

The October meeting of the WHC was called to order by President, Mike Bailey, Oct. 17th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Wadsworth Eagles Club. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were not accepted and will be discussed along with Octobers minutes because the newsletter did not reach the membership prior to the meeting. Our recording secretary was in the hospital and therefore the newsletter was late getting out. There were 32 members and 4 visitors in attendance.

Officer reports

President– Mike Bailey thanked everyone who helped with the Youth Hunt Camp and chaperoned.

Vice President - Bud Freeman had nothing to report.

Treasurer- Jim Bozigar gave the financial report.

Membership Secretary– Mike Boris reported that we have 32 new members year to date. The change that was made earlier this year allowing individuals to join anytime through the year has benefited the club.

Recording Secretary–Michelle Lance had nothing to report.

Webmaster - Rich Sponsler noted that maps are now on the website.

Committee reports

Conservation League– Bud Freeman had nothing to report.

Youth program - Bart Randolph was not present but it was reported that camp went well and everyone had fun and learned from it.

Range committee- Todd Figard asked that when using the range, please use common sense and practice using good judgment. He also reminded everyone you can't shoot flying targets– including clays. A new target frame has been setup at 25 yards, rules are now posted and downspouts are now up. Again, **Pay attention to the open/closed signs!**

Building Committee-Bud Freeman had nothing to report.

Pheasant Programs– Wade Bishop reported that the adult Pheasant Hunt

will be Nov. 23rd with a rain date of the 24th.

License Agent-Bill Liska had with him regulation books for 2007.

Charitable works-Zane Walker thanked everyone for the donations that were made at the Fish Fry.

Unfinished Business

-Again, the reminder was made that the membership has been asked to continue to consider making a contribution towards helping Rick Louttit– Medina County Wildlife Officer in purchasing new equipment. The club will match individual donations up to \$ 500.00.

New Business

-A motion was made and approved to have the Wild Game Dinner again this year in place of the December Meeting. This event will be Dec. 19th at 7:30pm at the club grounds. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Raffle will be: Rugger 10/22

Woodstock Simmons 3x9x40 scope

-Mike Boris spoke of NRA affiliations and the fact that you can renew your NRA

membership through our club. Just see Jim Bozigar for the renewal slip. He also spoke of a link through our website that is being setup. It is highly recommended that you continue to renew your NRA membership along with your Hunt Club membership. Our club can benefit greatly from this....The following will be addressed and voted on at the next meeting:

Renew/Join the NRA thru the WHC and Save \$

Most club members are aware that our Club is a recruiter for the NRA. However, effective immediately our Club members (or anyone for that matter) can renew their membership or join the NRA for the reduced rate of \$25 for one year! This represents a savings of \$10, and our Club benefits as a recruiter too! So, if your NRA membership is due for renewal and/or you know anyone that wants to join the NRA – have them visit our club website, print out the form, fill it out and mail their payment directly to the address listed on the form. A savings for anyone interested – and a benefit to our Club! ! As announced at the last Club meeting, in the very near future anyone wishing to join/renew their NRA membership will be able to do so online via a link that will be established on our Club's website directly to the NRA.

This method will require paying by credit card, but by using the link from our website the Club will automatically receive credit as the NRA recruiter. It will be a convenient way for anyone to maintain their NRA membership – but for those that still prefer to pay by check you still have the option of either printing the application form from our website, or if you do not have internet access you can request a form from either the Club Treasurer or Membership Secretary.

Proposed Amendment

As announced at the last Club meeting, the benefits to being a Club with full membership NRA affiliation are very worthwhile. As explained, one of those benefits is the ability for our Club to apply for grants from the NRA for up to \$5000. annually, to be used for range and/or grounds improvements. Not to mention, one of the best ways for our Club to show the NRA that we stand firmly with them is with full participation by our members. Our Club currently requires all new members who are not members of the NRA to join but we do not currently require any of our members to maintain their NRA membership. The following proposed Amendments to the Club's Constitution, if passed would require as a condition of membership in the WHC that all Sportsman and Life members maintain their NRA membership as a condition of membership in the Wadsworth Hunt Club. Please give consideration to these proposed amendments and plan to attend the upcoming meeting to vote.

Proposed Amendments (proposed changes shown underlined)

ARTICLE III, Section 2

"Any person and pays annual membership dues, and provides annual proof of current NRA membership, or proof of NRA Life Membership, as hereinafter provided shall be known as a "Sportsman Member."

ARTICLE III, Section 3

"Any member ten consecutive years, and provides annual proof of current NRA membership, or proof of NRA Life Membership, will be a member and shall be known as a "Life Member"...."

ARTICLE VI, Section 6

"....Upon returning to the area, they may reinstate membership by showing proof of current NRA membership and paying the current years dues. The member..."

Announcements

The November Meeting will be November 21st at the Wadsworth Eagles Club at 7:30.

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

Firewood for sale-seasoned, not split, mixed hardwood-\$ 50.00/8' pickup-proceeds to Conservation League– contact Bud 330-925-3317.

Permit cards-Farm members contact Ed Steele if you need more. 330-335-9732

Thank you to guest speaker– Rick Louttit– Medina County Wildlife Officer who spoke at our October meeting. He spoke of the “apprentice program” which allows an individual to go out hunting with someone else and to buy a license up to 3 times without taking the hunters safety course. After the 3rd time– you must pass the hunters safety course. He also spoke of the extra hunting days in December. He reminded everyone to make sure they had written permission to hunt on peoples property.

Correspondence

The club received a thank you letter from 1st time camper Nick Bailey, thanking us for the opportunity to allow him to go.

Good of the Club

-Our sympathies go to the family of Sarah Stone who recently passed away. Sarah was a major land owner who was affiliated with our club.

-Ed Steele asked for volunteers to post farm property. If you can help please call Ed at 330-335-9732

50/50 Winner

Diane Varney

Door Prize Winners

Neil Boris, Todd Figard, Jim Light, Bud Freeman, Jim Bozigar, Dick Sponsler

The Prez Sez.....

I hope that everyone is better prepared for deer season than I am. It seems that every year I am always rushing at the last minute to get ready to go. I wish for all those who will be venturing into the woods this year for deer season a successful and safe hunt.

A special thank you to Wade Bishop and the rest of his team for presenting a successful youth pheasant hunt. My son Nicholas harvested his first bird. I think this experience will be the first of many memorable hunts for this young sportsman.

We have had increased interest in membership in the last couple of months, which proves that our efforts in improving the range and obtaining membership are finally paying off. Our club will continue to move in a positive direction if we all keep doing the right things.

In closing at the November meeting we will be discussing more the wild game dinner in December. This is an interesting and fun program, which I am glad we can continue. Please be sure to come and share your thoughts.

Mike Bailey President

Next meeting is November 21, 2006 Wadsworth Hunt Club