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AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Meeting

Meeting was opened at 2:30PM by Steve Cox with Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 20 members were in attendance including Board Members, Steve Cox, Roger Burrows, Charlie Adams, Ed Sprenger, Dennis Wade, Steve O'Hare. Meeting was led by Kevin Casper

July minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Member:

Kevin Casper recommended Ray **Stevens** family for membership into WLA. He is a Production Manager for McColl Foods. Following the meeting membership was approved by the board. Welcome to Ray and his family.

Old Business:

Trial run using games cameras for security of the park completed. Limited success as they do capture motion when activated but are not available for live viewing. WIFI service is available to be run to the site as an option.

Recently the board finished its review of available options and voted to move forward with adding security cameras, subscribing to Spectrum Cable for internet service to the park, adding a router system to provide service to 4 security cameras to monitor the entrance and buildings on site. These cameras are intended for security purposes and to protect the property and investment of improvements at the park. Cameras are not intended to monitor members while they are enjoying the park.

Refurbishing the 200 yard rifle pit is on hold at this time. Due to recent TS Debby part of the 200 yard rifle pit is under water. All other ranges are not affected by flood water. Recently there were some electrical issues with the switches not operating at the rifle range. The issue was investigated and corrected when an infestation of ants was identified and eliminated.

CRSO report - Steve Cox

Currently 99 members in the park and one pending candidate.

A fall RSO class is being scheduled for October 05, 2024 on site. Please contact Steve Cox if you would like to attend the RSO class. Cost for the class is \$60.00.

Treasury Report was given by Keith Wyrick.

Treasurer report shows favorable balance at this time. Club has approximately \$10,306.00 balance in checking/savings. Does not include Hunt Club balance of approximately 4,060.00. Overall expenditures are below 2023 levels. Significant expense paid since last meeting is the annual insurance premium which was higher than expected. One remaining large expense to be paid this year is the Park lease payment of \$2,300.00.

It is anticipated the PUF payments for 2025 will begin to come in and should continue thru February 2025. PUF fees can be paid thru the PDWLA website, by mail or in person. No change in local fees for 2025.

Maintenance and repair to the old bush hog was completed by replacing the hitch and it is now back in service to maintain the grass.

NEW Business

Kevin Casper proposed hosting a Pioneer Day/Fall Festivus day the first weekend in December for celebration and opportunity to invite youth and candidates for consideration as new members. Current members are encouraged to invite people they know that might have an interest in joining the park.

Kevin shared that the national site in Mullins suffered some recurring flood damage from TS Debby and asked members to consider making donations to assist in repairing the involved building from this most recent flooding event. The park has contributed to such repairs from prior flooding events.

Dennis Wade has raised the cost of sponsoring a table at the annual Whitetail Unlimited Event to be held August 17, 2024. WTU has supported PLA in the past year with a grant of \$1,500.00. Other donations to the Maranatha shooting team include a donation for vests. Total donations amount to close to \$2000 for the trap initiatives.

Dennis suggested an inter-club shot gun trap shoot on a regular schedule starting in September. Anyone interested please contact Dennis. This would be fun for all, see the new updates on the range in action, and be an opportunity to get some practice in prior to dove and duck hunting seasons.

Fishing Report was given by Roger Burrows

Due to Tropical Storm Debby and the inundation of fresh water runoff coastal salt water fishing is not good at this time. Local rivers that were extremely low are now at or above flood stage in many areas.

Environmental report

There is a resurgence of a COVID 19 variant going around along with a variant of intestinal flu.

Hunt Club

Membership for the Hunt Club for 2024 season has been filled. Members can sign up for an alternates list in the event an opening occurs. Members can also request to hunt from the other members and have limited opportunities for harvesting a doe. See Dennis Wade for details.

Dennis would like to plan a youth hunt possibly in the fall or on youth day in January.

Education report Bob Veasey

SCDNR has enacted new rules for deer hunting for both processors and individual hunters. Specifics are on the DNR website and rules booklet.

Change for 2024 requires all deer harvested to have a tag affixed at the kill site. All kills must be reported in the new SC Game Check system prior to midnight on the date of kill and prior to dropping off the deer at a processor. When reported you will be provided a confirmation number that must be provided to the processor who also is required to report the deer when it is accepted at the processing site.

There are four ways to complete proper reporting of the harvest

1. Download the Go Outdoors SC mobile app on your smart phone
2. Enter the harvest on the web at license.gooutdoorssouthcarolina.com
3. Text **Harvest** to 833-472-4263 and follow all prompts to complete registration
4. Call by phone to 833-472-4263.

Additional details will be provided when you get your tags and are listed on the SCDNR website.

Season opens 09/11/2024 thru January 01, 2025 for rifle season. See SCDNR for more details and other season dates.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

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