

The June meeting of the WHC was called to order by Vice President, Bud Freeman, June 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Club Grounds. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. There were 22 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

Officer reports

President– Mike Bailey was not present.

Vice President - Bud Freeman had nothing to report.

Treasurer- Jim Bozigar gave the financial report.

Membership Secretary– Mike Boris had nothing to report.

Recording Secretary-Michelle Lance had nothing to report.

Webmaster - Rich Sponsler was not present.

Committee reports

Conservation League– Gordon Phillips gave the financial report and commented on the new sign!. Great job!, it looks awesome.

Youth program - Bart Randolph was not present.

Range committee– Bud Freeman reported to watch for the new sign in/out sheet for the range. It will soon be here.

Building Committee-There was nothing to report.

Pheasant Programs– Wade Bishop was not present.

License Agent-Dick Rathmell had nothing to report.

Charitable works-Zane Walker thanked everyone again and reminded us not to forget the needy.

Unfinished Business

- The topic of the well was brought up– No one is sure where the issue stands.

New Business

- A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$ 15,000 for range improvements.
- Permits have been granted for dirt to be moved.
- We have finally gotten a volunteer to take over as License Agent. Welcome, William Liska!

Announcements

- Want to advertise in our newsletter or know someone who might? Please contact Michelle Lance 330-334-4295. There is space available. Some of our past advertisers have been dropped. Cost is \$ 50.00 a year.
- Work parties are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month. We need your help!
- The Wadsworth Hunt Club received a Certificate of Appreciation from the 1484th Transportation Company for the donation we gave to this unit.

Door Prize Winners

Larry Varney, Tom Varney, Jack Metzger, Craig Wasley, Mike Wilson, Kendell Thomas, Richard Kunkle.

50/50 Winner
Ron Putt

For the Good of the Club...

A word from the Officers

If you've visited the club grounds in recent past, you have most likely noticed changes taking place on the range and elsewhere. The very first change you will notice before you come through the gate is the new sign that is now in place. Many thanks go to Bud Freeman for leading this effort, and for yet another job well done!

These changes, as is always the goal of change – are for the good of the club, to help insure that regardless of the development that may some day surround us, our club is here for generations to come - making positive contributions to our community.

With hindsight always being what it is, some may say that as a club we should have seen the development coming and have been prepared long ago. Fortunately, now, we collectively see the future staring back at us, and with a lot of hard work and determination we will be ready.

For some (dare I say the majority) these changes are proceeding at what probably seems a rather slow pace. Nevertheless, we are making progress and are committed to the plan that is in place to improve our range. With work parties now scheduled on a recurring basis at the club's grounds, noticeable progress and improvements are being made which we can all be proud of. As always, your help is much needed and greatly appreciated.

In the same spirit of - change for the good of the club, the membership is being asked to consider other changes to our club. In order to help bolster our membership, you are being asked to consider a change to allow new members to join our club at any time during the year.

You are also being asked to consider an increase in annual dues. In order to accommodate this, it is recommended that the following changes be made:

Currently, dues of \$ 40 are due January 1st and are not considered late until June 1st. Beginning in 2006, dues of \$ 50.00 for all current members would be due January 1st, and if they are not paid by March 31st the club member would then be dropped from the club roster, having to reapply for membership. In other words, there would no longer be a monthly late fee applied to those members who pay their dues after the published due date as there is currently.

The gate lock combination would change as of April 1st, and remain valid thru March 31st of the following year.

Instead of being approved by the Board, as part of the new member approval process, it is recommended that the name of any candidate member be published in the clubs newsletter prior to receiving membership approval. This would alleviate the Board from having to meet on a monthly basis to approve applications.

In order to more fairly align the cost of a life membership, it is being recommended that regardless of age, a member must pay the equivalent of ten (10) years continuous dues to be granted "Life Membership," currently a member 65 years of age or older with five (5) years of continuous membership is granted "Life Membership." This change would not apply to current members.

Over the next few months at the club grounds, as the pace of change noticeably quickens, we can all take pride in the fact that, as an organization that is committed to the future of the outdoor conservation lifestyle, we will have made what we know are changes that insure our club's future for generations to come.

As always, your input, consideration and support of these changes for the better of our club would be greatly appreciated.

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- Amendment 05-01

Article III

Section 3 - Life Member: Any member of the age of sixty five and has been a regular member in good standing, joining the WHC after January 1, 2006, and has paid his/her dues for the previous ~~five-ten~~ consecutive years will be a member and shall be known as a "Life Member" and shall not be liable for the payment of any membership dues.

- Amendment 05-02

Article VI

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~~ \$50.00. Any Sportsman Member not renewing his membership by the 3rd Tuesday of ~~May~~ March will be dropped from the membership roll and all rights and privileges will be forfeited by the member.

- Amendment 05-03

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 \$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.~~ Must reapply for membership as a new member.

- Amendment 05-04

Section 5 - All other persons desiring to become Sportsman Member shall tender their application, including the initiation fee of \$20.00, the first years dues, and NRA dues (if the applicant is not an NRA member) with the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. Membership Secretary after January 1st and no later than the 3rd Tuesday in April.

~~At the first Board of Directors meeting on or after the 3rd of Tuesday of April, the Board of Directors will act upon the application for membership and either accept or reject at any time throughout the year. The Board of Directors shall review each application at the end of each meeting should there be any, and the names of any prospective new members shall be published in the Club newsletter prior to membership approval.~~ Applicants will be notified in writing by the Secretary of the actions of the Board of Directors. The initiation fee and dues will be returned

to any applicant not elected to membership. Each new applicant shall be sponsored by a member in good standing. No member may sponsor more than two new applicants per year.

Next meeting is July 19th, 7:30 pm @ The Wadsworth Hunt Club Grounds