

## Wintergreen Sporting Club Meeting Minutes

Tuckahoe Club House

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
(unapproved)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Ron Cote at 5:09 PM.

### **Secretary Report:** Robin Pullen

Minutes from the November 2, 2019 meeting had been previously posted on the website and attendees were reminded to review them before the meeting. There were no additions, changes or corrections to the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as reported. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

### **Treasurer Report:** Jerry Gress

- There are 206 paid members.
- There are 469 subscribers to our various group emails.
- We use Mail Chimp for our emails. It keeps our data base of email addresses. Orders come through Square Space and then email addresses need to be manually entered into Mail Chimp. When an order comes through for 2 people in the same household the email addresses are put in separately so each member can sign up for the particular interest groups they want. The only way to know if your email address has not been entered correctly is if you are not receiving email notices of activities. If this is the case then you must let Jerry know.
- Balance to start: \$11,760.88
- As of today: \$8447.60
- Income is mainly from dues. Dues for 2021 were suspended for those that were members in 2020.
- Expenditures:
  - o Spring Dinner Meeting: \$2014.73
  - o Archery: \$197.83
  - o Fishing: \$1625.29
  - o Boating: 31.42
  - o Misc. to include Mail Chimp fees, Square Space fees and PO box rental: \$700.71
- If any member wants to review the records of the clubs' finances, please contact Jerry.

## **Interest Group Reports:**

### **Archery:** Robin Pullen for Lead Mike Capps

- Archery has 214 subscribers and 83 of those are members.
- Season began March 17<sup>th</sup> after replacing the target faces at Rodes Farm and making minor repairs to the Field Range.
- Rodes Farm practice is currently every Wednesday at 2:30 for practice and 3:30 for new comer instruction. The time will change as the warmer weather approaches. Watch for the announcement of the time change.
- Field Range is every other Sunday from 2 to 4 PM. The field trail is rugged so not the best choice for new beginners and instruction is not offered at that time.
- Archer John Morgan is now a Level Two instructor. He uses the National Training System. Instruction is offered to both recurve and compound archers. John can also help archers select and maintain the correct equipment.
- The group has loaner equipment, both recurve and compound, you can try before deciding to purchase your own.

### **Boating:** Co Lead Charles Batchelor

- Boating has 307 subscribers and 141 members.
- Along with Richard Elder, trips are being planned for this season. The first one is for a kayaking/canoeing trip on the Rivanna River on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The goal is to do at least one trip a month until late fall.
- He noted the club no longer had kayaks or a boat trailer, now relying on the services of the area outfitters. This format for the club is working well.
- A survey of the members of the board group about which days of the week were best for river trips came up with no strong preferences. It was somewhat surprising that even weekends were ok with members. The group leads, however, want to avoid the rowdy crowds that often take over the rivers on weekends.
- The weather is a major factor in running rivers. The shallow rivers in Central Virginia during the dry summer are problematic. It was noted that Nelson County is working on establishing a water trail on the Rockfish River with the put-in at the wayside near Route 6 on US 29.
- Echoing the thinking of many of the group leads, Charles said all WSC members are welcome to initiate a boating trip They can invite club members to join them using the club's website and email newsletter system. Also, suggestions about where and when to go are most welcomed.

### **Biking:** Lead Tim Jordan

- There are 236 subscribers and 109 members.
- Tim recently took over from Bob Browne and Dennis Bryant.
- So far, the turn out for the rides has been low.
- Planning on doing local rides.
- There are thoughts of overnight rides in Greenbrier and Harrisonburg. With additional overnight rides being planned for June and July.

- The High Bridge Trail is planned for Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> as the bridge construction is finished.
- The Gettysburg Battlefield Bike Tour on June 3<sup>rd</sup> is a 16–19-mile guided tour by a historian with bikes included. This outing is being planned by Bruce Ballentine. Call or text Tim if interested.
- Suggestions for rides are welcomed.
- The level of difficulty, such as hills and road surface will be stated in the announcement emails. Tim has been trying to take the bike ride ahead of time so he can make everyone aware of what to expect.
- Rides can be as few or as many miles as you feel comfortable riding.

#### **Pistol and Rifle:** Co Lead Jim White

- There are 257 subscribers and 103 members.
- The group gathers at the Stoney Creek Golf Club parking lot every First and Third Monday of the month at 9 AM to travel to Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Range where there are a number of options for shooting. There will be times when the shotgun group goes at the same time depending on the venue.
- Jim is working on creating skills development programs such as shooting with your non-dominant hand among others. These will not be competition based.
- After practice the group will usually stop somewhere for lunch before returning to Stoney Creek.

#### **Shotgun:** Lead Jerry Gress

- There are 241 subscribers to the email announcements and 94 are members.
- Venues utilized are Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club (RRPC) and Flying Rabbit. RRPC is 5 miles south of I64 and Old Lynchburg
- Flying Rabbit offers wobble and sporting clays.
- We gather at 9 AM at the Stoney Creek Golf Club parking lot every Friday at 9 AM.
- The group is experimenting with tagging along with the Rifle and Pistol group on Mondays.
- Shotgun ammunition can be purchased through Rivanna.
- Jerry is willing to take anyone to RRPC to learn shotgun. On Sunday afternoons Jerry can take you as a guest. There is a Saturday morning skeet shoot group that can also be joined.

#### **Fishing:** Co Lead Chris Corish

- There are 326 subscribers with 135 members.
- Last year the pandemic reduced the conclaves to 3. This year 7 conclaves are being scheduled between April to October. April 20<sup>th</sup> by Chris and Lenlee Corish. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 participants gathered at Wild Wolf. The June 21<sup>st</sup> conclave will be held by Tim and Lynne Hess. Vicki and Bob Keenan will host a conclave on August 9<sup>th</sup>. July and August conclaves will be at Wild Wolf. At the venues outside the Wild Wolf venue, we will have a speaker to talk about various fishing topics. Weekend conclaves are being taken into consideration but have been poorly attended in the past.

- The trout pond was stocked in early February and fishing opened March 9<sup>th</sup> after being fed for a month. Initially it was catch and release and now 3 trout can be kept. The average trout is up to about 2 pounds. With the coming of hotter days, the fish will start suffering and therefore there will be a Spring Trout Fishing Tournament.
- On May 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Charity Tournament to benefit Wintergreen Fire and Rescue. Most restrictions will be dropped and all fish caught will be allowed to be kept. There will be a nominal registration fee. A fishing license is not required for this tournament.
- The following weekend the state is suspending the license requirement for fisherfolks across the state.
- The Bass Fishing Tournament will be held in the fall.
- All the other ponds in Stoney Creek are subject to the WPOA rules and are catch and release. A fishing license is required for fishing on property.
- Last year there was significant poaching from people outside the community. Poaching can be difficult to police, but the police do what surveillance they can.

**A few notes from the secretary:**

- Thanks to the social committee: Lenlee Corish, Alice Karrh, Lynne Hess, and Robin for organizing the dinner created by Country Cupboard.
- Thanks to David Crabtree and Ron Cote for setting up the tables.
- Thanks to Dianne Klingemann for being our receptionist. And Don Klingemann for being our first ever sommelier!
- Receptacles are in the hallway for glass and other recyclables.
- I would appreciate interest group presenters leaving their notes with me for the accuracy of the minutes.
- Thanks to everyone in advance for helping to put table and chairs away.

At 5:50 PM, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor of adjourning and moving on to dinner. The motion was passed.

Respectively submitted

Robin Pullen

WSC Secretary