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September 2022 NEWSLETTER

Orders of Business

Meeting was called to order at 2:30pm with opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 24 members were in attendance, including 4 Board members: C. Adams, J. Kirkland, K. Wyrick, and S. Cox.

Moment of silence was held in memory of recently deceased members Larry Davis (PDWLA Treasurer) and Dale Carrier (former CRSO)

Old Business

Steve Cox-Chief RSO/-83 members on the May roster and 3 pending for membership.

There is a healthy interest for new members. Steve made a reminder that when you are in the park do not lock the gate. Leave it open for emergency vehicles if needed.

Notes from the August meeting were accepted as published.

K. Casper recapped the current PDWLA Leadership status

- R. Armstrong has resigned from Vice President position due to new church obligations.
- Treasurer position is vacant due to L. Davis death.
- V. Heath previously resigned from VP of Environment
- R. Caffrey had resigned from the Secretary position.
- Kevin asked the members to please consider stepping up to fill these slots.

New Business

K. Casper advised there are several fundraising requests for the membership to consider supporting. Details were shared: Horry Pride, Cross Chapter, WLA National

Landowner J. Lee was approached by K. Casper to develop a succession plan also with G. Lee to help the chapter better understand future direction, responsibilities and needs. Much discussion ensued given the logistical and legal constraints on procuring suitable property and trusts for a different range location in the future (if needed) Stay tuned.....

S. O'Harra proposed that he personally fund and build a mobile archery range that could be used around the south exit loop (grass area through the woods). It was unanimously approved by board and general membership.

Kevin also reminded members that the 4Q membership special will be starting in October. PUF paid in 4Q-22 will credit to 2023 PUF (max of 15 months for \$75). Really need to recruit younger members to help assure PDWLA remains viable in the future.

Kevin also shared the Training Trailer needs several window blinds replaced and perhaps an updated refrigerator (now runs 100% time) J.Etheridge offered to help address these needs.

K. Casper also shared the USDA group that wanted to use the facilities for firearm training has made other lower cost arrangements. There is still interest by USDA employees for individual membership.

K. Casper discussed the loss of our Cub Scout youth outreach with V. Heath's resignation. N. Flowers offered to investigate other Scout /PDWLA opportunities. W. Floyd thought there are ample BSA opportunities to leverage.

K. Casper shared plans for the Saturday Oct 8th Festivus starting at 10:00 AM. (no meeting on Sunday Oct 9th). Kevin asked members to bring a side dish to supplement the burgers, dogs, and drinks the club will provide. Guests interested in membership are welcome.

The membership agreed lumberjack, sparklers, and Tannerite are suitable firearm game options.

Here are the details:

- Shotgun Trap best 10 clays
- Pistol Pit will remain open for 22 plinkers young and old alike
- Pistol Pit put out sparklers competition
- Rifle range: Lumberjack Pistol and Rifle competition to achieve the fastest time to cut 2x4s and possibly 4x4s (possible double teams depending on interest that day)
- Free Standing Hi-Power 100 yard Tannerite
- Free Standing any firearm 100 yard target (best 5 Shots)
- Bench shooting 200 yard Tannerite
- Bench Shooting 200 yard target (best 5 shots) - there will be a site in period (small prizes will be given)

Treasurer's Report

K. Casper shared the current PDWLA financial status:

Reserve funds \$3864

Checking \$10582 (includes \$2000 Hunt Club)

August pump repairs cost \$880.

AO Smith water tank donation arranged by C. Adams avoided an additional \$350 (est) spend.

Next anticipated expenditure is approximately \$1300 for insurance.

Kevin said he we will report financial status with the membership until the Treasurer position is filled. It was suggested that we all share dual roles until election at end of year. He also offered to vacate the President position and offer candidacy for the Treasurer slot or other positions if someone is willing to run for President. All those running for office must be reviewed by board members per our charter.

Standing Committees

Hunting Report: W Floyd and R Burrows

Has been too hot for Hunt Club activity. Deer tags must be picked up if you have the Sportsman License...they are not mailed. Double check regulations before using supplemental lighting during legal deer hunting hours. Dove season started Sept 3rd

Fishing Report: R Burrows

Discussed the shrimping season currently underway. License is \$25. Limit is 48 qts per day per boat. Night shrimping is recommended to avoid crowds and heat. Net mesh size is limited to 1/2" x 1/2" minimum. Net poles are 10ft apart with 100ft max run length. You will harvest much larger (and fresher) shrimp than you typically see in the grocery store. Also creek fishing in Georgetown and Myrtle Beach is doing well. Double check salt water fishing regulations.

Snake Report

K. Wyrick recently found dead Canebrake rattlesnake at the Training Trailer tongue assembly. It was approximately 16" long. Canebrake young are born live, with litter sizes up to 20 snakes. Mama and siblings are still believed to be in the area.

Environmental Report: Victoria Heath

Steve Cox has been planting and watering stuff down range. The Poison Ivy, weeds, and brush holds the bank back.

Education: B Veasey

Shared details associated with legal night hunting of feral hogs, armadillos, and coyotes on private land. Land must be registered with DNR for depredation harvesting. This can be done online and must be renewed annually. Lights are allowed during legal hunting hours but are not allowed to be affixed to firearm. Cannot hunt closer than 300 yds to homes on nonregistered property. Also, cannot hunt across paved roads. W. Floyd reports the Hunt Club property has not been registered with the DNR for the last few years. Check regulations before hunting these varmints.

Prospective New Members

B. Spivey was introduced by N. Flowers. Mr. Spivey is a 3rd year medical student at McLeod Regional. G. Berry was introduced by sponsor W. Floyd. Mr. Berry is a professional chef.

RSO Report

S. Cox gave the September update. Currently 85 members on the Range Roster. The Maranatha Fall Trap Team starts Saturday Sept 18th. (Rodney says he expects 12 athletes this season) At this time we have 8 RSOs who have completed their 12 hr commitment. There is approx 8 RSOs who still have 0 hrs. YTD. Please don't wait December to put in your hours.

We believe the Microsoft RSO Calendar conversion is complete. From the web page, use the menu pull down icon or list in the upper left hand corner. Select Calendar and Scheduling RSO. The historical location for doing this task in the lower right hand corner of the page has been removed. If you still experience problems, pls contact S. Cox.

The next RSO Training Class scheduled for Oct 15th presently has only 3 students registered. Due to the interactive nature of the class, five students are needed to hold the class. Please contact S.Cox if you are interested in registering for this class.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

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Post meeting:

- Rifle range and Skeet Range was opened.
- A shout out to W. Floyd who sprayed the ranges for weed control. Walker provided the weed control chemicals at his own expense!
- Board voted to accept Mr. Berry as a candidate for range membership.