



# Wildlife Action

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## JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### Meeting

Meeting was opened at 2:30PM by Regi Armstrong with Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 18 members were in attendance including Board Members Roger Burrows and Steve Cox. Meeting was led by Vice President John Etheridge. (K.Casper was ill)

Posted June Meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

New Member Candidates - None

### New Business:

Trial run using game 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. Would need some equipment and cameras to be purchased and installed. Satellite internet service is being discussed as an option. (note- satellite "line of sight" service is impaired during inclement weather) Board is going to meet to discuss several options and determine likely cost of most viable options to present at a future meeting.

### Old Business update

Refurbishing the 200-yard rifle lanes are on hold at this time. Members are encouraged to assist in grass cutting around the Club.

## CRSO report - Steve Cox

Currently 98 members are on the Park Roster plus two pending candidates. Approximately 50 RSOs now. Only 10 have met or exceeded required hours for 2024. Cox encouraged RSOs not to wait until November or December for completing their hours.

Reviewed a couple SOP items and concerns:

1. RSO who comes with family or guests should not participate in shooting if on duty.
2. If other members present are RSOs, one should be designated on duty and not shoot while on duty. You can transfer authority to another RSO and then shoot. The basic requirement is a non-shooting RSO is in charge of the range at any given time. You simply cannot be in charge if you are actively shooting.
3. Next likely time for new RSO class will be in October. Ask for details from Steve Cox

## Treasury Report was given by K.Wyrick.

Treasurer report shows favorable balance at this time. Club has approximately \$12,117.00 balance in checking and reserve savings. Does not include Hunt Club balance of approximately \$ 4,060.00. Overall expenditures are below 2023 levels. Anticipated non-discretionary spending for the year is expected to be approx. \$4,000.00. (Insurance, tax related expenses, etc. are still pending.

It is recommended we start to focus on pro-active and preventive maintenance and establish budget for improved maintenance program. We currently have funds to begin a more active maintenance program for existing equipment and facilities and should continue to do so. Discussed some potential maintenance on the main trailer like roof (ok for now) consider water filtration for removing sulfur to provide drinkable tap water, and service HVAC if needed.

## Fishing Report was given by Roger Burrows

- Rivers continue to be at very low levels. Search for deep pools to fish
- Salt water at Murrells Inlet not the best at this time
- Can fish creeks.
- Flounders should be at least 16" to keep.
- Santee has better fishing at night due to heat and water temps

## Environmental Report

John Etheridge advised members to stay hydrated and keep ice or cool towel available to get relief from heat if working outdoors or using the park facilities. Since most of our membership is older, this is very important given current weather conditions

Hunt Club

No report. Coyotes are an issue and if anyone is interested hunting or trapping it is needed. You can hunt at night using thermal with permit and if you notify DNR.

Education report Bob Veasey

No report

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

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