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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Notes

Meeting was opened at 2:30 pm by Kevin Casper. John Etheridge led prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 26 members were in attendance including Board Members, Kevin Casper, Dennis Wade, Steve Cox, Roger Burrows, Dan Packard, Steve Ohara, John Etheridge VP, Keith Wyrick Treasurer, Donnie Wheeler Secretary. Meeting led by Kevin Casper.

October minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Business:

Election of officers is scheduled for this meeting. Nominees must be present to be eligible to receive votes. Existing camera system has been removed due to increasing high operating cost, susceptibility to hacking, and the desire to be less intrusive. Proposed revised system will be based on lower operating cost trail camera technology for protection of hi value property and should be installed in the near future. This equipment change has been offered at no cost to the club by an anonymous club donor.

CRSO report – Steve Cox

Current roster of 94 members. Former members Victoria & Grant Heath have been reinstated. Former member Rebecca Caffery is in the process of reinstatement. Visitor Frank O'Shea was also in attendance (guest of Chapman (Whitlock)

Reminder...range operating hours on Sundays are 2:00 pm until sunset.

Our water pump located at the block house has been winterized. Trailer water will be cut off this month (unprotected piping is located under the trailer) and the furnace thermostat is on a timer to minimize peak use heating costs from 6am-9am. As before, five-gallon water buckets will be staged to facilitate toilet flushing during this period.

Treasurers Report was given by Keith Wyrick.

Club has approximately \$10,121.00 balance in checking/savings. Does not include Hunt Club balance of approximately \$3,000.00. Lease payment of 2,200.00 paid and reflected in this balance. The current club balance is favorable compared to 2024 at this time. This is attributed to reduced discretionary spending this year.

Reviewed option for any members interested in donating to PDWLA (501-C3) using your IRA funds to include our EIN number 57-004-4167. Direct donations from your IRA Trustee to our club (without you touching the funds) is an opportunity to reduce your ordinary income taxes on RMD distributions. Instruct the Trustee use our address PDWLA-PO Box 5022, Florence SC 29502. Talk with your financial advisor for more details.

Old Business NA

Fishing Report Roger Burrows

Fishing activity will diminish when cold temperatures move in. Best opportunities will be deeper water pools and of shore saltwater

Hunt Club Report Dennis Wade

One doe harvested this year. Members encouraged to participate in planned Coyote and Raccoon management hunts. Short dove season comes in after Thanksgiving.

Education report Bob Veasey

Reviewed Veterans Day and legendary WWII B17 tail gunner Staff Sergeant "Mad Mike" Donovan. His unorthodox aggressive and psychological techniques saved many air crew by disrupting German tactics. He is credited with shooting down 21 ME109 aircraft and damaging 10 to 13 more aircraft with his extraordinary skill on missions conducted in Europe during April 1943. He was then assigned teaching the "Donovan Doctrine" in a training role to more than 300 other B17 & B24 gunners. This training significantly increased bomber survivability and air crew protection for the remainder of the war.

Environmental Report John Etheridge

Farmland acreage in South Carolina declined approximately 335,000 acres or about 6.5% of productive acreage over the last 10 years. Mostly was related to development. Also, a loss of logging operations and acreage being designated as conservation lands.

Board Elections for:

- Terms expiring: Dennis Wade, and Dan Packard
- Resignation: Charlie Adams

After ballot voting, the following were elected to Board Positions

- Dennis Wade
- Nick Carter
- Mike Hopewell

Elected officers (unopposed)

- John Etheridge elected as President
- Victoria Heath elected as Vice President
- Pete Kennedy elected as Treasurer

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm

Death Notice:

Dr. Jon Docherty passed away this past Saturday, Nov. 15 after a brief illness. Visitation hours will be 10 AM to 12 this Saturday at Stoudenmire Dowling Funeral home. Funeral services will then be held at 12 PM. Jon was a life member, benefactor and general supported of Wildlife Action.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wildlife Action Pee Dee Chapter at P.O. Box 5022 Florence, SC 29502.

We offer our sympathies to his son Harrell who is also an active life member of Wildlife Action.