

## Wildlife Action Pee Dee Chapter

Meeting Notes November 13, 2022

### INTRODUCTION:

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 29 people were in attendance. This included 4 Board members: K. Wyrick, D. Wade, C. Adams, and S. Cox.

K. Casper, President, asked if our visitors would introduce themselves. The visitors were interested in membership include: T. Witt and his wife, B. Hylton, J. Marsh, F. Reames, & B. Mong were our first-time visitors.

K. Casper shared the awesome news that K. Wyrick has accepted the Treasurers position left vacant by the passing of L. Davis. Wyrick has numerous financial experiences in his past work history.

### OLD BUSINESS:

K. Casper updated the group about the status of the Park water system since installation of the new pump and bladder tank at the block house in September. A major underground leak beside the trailer from a defective 1-1/2 " Tee was observed on October 15th. Excavation was performed and tee replaced. Another significant leak was detected after that. It was traced to a worn toilet flapper valve and replaced. Thanks to K. Casper, J. Sears, and S. Cox for their efforts in making repairs.

K. Casper shared that a \$300 check was written to one landowner George Lee to cover the block house power bill from the last several months. This is to cover power use associated with the Park water pump failure, bladder tank deterioration, and the subsequent water leaks. The Board has agreed to accept responsibility paying the monthly power bill for the (unoccupied) block house going forward.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Cox gave a RSO update. We have 7 new RSOs from the Oct 15th class. S. Collins, V. Mistretta, B. Marrero, S. Marsh, J. Price, M. Hopewell, & B. Spivey. 71% of the Park members are now RSOs. *That is a record !* New Park locks for next year are in hand and extra keys have been ordered. Lock changeout is scheduled for March 1st. Plan is to start distributing the new keys at the December meeting to members who have paid their 2023 PUF and satisfied their 2022 volunteer hours. Approximately half our RSOs are still trying to complete their volunteer hours before year end. Contacts have already been made with RSOs who are significantly behind in hours. Follow-up communication will be made this week with these RSOs and others still needing volunteer hours. Also, the Archery Range is open for use. Sign in sheets with Range rules are in the "real estate flyer" box mounted on one of the target stations.

### TREASURERS REPORT:

K. Casper gave the Treasurers report. There is \$4000 in the Reserve Account and \$9172 in Checking (including Hunt Club of \$2500) after paying \$1722 property taxes, power, and RSO Class expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSAL APPROVED:

B. Feley gave the group a proposal to provide a new bulletin board system for displaying noteworthy rifle and pistol competition targets. After much discussion the group endorsed Bill's generous offer. S. Rath, D. Packard and K. Wyrick will work with Bill to help manage the competition & display process.

HUNT CLUB:

D. Wade gave the Hunt Club Report. Several members have harvested does. Dennis has taken a multipoint buck. The club has also obtained a coyote depredation permit. Tom Bailey has already taken one coyote. B. Veasey reminded folks that if a coyote is taken with a tagged radio transmitter to report it to SCDNR. A lifetime hunting license will be given as a reward. (These coyotes have been tagged as a hunting incentive to help reduce the number of coyotes in the state )

FISHING:

R. Burrows gave the Fishing Report. Roger reports pond fishing is poor due to low water levels. However, day fishing at the beach inlets is superb. Red fish, Sea trout, Flounder,....just about everything is being caught. Shrimp baiting season has closed. Blue crabs are being caught using chicken backs or other chicken parts. B. Veasey reports red breast are being easily caught on Black Creek using white beetle spins.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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After the meeting the President's Turkey Shoot competition was held. R. Lochner also conducted Skeet RSO training for S. Collins, S. Marsh, D. Wheeler, and B. Marrero. Congratulations!

Post Meeting Competition results: S. Cox won the turkey with a pellet on the target crosshairs!