house and Maranatha trap team. Coach Rodney H. has completed trap certification as an RSO. Still expects to have a team this spring. Trap stations have also been repositioned and trap machine recalibrated for competition. Ron reported one of the trap machines batteries has failed. The spare battery was put in service. Both batteries are 2010 vintage. The situation may require purchasing a new 12 v battery sooner than later.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry D updated the membership on the finances...current checking balance is \$9300 including \$3300 in the Hunt Club account. Our Savings balance is \$3600. (numbers rounded)

Hunt Club and Land Access: Kevin C gave a quick update on increasing family member access to area across the road. Landowners Jimmy L., George L., Dennis W. are mutually reviewing the situation and will be giving Kevin C. an update. In conclusion we will develop a published document of general member access not to interfere with the Hunting Club use. Also, a reinstatement of responsibilities of upkeep and care for all WLA property as part of the lease agreement.

VP Environmental: We need to reinstate the position of VP Environmental as an active and required position. Tom Bailey volunteered for this position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin C gave more background on Horry County Chapter with 964 actual members. Range access is 50\$ annually for a key plus \$2 per visit. Membership and revenue is a non-issue due to favorable club demographics including retirees moving into the Grand Strand from the Northeast looking for a place they can shoot and fellowship. (Comparison with Pee Dee Chapter is quite different) They are still acquiring additional land for expansion. Horry Chapter has adopted their own in-house program for RSO training in order to offer everyone very timely training. They are not using NRA curriculum....**this may be a future option for our Pee Dee Chapter.**

Steve C. gave quick update on pending SOP revision highlights. Major changes include multiple members simultaneously shooting from a holster will be permitted after a qualification procedure...maximum of 4 shooters at a time. Single shooters still allowed w/o certification. Reviewed pistol use on 200 yard lanes.... acceptable if firearm has fore end grip or other secondary grip....

Also, discussed special release for RSOs bringing in underage shooters w/o parent or legal guardian in attendance. This release will need to be completed in advance by the parent or legal guardian and kept on file. Stay tuned for final version. Goal is to have the SOP update approved in March and issued in early April.

Contact Steve C if you care to see a copy of the SOP draft....still work in progress.

Another discussion involved the poor reliability this year using PayPal to collect PUF fees this year. Walker F. asked if bills were mailed out. Physical billing was largely unsuccessful when he helped do this a couple years ago. Was also suggested people do not look at E- mail. Emails and USPS reminders have been sent out since January. It was brought up the PO Box and range lockbox still seems to work ok for making payment. Also giving Kevin C. or Larry D. the payment also works. Question came up if we may be getting throttled by Pay Pal as part of the ongoing cancel culture efforts against non-PC activity... distinct possibility. Recommendation was made we look into another electronic payment service like Venmo or Apple Pay.

No further new business was brought up.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.

Reminder of Roles:

As a chapter we must follow our National Charter more closely for our monthly meetings. Every position should give a report at our monthly meetings. The following is a summarized reminder of roles and proper meeting order that we must follow:

Chaplain – Bill B. Bill starts each meeting with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President – Kevin C. Presides over order of the meeting and only votes to break a tie vote. President can appoint Ad Hoc teams as necessary.

Treasurer – Larry D. Provides timely financial reports including the collection of funds and paying bills

Secretary/WEB Master – David E. Each meeting the secretary should read the minutes of our previous meeting. The president then asks for a motion to approve minutes and if the motion fails revisions must take place. The Secretary must take notes of the meeting and published on the WEB and Facebook. Also, problem solver for E-Commerce activities (Paypal etc).

CRSO – Steve C. Responsible for RSO activities necessary to run a safe and orderly range. Documents SOP as required.

VP Fishing – Roger B. Reports at monthly meeting fishing news pertinent to local membership

VP Hunting – Dennis W. Managing Pee Dee Chapter's Hunting group and land. Reports on Pee Dee Hunting news

VP Environmental – Tom B. Provides information on environmental issues that may impact our local or country environment with a focus on wildlife and habitat.

Board Members: Steve C., Keith W., Ron L., Steve R. Charlie A. John K. Meets to discuss and make decisions on broad strategy, objectives, goals and financial issues of Pee Dee Chapter. This also includes discipline and member dismissal. President or Board spokesperson communicates decisions to general membership.