

The February meeting of the WHC was called to order by Vice President, Bud Freeman, Feb. 19, 2008 at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Wadsworth Eagles Club. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. The January minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter. There were 35 members and 1 visitor 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– Norm Tipton reported that DUES ARE DUE:
Recording Secretary–Michelle
Lance had nothing to report.
Webmaster - Rich Sponsler had nothing to report.

Committee reports

Conservation League– Bud Freeman had nothing to report.
Youth program - Bart Randolph reported that Fishing camp is coming up and when he got registration forms he would let everyone know.
Range committee– Todd Figard was not present.
Building Committee–Bud Freeman had nothing to report.
Pheasant Programs– Wade Bishop reported that he has 110 birds on hold for this years hunt.
License Agent–Bill Liska was not present.
Charitable works–Zane Walker reported that we had recently helped 3 families with food. He also read thank you notes from families we helped over the past holiday season.
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.
BOD nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast. The new BOD are:
 Don Shoup– farm member
 Jim Birkbeck
 John Bruder
Conservation League Reps nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast. The new reps are:
Todd Figard
 Bud Freeman
 John Bruder–alternate
 Norm Tipton– alternate

New Business

A motion was made and approved to mail monthly newsletters for March, April, and May. As of June 2008 the newsletter will only be posted to our website. If anyone needs a hard copy (because they don't have access to a computer) please call Michelle Lance at 330-334-4295. There will be a hard copy at each monthly meeting. This is going to cut costs extremely.

Last month the following proposed amendments were posted to the newsletter. (These were read and discussed at the Feb. meeting.)

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.

These proposed amendments will be voted on at the next meeting.

A motion was made and approved for the club to buy 2 tickets to the National Turkey Federation Banquet and raffle them. The winners were: Bud Freeman and Bart Randolph.

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 March meeting will be March 18th at the Wadsworth Eagles Club. 7:30.

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

-Ducks Unlimited Banquet information will soon be available. We know the date will be April 12, 2008 at the Galaxy. See Ed Steele for more info or tickets

—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.

The Prez Sez.....

I hope all of you are finding ways to stay busy since winter does not want to give way to spring. As I write this column I am in South Carolina playing golf in shorts with a temperature of about 70 degrees. I will however, be back in time for the monthly meeting in March.

In case you might not have noticed there have been range waivers placed with the sign in sheets at the club grounds. If you bring a guest to the range they must sign a range waiver before shooting. This is very important due to insurance regulations.

When spring finally gets here we will again be organizing workdays on various Saturdays to continue improving our facility. Although participation is not mandatory, each member should feel obligated in some capacity to lend a helping hand. This is how we are able to keep our dues at a reasonable level for everyone. If you cannot find time during the summer consider assisting with the Fish Fry in September, there is always a committee that can use your assistance. You get out of this club what you put into it.

Mike Bailey
President

Good of the Club...Winner of the Big Buck Contest was Russ Haid– he scored 159!

Door Prize winners.... John Bruder, Dave Wearstler, Paul Zahlea, Rich Sponsler, Dan Long, Ron Hart.

50/50 winner.....Bud Freeman
Next meeting is March 18, 2008 Wadsworth Eagles