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FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Prayer- Regi Armstrong-Leading Meeting
Pledge
Reintroduction of newest members
Notes from last meeting-Rebecca Caffrey
Approximately 25 members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Cox-Chief RSO/Report given by Charlie Adams-Charlie welcomed newest park members Dick and Aileen Loffreda. He offered thanks to everyone that helped with the trailer clean out on January 15th. He relayed that we removed 16 yards of material along with several thousand pounds of scrap steel was carted off. Next step is to restore south wall/door and minor floor patching. Roger and Dennis offer additional cost/information for why it's important for archery targets to be out of the elements. Last month .223 rifle casings were found at the pistol pit. Permitted ammo for the range is posted under the canopy. Move to the rifle range with these bullets so targets are not damaged. We are showing 61 active members on the roster. At this time we have approximately a dozen individuals scheduled to be removed from the roster March 1 from non payment of PUF. We have improved compared to last year. In April the Maranatha team is scheduled to begin. See John Kirkland for group holster shooting certification. See Steve Cox if you are interested in a spring RSO class. Minimum class size is 5 students.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Hunting Report: Dennis Wade

It was a good deer season. 3 out of 5 members had success. Turkey hunting will be from March 15-April 30. There have been 10-15 hens at a time. Did not see Jakes, but Dennis is keeping an eye out. There are more raccoons than we can stand. There is a coyote problem and no quail present.

Fishing Report: Roger Burrows:

With the full moon in February Shad and Herring are on a spawning run. Crappie will be in season this month as well. He suggested an outing at St. Stephens for fishing. There is a 129 per person per day limit for Herring and a limit of 2 for Shad. Dennis also shared that he took his family on a charter for fishing. It was \$350 for 6 people. They caught 6 fish and had fun.

Environmental Report: Victoria Heath

Victoria invited Dr. Rongzhong Ye, Professor of Biogeochemistry and Soil Health from Clemson University to walk the range and discuss the plan for erosion. He agreed with the plan to plant white clover and fescue as mentioned at the previous meeting. It would ideally be planted in December. Dr. Rongzhong was impressed with the range and showed interest in joining. Victoria would like to have a work day for the scouts on February 19 or March 5th. March 5th was not open, but Larry was on the schedule for that day and was willing to change plans. Victoria is donating a leaf blower to the range. She also picked up a lot of casings on the range recently. She suggested a process to sift sand from casings. Members showed more interest in just staying vigilant about picking up all casings especially 22's. She made a correction to the notes in January regarding Northern Snakehead fish. DNR ask that you do not put the fish back in the water. If you kill one and keep it, freeze it or place it on ice or take detailed pictures. Send them to the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

Education: Bob Veasey

Bob spoke of the Coyote Harvest Incentive Program which directed SCDNR to develop and implement a coyote tagging and reward program. Anyone who successfully takes and reports a tagged coyote will be rewarded with a free lifetime hunting license. Over the last five years 96 coyotes have been tagged and released. Bob offered flyers with more information on this program and Coyote Harvest Estimates.

TREASURER'S REPORT LARRY DAVIS

Balance: \$7,540.35

Reserves: \$3,710.63

Hunt Club \$993.91 (\$300 income)

NEW BUSINESS:

Regi Armstrong:

Regi Armstrong and Kevin Casper are planning a Youth Training Day for 7-10th grade students from Saint Anthony Catholic School. March 26th from 10-1:30. It would include conservation, range and weapon training, target shooting, and BBQ at the end. Details are still being discussed and arranged.

ADDENDUM:

"The archery targets have since been returned to the nose of the trailer. The raised mezzanine floor has also been functionally restored."



