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SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Meeting

Meeting was opened at 2:30PM by John Etheridge with Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 14 members were in attendance including Board Members, Steve Cox and Roger Burrows. Meeting led by John Etheridge

August minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Member:

NA

Old Business:

Currently working with Spectrum to get service cables run and camera system installed per motion approved in last month's meeting.

CRSO report - Steve Cox

Currently 101 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. At time of meeting there are two potential slots open for this class.

Range will be closed on October 5, 2024 due to the RSO training class.

Maranatha Trap team has grown to 12 families. This includes two female shooters. The team will shoot 5 stand this year with the updates completed to the shotgun range.

One day this past month the main gate was found closed but not locked. All RSO reminded to have their keys with them and to make sure the gate is locked when the last member leaves the park.

Treasury Report was given by Keith Wyrick.

Treasurer report shows favorable balance at this time. Club has approximately \$10,657.00 balance in checking/savings. Does not include Hunt Club balance of approximately 4,060.00. Overall expenditures are below 2023 levels. Expenses were normal this past month. Insurance premium paid to National was higher than expected

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 phone or in person. No change in local fees for 2025.

New Business

NA

Fishing Report was given by Roger Burrows

With water levels replenished by TS Debby now is a good time to fish. At Santee the bass should be moving good soon. Crappie getting ready to spawn. Best time for catfish is at night. Inland waters near Georgetown are returning to better conditions. Shrimp season opens 9/15/2024.

Environmental report –

John mentioned to be alert to potential chronic wasting disease in deer population. None in our area yet but seems to be moving closer. SCDNR is considering changes in baiting deer as it appears this may be encouraging the spread in the affected areas. No local changes expected in the near future.

Hunt Club

NA

Education report Bob Veasey

SCDNR ask that all help with invasive species by keeping boats, equipment and boots etc clean when moving between water ways. Ask that left over bait not be dumped in the water but destroyed on land to prevent contamination

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

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