

July 10, 2024

## Willow River Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting minutes

The July meeting of the Willow River Rod and Gun Club was called to order by Larry Suennen at 7:00pm with five members present. Board members Sara Chase and Greg Evans were absent.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

### Committee Reports

Archery - League is going well with only a few weeks to go. An archery shoot was held in June with about 25 shooters attending. The club profited about \$200. There was some damage done to some targets, probably done by bear trying to get to ants in the targets. Another public archery shoot is planned for August 3, 2024. Set up will be on August 2, the shoot on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the league shoot offs will be on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please check the calendars for the range closures. Help will be needed for set up and tear down on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Better advertising will be worked on. The archery practice range has exposed tree roots that make mowing difficult. Dirt needs to be brought in to cover them.

Trap - League is going well. A Turkey Shoot was held on Father's Day with about 27 shooters attending. It was a good day and we profited about \$200. High school trap has about a week left in their season.

Rifle range - Has been sprayed for mosquitoes. A high shot is being investigated by Joe Alexander.

Pistol / Rimfire range - Ants were found in some cameras. Construction of backers was discussed. Maybe more or different type of nails to be used as bottom boards on some have fallen off. Rain may have had a factor.

Membership - 673 members

Land and future planning - Thank you to Dan and Jim Munson families for clearing brush around the gate area. A grant application is being prepared for treatment of invasive species according to our forestry plan. Thank you to Dave Epperly for working on this.

### Old Business

The open board position was tabled due to 2 board members being absent.

The gate has been working better. A new relay with arc suppression has been installed and a new chain and belt will be installed soon. Thank you to Jerry Van Houten for the work on the gate.

### New Business

There was discussion about better advertising for events and communication. We will look to improve our Facebook page and our website. Also maybe try posting paper posters at various locations and getting information to other clubs for our events.

There was discussion of putting up a bulletin board at the rifle range for notices to members, also maybe one at the pistol range. A shadow board on the archery shed is no longer used and may be used at one of the other ranges.

There was discussion of removal of the pop machine in the entry way and putting up a bulletin board in the entry way.

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$300 for dry erase / bulletin boards. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$600 for food and expenses for the archery shoot and for shoot offs. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

A fallen tree, by the rifle range gate, will be cleaned up. A couple of dead ash trees will also be cleaned up.

The concrete pad for the patterning range will need to be spotted and poured. It should be at or below grade for mowing purposes.

Spraying for mosquitoes will continue, but the weather needs to cooperate. Frequent rain has been an issue.

With no other business presented, motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed at 8:05 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Larry Suennen