

The March meeting of the WHC was called to order by President, Mike Bailey, March 18, 2008 at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Wadsworth Eagles Club. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. The February minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. There were 37 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

Officer reports

President– Mike Bailey reminded everyone to keep their eye on the news especially because of elections and major issues with the Supreme Court.

Vice President - Bud Freeman had nothing to report.

Treasurer- Jim Bozigar gave the financial report.

Membership Secretary– Norm Tipton was not present but a reminder was given that **DUES ARE DUE**: about 1/2 of the dues paying members have paid.

Recording Secretary–Michelle

Lance had nothing to report.

Webmaster - Rich Sponsler had nothing to report.

Committee reports

Conservation League– Bud Freeman reported that there was an upcoming meeting scheduled.

Youth program - Bart Randolph was not present however, Rex spoke on his behalf. Fishing camp will be May 2, 3, & 4. Deadline for registration is APRIL 10.

Range committee– Todd Figard reported that it was sloppy at the range and to be careful.

Building Committee-Bud Freeman had nothing to report.

Pheasant Programs– Wade Bishop reported that he has 110 birds on hold for this year's hunt and that prices went up.

License Agent-Bill Liska was not present.

Charitable works-Zane Walker announced that he was going to be a grandpa!

Unfinished Business

Even though the club has pledged money toward equipment for Medina County Wildlife Officer, the reminder was made that the membership has been asked to continue to consider making contributions towards helping Rick Louttit– Medina County Wildlife Officer in purchasing new equipment.

The candy prices have dropped: We need your help in either buying some or signing some out to sell. The small tin of mints are \$ 2.00 each and the large tin of mints are \$ 3.00 each.

The proposed changes were brought up, discussed and voted on. Both of the proposed amendments were approved. They are:

Proposed Changes to be in effect on May 1, 2008.

ARTICLE VI

DUES: (currently reads)

Section 1 - All present Sportsman Members annual dues shall be due annually on January 1st of each calendar year. The annual dues shall be \$40.00. Any Sportsman Member not renewing his membership by the 3rd Tuesday of May will be dropped from the membership roll and all rights and privileges will be forfeited by the member.

Proposed Section 1:

All present Sportsman Members annual dues shall be due annually on January 1st of each calendar year. The annual dues shall be \$50.00. Any Sportsman Member not renewing his membership by the 3rd Tuesday of May will be dropped from the membership roll and all rights and privileges will be forfeited by the member.

Section 4—(CURRENTLY READS) A Sportsman Member who has been dropped due to nonpayment of dues may be reinstated during the year he was dropped from membership upon the payment of the full years dues, plus \$5 for each month after May that the full dues payment was received by an Officer. The member will be immediately reinstated and action by the Board of Directors is not required.

Proposed Section 4:

A Sportsman Member who has been dropped due to nonpayment of dues may be reinstated during the year he was dropped from membership upon the payment of the full years dues, plus a \$25 reinstatement fee. Once full payment is made, the member will be immediately reinstated and action by the Board of Directors is not required.

New Business

A motion was made and approved for the club to buy 2 tickets to the Ducks Unlimited Banquet and raffle them. The winners were: Todd Figard and Paul Lorson.

Good of the Club

We had guest speaker, Rick Louttit, from the Division of Wildlife present. He had fishing forecasts available. He also spoke of how they are looking in to the possibility of checking in deer via websites or the phone. This is being looked into. He also stated that there is a lot of eagle activity in Medina County and that there has been no cases of chronic wasting disease reported or found in Ohio.

Announcements

DUES ARE DUE!

Please mail your \$ 40.00 checks made payable to: WHC to: Norm Tipton-1228 Ledgestone Dr. Wadsworth, OH 44281 With a stamped returned addressed envelope.

-NRA- Did you know members can renew/join online, pay by credit card – and the Club automatically gets credit as the recruiter? We will now have the option of renewing/joining through the mail or online at a discounted rate and the Club gets credit as the recruiter (\$10/new member, \$5/renewal). Please consider renewing your NRA membership through The Wadsworth Hunt Club. You can do this through a link on our website:

<http://www.wadsworthhuntclub.org>

***The April meeting will be April 15th at the Wadsworth Eagles Club. 7:30.**

***Board of Directors and officers will be meeting at 7:00 before each monthly membership meeting.**

—Friends of NRA Banquet will be Sept. 22, 2008. Please see Todd Figard for more info and tickets.

-Todd Figard also has raffle tickets from the Ohio Rifle & Pistol Assoc. Junior Pistol Program for a Springfield XD-45 first prize and \$ 50 cash second prize. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held July 5, 2008.

At the February meeting there was a motion made and approved to stop the printing and mass mailing of our monthly newsletter. It was agreed that the newsletter will continue for March, April and May. However, as of June 2008 our newsletter will only be posted to our website. If you do not have access to a computer and still want a hard copy of the newsletter, you must contact Michelle Lance at 330-334-4295.

Door Prize winners.... Bud Freeman, Rick Hale, Rick Huff, Larry Varney, Steven Herchek, and Mike Schultz.

50/50 winner.....Zane Walker

The Prez Sez.....

I would like to thank the members of our club for voting for a dues increase of \$10.00 per year at the March meeting. The officers and board of directors will continue to work diligently to be good stewards of the finances and integrity of this club. We are committed to keep this club moving in a positive direction and expanding the great programs we offer to our members and their families.

April will bring spring turkey season and many of our members will be out in the field. As I always remind everyone please be careful out there and good luck to all of our turkey hunters.

With the arrival of spring, summer will not be far behind and that will bring us back to work days at the club grounds and other warm weather activities. Make sure and watch the announcements on the website and at the meetings for upcoming activities.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Mike Bailey

President

Next meeting is April 15, 2008 Wadsworth Eagles