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JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Meeting was opened at 2:30PM by Donnie Wheeler with Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 22 members were in attendance including Board Members Dennis Wade, Charlie Adams, & Kevin Casper. Meeting was led by Kevin.

May Minutes and June Agenda were reviewed and approved.

New Member:

Mike Hopewell sponsored Pete Halbert as a prospective member. Pete is a retired Engineer from who worked for BE&K Construction for Wellman company. He was approved for Park Membership by board vote.

New Business:

There was an update on the potential for adding security cameras at the site. WIFI service is available to be run to the site as an option. Would need some equipment and cameras to be purchased and installed. Discuss option for wireless trail cams or cellular cams. More will be discussed in future meetings.

Charlie Adams introduced a new tool to assist with picking up brass especially for pistol range. This tool is located in the sign shed. Encouraged members to try to use it when on the pistol range.

Dennis Wade updated that improvements continue on the shotgun range. Currently 6 traps are setup in houses and operable. 7th trap is stored in the trailer. RSO are encouraged to take time to learn to open and operate the shotgun range. Members are encouraged to come and shoot clays. No charge for shooting clays. Replace with more clays than you shoot.

Dennis asked members to reach out if anyone would like to begin shooting clays as group activity during the week. The membership discussed and the consensus was it is too hot to have a set date. He will discuss this again at future meetings.

Update on Maranatha Sporting Clays team. The trap team season has ended. The Maranatha Team had good results in the State Tournament. Some results are: Houston Welch scored 70/100 and earned 1st place in Novice category. Sidney Conner JV female team scored 74/100. Joy Gresham scored 78/100 and earned 1st place. Senator Mike Richenbaugh spoke at Maranatha and related back to WLA that they were in appreciation of our chapter and leadership in sponsoring them. It was noted that the use of the Shot Kam as a training aid helped the team improve their overall performance. Maranatha held their end of season celebration at PDWLA.

Old Business update

Refurbishing the 200 yard rifle pit is on hold at this time. The good news is monkey grass, blackberry bushes, English vines planted and other wild plants are helping stabilize the banks. At the 200 yard bank old OSB deteriorated into much for plants to thrive.

Members are encouraged to assist in grass cutting around the Club.

CRSO report given by K Casper substituting for S. Cox

Members encouraged to pick up brass. Also RSO's need to police fast firing. Bump stock, Glock switches and fast firing binary switch rapid firing are all prohibited.

Treasury Report was given by K. Wyrick.

Treasurer report is favorable balance at this time. Club has approximately \$12,000.00 balance which **does** not include Hunt Club balance of approximately 4,000.00. Major expenses have been paid for this year.

Fishing Report was given by Roger Burrows

Good time and conditions as river levels are lower.

Good conditions at coastal areas for Flounder, Trout, Red Fish with limit of 2 fish, and croakers. Lake Murray has no limits on Strippers

Snake-heads are an invasive species that is moving up from Florida. Do not release any you catch.

Environmental report –

John Etheridge: Oyster shells are being re-used as artificial reefs to encourage more plant life, clean the water and encourage more Oyster growth.

Hunt Club

Dennis is considering options for a fishing rodeo in future at the pond. Work is on-going in cleaning around the pond and more work will be done. He is contacting DNR to see if they will assist in re-stocking the pond.

No turkeys were harvested on the property this year. There are still Coyotes in the area and steps are being planned for shooting and or trapping Coyotes. There are plans to put in the food plots at the proper times.

Education report Bob Veasey

Reviewed two incidents he is aware of in public parking lots where situations develop quickly. He encouraged practicing situational awareness and preparedness as things do develop and occur quickly.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

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