

Willow River Rod & Gun Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday: _____ 2.13.25 _____

I. Meeting called to order; Time: _____ 7:01pm _____ By: _____ Joe _____

II. Attendees: Board Members: _____ All _____

Absent Board Member(s): _____

Guests: _____ 3 Guests _____

III. Secretaries Report: Approved Not Approved _____

IV. Treasurer's Report; Approved Not approved _____

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Archery: Brush League has 24 teams signed up and shooting. Youth Archery is very successful. About 40-50 different kids have shot so far in the first few weeks.
- b) ARA (Am. Rimfire Assoc.) Will be scheduled for every other week. Still deciding if we need to close the ranges.
- c) Audit Committee: None
- d) Education: Our Social Media outlets are still receiving positive feedback. Field day for online classes will be April 5th from 8 – 4. Clubhouse and lower trap range shouldn't be in use. Traffic has been a concern, and it has been noted that the parents have been told not to leave the clubhouse for safety. Field day is also needed in the Fall, date has not been determined
- e) Land Development: Club member, Matt Nelson, has offered to spray for the club. Club would need to purchase the equipment needed and Matt can get commercial spray that will work no matter what the weather is. Doing this will be more cost effective for the club and the battle of the bugs. A wider road to the rifle range and aux parking was discussed. There is some concern on removing too many trees and having a loss of the natural buffer. Decided a walk down and look around would be needed before any decision is made. The road will work for now this winter. Forestry: clearing out the canopy to let the mixed wood trees get sunlight. Mixed wood would not hold up to shot spray and take longer to grow. Pine trees grow faster and although they die faster, they will still maintain the natural buffer needed for the shot spray. More needs to be looked into on what our visions for the look of the club 50 – 100 years down the road.
- f) Long Range Planning: Volunteers are still being sought for the layout, cost and construction of the new Pistol Range. Joe contacted Weiser Concrete and has yet to hear back. Al has gotten a lot of feed back of members wanting to volunteer. Looking for guidance on the plan and money. Is a mass mailing possible for additional help. Permits maybe needed for new Pistol Range. Planning on having 5 benches.
- g) Membership: 524 members so far for 2025. 35 of those memberships are new. We had 515 memberships at this same time last year, so we had a little increase.
- h) Nominating Committee: None
- i) Public Relations: Still receiving positive feedback on our social media outlets.
- j) Pistol/Small Bore Range: Backers have been used but are still in good condition. We have plenty of back up backers.
- k) Rifle Range: Someone shot high. The person who did has not renewed their membership yet. Cards for the gate have a grace period until January 31st, the incident took place on the 30th. Backers are looking good.

- 1) Trap/High School Trap: Beginners Night for those who would like to try shooting Trap. Looking for a Saturday at end of April or beginning of May. Larry contacted Wieser Concrete for ideas/prices on a precast trap house. Did not hear back from them.

VI. **Old Business:** Joe was placed on the club accounts at RCU. The Boy Scouts received a \$500 donation to their Ice Fishing Outing.

Payment options are coming. Jerry is looking at possibly adding an e-form for registration and using Wind River to accept membership dues. Still working with RCU on getting set up.

VII. **New Business:** Terry Miller passed away. \$200 check from his memorial was given to the club. We need to verify what the intentions were with the donation to decide where the funds will be applied to. 4-H Shooting Sport Association will be using the club May 10, 24 and June 7, 21 and July 12. Times needed 9 – 12:30. Ranges will be needed in 1.5 hr increments.

15 new target bales needed for Summer archery league. Bales are about \$110.00 ea. Up to \$1,800.00 was approved for the purchase of the new bales. 3 more left handed bows are needed for the youth archery league. Up to \$750.00 approved to purchase those.

A request to donate \$150 to the St Mary's Gala. Event has already passed. Will look at maybe putting something together to be raffled off at the silent auction next year.

VIII. **Adjournment: Time** 8:23pm