

## **Wintergreen Sporting Club Meeting Minutes November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Ron Cote at 5:15 PM

### **Secretary report, Robin Pullen:**

Minutes from the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting had been previously posted on the website and attendees were reminded to review them before this 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:**

-Balance to start: \$8772

-As of today: \$7976

-Income is mainly from the dues. There was a donation of \$500 for trout stocking

-Expenditures:

-Fishing: \$250 to WPOA for trout, \$280 Bass Tournaments, \$135 for trout food and habitat supplies

-Archery: \$350 for target covers and supplies

-Shooting: \$110 for Rivanna membership dues, \$80 target supplies and safety items

-Boating: \$100 for boat trailer registration, supplies and joint outing with Adaptive Sports

-Dinner subsidy and supplies: \$1711

-Marketing promotion and logo merchandise: \$1703 – signs, bandanas, hats, flyers

-Website: \$312

-Club house rental fees: \$250

There were no additions or corrections to the report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

### **Election of Treasurer:**

Jerry Gress, who has been interim treasurer since the spring meeting, was nominated for the position of treasurer. The motion to elect Jerry Gress as permanent Treasurer was made and seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Jerry Gress will fill the position of treasurer for the 2-year term.

### **By-Laws:**

The by-laws were updated and revisions presented to the membership. The changes include:

Establishing biking as an Interest Group,

Percentage of members needed for a vote – those present at the meeting would be considered a quorum.

Don Klingemann suggested an edit to Article 6 Paragraph 8.

A motion to accept the revisions was made by Tim Hess and seconded by Hardy Karrh. There was a call for a motion to modify the By-Laws as discussed and accept as revised. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Interest Group Reports:**

**Archery:** John Morgan

-14 targets were refurbished – 7 at Rodes Farm and 7 at the field range.

-An 8<sup>th</sup> lane was added to the field range.

-Donation of a left-handed recurve bow was made by Gary Madison.

-35 sessions were held throughout the season.

-15 new individuals came out to the sessions and 3 of those joined as regular participants.

-John Morgan was certified by the USA Archery Association as a level 1 instructor – he has been helping group members to select equipment and providing instruction to new and current members.

-End of the season tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> overall: John Morgan – recurve with sight, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall: Robin Pullen – compound bow, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall: Charles Batchelor – regular recurve.

-Next season lane “0” will be added to the Rodes farm field.

**Biking:** Co-lead Dennis Bryant:

-Biking group is now 3 years old

-145 members have an interest in biking

-Notable rides during this three year period: Rockfish River, Piney River Trail, Lynchburg Blackwater Creek and River Walk Trails, Farmville High Bridge Trail

-Out of area and overnight trips: VA Creeper Trail near Abingdon, Greenbriar River Trail, VA Capital Trail, Yorktown Battlefield and Jamestown tour road, C&O Canal Trail along the Potomac River

-Rides are safe, scenic and flat!

-Some members have been sharing their individual experiences with the rest of the group and these have been sent out via Mail Chimp emails to those interested.

-The biking members now have the use of a secure storage shed near Tuckahoe Club House for seasonal storage of their bikes, thanks to WPOA and the leadership of the Wintergreen Sporting club.

-Three aims of the biking group are: to encourage safe and healthy cycling for members of all ages and abilities; to provide opportunities for members to organize and

participate in group rides; and create another group within the WSC where friendships can form and grow.

-The co-leaders are open to ideas on suggested trips and ideas on how the group can evolve and grow.

**Boating:** co-lead Richard Elder

-This year was the reinstatement of the boating group.

-Emails go out to 168 members and non-members interested in boating

-Unfortunately, the process of planning can be complicated due to types of water (rivers vs lakes), dates, weather, water level, distance to travel to source

-Three great trips this season: Rivanna River, North Fork of Shenandoah, James River - photos were posted to the boating website

-Other potential trips include: Shenandoah River north, north and south James River, Maury River, Jackson River, New River, Mathew's County for coastal kayaking

-The trips provide an opportunity to be outdoors in nature in scenic and peaceful surroundings. Trips allow for stopping and swimming, bringing your dog along and above all Charles "famous cookie breaks"!!

**Rifle and Pistol:** co-lead James White

-1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month rain or shine due to Rivanna's indoor range.

-There was a Ladies Only Shoot attended by 10 ladies at the Rivanna range. Instructors included: Jim White, Dave Beecroft, Gary Madison and Ron Cote. Another one will be held in the spring.

-Jim recommended the u-tube video: Purses are for lipstick.

-Future consideration is for a couples shoot.

**Fishing:** co-lead Bruce Henderson

-This is the largest of all the sporting club activities with several hundred members and non-members receiving the fishing related emails.

-The monthly fishing conclaves will begin again starting in April on the second Monday of each month. An email announcement will be sent when the conclaves starts back up. The informal get-togethers are a great time for fishermen to plan fishing trips with other fishermen. One such group has planned a trip to Canada in the fall of 2020.

-The trout pond will be stocked in February and an email announcement will be sent as to when the trout pond will open for fishing and what the 2020 rules will be. Also, volunteers will be requested via email in late January to feed the trout once they have been stocked. Any property owner who wants to fish for the trout will be required to obtain and wear an Orange Trout Pond Permit available Monday through Friday from the WPOA office on the mountain.

- There are 14 ponds in Stoney Creek that can be fished which contain Largemouth Bass. One pond has Smallmouth Bass as well as Crappie and Blue Gill. There are some true “Lunkers” in our ponds as evidenced by a 9 lb. bass caught in recent years at Grassy Pond and a 7 pounder caught in Deer Pond. The WSC website describes each of the ponds and how to get to the individual ponds and what variety of fish they contain.
- The annual pond habitat enrichment project will be conducted again in 2020. An email announcement will be made once the dates have been established (weather/temperature dependent) for volunteers to assist in planting the discarded Christmas trees in our ponds.
- There will be Spring and Fall Bass Tournaments again in 2020. Announcements will be forthcoming in early spring and early fall.
- As requested by several new members, in the spring there will be offered a walking tour to all of our ponds to orient anyone not familiar with them as to how to best access the pond and discuss where to fish. Be on the lookout for an email announcement.
- All members are encouraged to send photos of your catches and a short general description of where the fish was caught to the fishing group ([fishing@Wtgsportingclub.org](mailto:fishing@Wtgsportingclub.org)) so they can be placed on the website.
- There will be a beginner fly casting class in mid spring 2020 when the weather warms up.
- WPOA donated a jon boat to WSC which will be used for the habitat enrichment project.

### **Shot Gun: Jerry Gress**

- Meet twice a month – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at Flying Rabbit in Mount Crawford
- During the winter the day switches to Friday.
- There is a core group of 4 to 5 people that regularly attend.
- Shot guns can be borrowed if you do not have one.
- The group would like to have more women join.
- The group always stops for a lunch on the way home.
- Next season other venues will be explored.

### **A few notes from the secretary:**

- Thanks to the social committee: Lenlee Corish, Lynne Hess, Alice Karrh and Robin for organizing the dinner to be catered by Country Cupboard.
- Thanks to Bruce Henderson, Charles Batchelor and Ron Cote for setting up and covering the tables.
- Thanks to Dianne Klingemann, Laura Sorenson and Don Klingemann for reception and hat sales.
- Metal utensils go in white dish pan on top of the garbage can.

- Recycle containers are provided for glass, cans and plastic.
- Interest group presenters were asked to supply to the secretary their notes for the accuracy of the minutes.
- Volunteers are needed for the WSC display table at the WPOA meeting November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Next dinner meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- Thanks to all members in advance for helping to put away the tables and chairs at the end of the meeting.
- Mike Friedlein was asked to make a few comments regarding the need of fire and rescue for volunteers.

**Special presentation:**

-Ron Cote presented Charles Batchelor with a Certificate of Appreciation with Life-Time Membership for all his work in maintaining the very professional Website and working with group leads to understand the intricacies of Mail Chimp!

At 6 PM, a motion 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