

**Willow River Rod & Gun Club  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Thursday: Mar. 14th , 2024**

I. **Meeting called to order; Time: 7:01 pm By: Larry**

II. **Attendees: Board Members: Jerry, Joe, Ray, Larry, Greg, Sara**

**Absent Board Member(s): Chris**

**Guests: Clubhouse full of Youth Archery shooter and parents.**

III. **Secretaries Report: Approved  Not Approved**

IV. **Treasurer's Report; Approved  Not approved**

V. **Committee Reports:**

- a) Archery: Winter leagues end 1<sup>st</sup> week in April. Thursday Youth turnout has been better than expected. Work nights start first Tuesday in April for 3 consecutive weeks, volunteers needed. Question was asked about going to 2 person teams for the 2024 season. We will be keeping 4 person teams for 2024. This will be posed as a question to shooters at the 2024 shoot offs. Target #9 needs to be moved,
- b) Rim Fire (ARA), nothing new. Please see club calendar for scheduled dates at this time
- c) Audit Committee: nothing new
- d) Education: Hunter Safety Internet Field Day will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Limit of 20 participants.
- e) Land Development: Meeting notes from Larry Feb.16<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Submit statements from Habitat Creations for grant money and start writing new grant. Aspen should be cut for Propagation of new shoots. Hardwoods can come in naturally, be seeded or transplanted. Some plants are available thru the DNR. Availability is usually published in October for next spring's delivery. Lumber to be sold or club can cut. Keep in contact with Dave Epperly for recommendations. Have Dave mark trees to be harvested. Phase 1 harvesting to be done in the next 3 years, trees 9" in diameter at breast height are marketable. Other areas can wait maybe 10 years for thinning. Spraying for invasive species is working and should be ongoing thru out club property. Dead trees should be destroyed as soon as possible allowing openings in the canopy.
- f) Long Range Planning: As shown in Land Development.
- g) Membership: 560 member as of Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- h) Nominating Committee: Nothing
- i) Public Relations: Nothing
- j) Pistol Range: Work has begun and will continue. Ongoing discussion and assessment will be needed to insure safety and function. Chris is working on a No Blue plan.
- k) Rifle Range: Railroad ties need to be moved and work party dates to be set to rebuilt bunkers. White plastic shot boards need replacing. Work date(s) to follow please check Club Calendar.
- l) Small Bore Range: Nothing new. Target boards are in shed.
- m) Trap/High School Trap: H.S. trap began. Organizational Meeting for Club Trap League will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. More teams are needed, please pass the word. Upper Trap House needs to be replaced but is still useable. Time to get grants is coming faster than expected. May need to follow up early next years to be considered for funds to replace Trap House.

VI. **Old Business:** Assessment of new pistol range construction needs to be watched. Getting it right the first time is essential. Chris to get bid for Upper Trap House replacement.

**VII. New Business: Please respect club grounds. If you drop it, leave it, break it, pick it up or fix it. Please advise board of any maintenance issues. Need to test smoke alarms and replace batteries. Need to look into small propane gas cage for outdoor storage. Move fire extinguisher at end of bar to other side of door. Discussed group email options to better communicate work party days etc.**

**A list of work projects not limited to;**

**Rifle range**

**New Pistol range**

**Winter clean up**

**Fence repair and stain/paint archery and garbage**

**Concrete pad for shotgun patterning**

**New picnic tables**

**Gravel for parking area on rifle range**

**Repair rifle driveway chain.**

**Repair archery tree stand, paint/stain**

**Indoor-club house cleaning, dusting, staining/painting etc.**

**Motion made and approved for Archery Supplies**

**Motion made and approved for Archery Award arrows**

**Motion made and approved for Rifle Range work**

**VIII. Adjournment: Time 7:57 pm**