

WLA August Meeting

August 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were approximately 22 members in attendance, including 5 Board membersC. Adams, D. Wade, K. Wyrick, S. O'Hara and S. Cox.

Notes from the July meeting were accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

K. Casper thanked Ed Sprenger for his continued efforts in keeping the grounds mowed.

Prospective new member Mike Hopewell introduced himself. Sponsor is Wendell Jones.

Cox gave the RSO report. There are 83 members currently on the Range Roster with 3 pending candidates for membership. Cox advised RSOs to double check their RSO and volunteer hours posted on the August Range Roster for accuracy. We requested folks not wait until December to put in their hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Maranatha Trap Team will start their Fall 2022 season in a couple weeks. D. Wade shared that several members are having difficulty using their key in the gate and sister locks. Cox advised new keys will work better the more you use them. If still a problem, see the CRSO for a key that is easier to use.

C. Adams advised his former employer AO Smith has agreed to provide a replacement water pump accumulator tank. Ours has a small bladder leak. Charlie reports the "ask" was successful due to our continued support of the Maranatha High School Trap Team and local Scouting activities.

K.Casper reminded members we do have a recommended 10\$ donation for visitors using the range. A member asked if a special release was required for visitors? (Like used for minor relatives of RSOs without the parent or legal guardian in attendance) Answer is no... the release provisions outlined on the "sign in" sheet serves this purpose.

D.Wade has the bush hog back in service. The deck rib attachment to 3 point hitch was repaired. Cox advised we may offer another RSO training class this fall if we have enough students. Presently we have 3-4 members interested (5 is the minimum) Cox will investigate potential dates for the class.

Kevin gave the Presidents report:

Saturday Oct 8 is the proposed date for the Fall Festivus celebration. 10am is the agreed start time. This will include a quick meeting to replace our normal Sunday 2:30 pm meeting for October. The Club will provide burgers, hotdogs, & soft drinks. We will include a team competition opportunity to break a stake using a rifle, pistol, and shotgun. A raffle was proposed by D. Wade. Stay tuned for more details. Quick discussion also followed with proposed activity for the September meeting. Decision was to have a clay shooting event. Bring your shotgun, shells, and 10\$ for clays (or bring your own box of clays).

Kevin also advised the membership that V. Heath and R. Caffrey have resigned their club positions. Victoria is expected to be relocating from the area. A. Nunnley has agreed to become the new Environmental VP. Hopefully Victoria will be able to come up with a replacement leader for her Cub Scout troop. Cox has agreed to assume Rebecca's club secretary responsibilities until elections are held.

Treasurers report was given by K. Casper:

(L.Davis is still recuperating...feel free to send him your encouragement via text)
Last months balance plus an additional 20\$ in the cash box plus \$96 from National for WLA Dues rebated back to our chapter.
Hunt Club took in \$1,500 for dues from a new member. (undetermined what spending we had in July)

R.Burrows gave the fishing report:

Hot weather and lower than normal water levels has impacted fishing. Crappie fishing is slow...should be done over deep holes. Catfish should be done at night with cut bait or red worms. Bluegill and shellcracker are being caught with redworms over beds. Mud fish and gar are being harvested with bow. Remember not to eat gar eggs...they are poisonous! In salt water King Mackerel are being caught a couple miles out from the coast. Pompano are being caught off the piers. Sheephead are being caught at the jetty and around pilings...hot tip provided by S.O' Hara is to use barnacles attached to #4-6 treble hooks. Sea Trout are being caught using live shrimp.

B.Veasey gave the Education Report on the topic "using deadly force":

Highlights included...

Attacker must be an imminent threat to your (or others) life.

Serious bodily harm at that time (not promised for later)

Attacker must not have been instigated or provoked

If you have a legal right to be there, you do not have the legal obligation to retreat in South Carolina (SC stand your ground clarified after discussion) This obligation varies with different states-do your homework...Brandishing is illegal. If you unholster your firearm, make sure you are not simply trying to intimidate

D. Wade gave Hunt Club Report

Hunt club is currently full with 6 members.

Annual dues are \$500. Funds are used to improve drainage, clear roads and help maintain the property for landowner. There will be an opportunity for nonmembers to harvest a doe...contact Dennis. Archery season starts August 15th. D.Wade and W.

Floyd also gave a brief report on Local Friends of the NRA banquet held in Lake City (?) on 8/13. NRA has a new coordinator for these events and Dennis feels we should also be able to successfully host a similar event (80-100 people). Friends of the NRA has helped make several significant improvements at PDWLA over the years thru their grant process and deserves club support. Dennis passed a sheet around asking for volunteers to assist.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30

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