

Willow River Rod & Gun Club

The January 2023 meeting of the Willow River Rod & Gun Club was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Chris Kupczek with 5 members present.

The Secretary's report was read and approved
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Introduced Short Range Pistol Range Plans

Requested volunteers to assist with an Ice Fishing Contest on Cedar Lake, last weekend of Feb

Requested volunteers to assist with getting new merchandise together at Designer Logo in Star Prairie

Discussed adding cameras to range - members agree to move forward

Committee Reports

Archery: Winter league starting - 1/17 brush, 1/22, spot
League prices were raised this year

Trap: Had a good year. Raised prices last year and may need to do so again this year.
Non-members will pay a higher rate
HS Trap will be shooting Monday nights.
Schedule to start first week of May.
Turkey Shoot - Father's Day weekend
14 Teams last year

ARA: Also good year. Had up to 15 shooters
State tournament was hosted here
Any interest - extra equipment available for small fee to try on Saturday
Will be doing another squirrel shoot

Rifle Range: Going good
Bunkers rebuilt in fall

Pistol: Trying to keep lanes snowblowed
Let board know about any issues

Land Development: First year in active forestry project. Treated for buckthorn and other invasive species. Did some cutting in upper trap range. Program is on-going

Membership: 700 members at end of year, added 120 new members. 120 didn't renew and 415 had renewed by meeting. 54 members renewed at reduced rate for volunteering
Public Relation/St Croix Alliance: Winter Walk, Spring Woodcock walk, & Waterfowl survey being done

Education: Instructors are getting certified for internet field day, to be held in Spring

Nominating Committee: 3 board members up for re-election, Chris, Wayne, Jerry.
Gary Evans would like to run as well
Chris, Wayne, Jerry will all stay on, in same positions

Long range planning: Tabled

Old Business: Membership cap - 1500 in bylaws, had to have a number. Numbers seem to plateau about 700
Discussed rule/policy violations - will not be lenient. Memberships will be suspended or canceled

New Business: Looking for 2 youths from club to send to camp and 2 youths for \$1000 scholarships if interested in a Natural Resources field.
415 member up for rifle raffle - Thomas White of New Richmond winner

Adjourned: 9:00 PM