

Willow River Rod and Gun Club

May 9, 2024

The May 2024 meeting of the Willow River Rod and Gun Club was called to order at 6:58 by Larry Suennen with 13 members present. Greg and Sara were absent for the Board.

The secretary's report was read and approved

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Committee Reports:

Archery League: There are 54 adult shooters and 9 youth shooters. More shooters are welcome. Targets are still being made.

Trap League: There are 11 teams signed up, hoping for a few more.

Rifle Range: Bunkers need to be rebuilt soon. Railroad ties need to be moved. A workday will probably be scheduled for a weekend.

Pistol / Rimfire Range: More backers are needed to be made. This project will probably be done on the same workday as the bunker rebuild.

Membership: Membership stands at 624 with applications and dues still coming in.

Land and Future Planning: We will probably need a new grant request written for more work to be done on the forest management project.

Education and Community Relations: The property was used on April 13 for a Hunter Ed Field Day. The New Richmond Hunter Education Group Wishes to thank the Club for the use of the property. The pellet traps that were stored have been given to the Somerset HE group.

Old Business:

Open Board Position: Dan Nottke has shown interest in the position. He will work some with Wayne and some others to see if he would like the position.

Short Pistol Range Project: Joe Alexander has been researching the possible side panels and what they would need to be set on. He was estimating we would need 17 panels that would be set on a 1-2" size gravel base about 5-8' wide. Not sure how deep. He is still researching the project.

Upper Trap House Rebuild: Discussion that the one estimate submitted seemed high. We will wait for more. Discussion on block or poured walls.

Patterning Range Pad: Discussion on the size and location. This will probably be done on a workday.

Dave Hegge has done the Spring maintenance on the mowers and tractor. There was some discussion on the walk behind snowblower. The chute seems to turn slow.

New Business:

Scholarship: Ron Roettger found a good candidate for the scholarship. A motion was made and seconded to give Maize Gillespie a #1000 scholarship upon meeting the requirements. With limited discussion the motion was passed. She is going to UW LaCrosse.

Ron also spoke about the bird banding going on at Oakridge Wildlife area.

A discussion about wireless trap callers was brought up. The Hudson Gun Club may have some to trade. Jerry and Bruce Burch will look into this.

A set of wooden signs was donated by a new member.

With no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Suennen