

The September meeting of the WHC was called to order by President, Mike Bailey on September 20, 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 43 members and 6 visitors in attendance.

#### **Officer reports**

**President**– Mike Bailey reminded everyone of the fish fry on September 25, 2005. He also stated he's getting many calls about the previous range closure. He asked if you call to complain that's fine however, show some courtesy to his wife and family.

**Vice President** - Bud Freeman reported that the range is more in order and closure should be minimal. Bud also personally thanked webmaster– Rich Sponsler for the job well done with our website.

**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 had nothing to report.

#### **Committee reports**

**Conservation League**- no one was present to give a report.

**Youth program** - Bart Randolph reported he had 18 kids going to hunt camp.

**Range committee**- Todd Figard reported that above all– people need to remember to be safe on the range! NO ATV's. The impact area is the same as what it was before. We are putting a lot of time, energy, and money into improving our range.– Everyone needs to follow the rules! We have a lot to lose for someone's stupidity.

**Building Committee**-Bud Freeman had nothing to report.

**Pheasant Programs**– Wade Bishop reported that the Youth Pheasant Hunt date is scheduled for October 22nd at 9:00am. This hunt is for children ages 10-17. He has openings for 15– they must have a valid hunting license & wear hunter orange. They

can bring their own gun but **no** shells. Call if interested. 330-334-5176. See announcements for more pheasant hunt dates.

**License Agent**-Bill Liska had nothing to report.

**Charitable works**-Zane Walker was not present.

#### **Unfinished Business**

-There was none to discuss.

#### **New Business**

-A motion was made and approved for the club to purchase limestone for the range drive. (initially

\$ 2,500– if more is needed this will be open for discussion).

-A motion was made and approved for the club to donate \$ 50.00 to the Medina County Strutters Chapter of the National Turkey Federation for the Jake's day event.

## Announcements

\*The holidays are approaching– please don't forget the needy and all that our club does for them. You can bring any monetary donation or non-perishable food item to any meeting.

\*North Industry Sportsman Club will have a youth pheasant hunt October 30, 2005– There is a 5 youth limit.

\*Adult Pheasant Hunt-Wadsworth Hunt Club is November 24, \$ 10.00 a bird– Call Wade Bishop @ 330-334-5176.

\* Two Male Beagle pups for sale. Call Bud Freeman at 330-925-3317.

- This year's fish fry was held at the Wadsworth Eagles Club Pavillon on September 25, 2004.

-Number in attendance was up from last year.

-Preliminary numbers from raffles, 50/50, and bake sale look great. Jim Bozigar will update us on those numbers at the next meeting.

-THANK YOU to all who brought non-perishable food items! It was a great start in restocking for the holiday season.

-THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE FOR THIS EVENT! Our kitchen help, clean up help, announcers, and ticket sellers do not go un-noticed. Please make sure you personally thank these people for their help. Without them, this event would not take place.

-Many, local stores helped with door prize and raffle items. Please support them by shopping at their location.

-Sportsman of the Year went to Bud Freeman. Congratulations– You deserve it. Thanks for all you do!

-And Posthumous Award went to the family of Bruce Libengood.

## Announcements cont...

Following the September meeting, I received in writing a request to re-visit the proposed amendment with changes from July of this year. This will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting. It is being proposed as.... Article VI Section 5 . Amendment 05-02. All other persons desiring to become a 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 not later than the 3rd Tuesday in April. ~~At the first Board of Directors meeting on or after the 3rd 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.~~ (Regardless of when you join, your dues will be up for renewal, every January.) 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.~~

### **Door Prize Winners**

Rich Sponsler, Bart Randolph, Ron Mizak, Dan Long

### **50/50 Winner**

Jeff Beach— Jeff donated his winnings back to the club to use toward our Youth Camps.  
Thank You!

**Next Meeting: October 18, 2004 7:30 Club Grounds**

## **The Prez Sez...**

As the first order of business I would like to thank everyone who assisted at the Fish fry in August. We had a large crowd, good weather and plenty of food. There are many individuals who made this event a success, but for fear of leaving someone out I will not attempt to list them. Thanks again to all who helped out.

Friends we need to address some concerns in the area of membership. Our numbers have dropped slightly in the past few years and some of the officers believe that a recruitment program could help address this issue. I will attempt and experiment in the October meeting to see if this idea has merit.

If I have a certain number of members come to me privately and offer to help recruit new members we will begin putting a program together. If the response is not adequate then other avenues will be pursued. As a matter fact this will also reflect how closely our members read the newsletter.

Michael J. Bailey  
President

***Editor's comments***

*Thanks to all those who helped with the fish fry. There was as always, plenty of food and door prizes. I believe the numbers were up this year—we will get a final report at the meeting.*

*I know it has been mentioned to possibly print the donors of all the gifts in the newsletter, but this is impossible. The number of donors is well over 150 and would therefore take up a lot of the room needed for our monthly news. I do have a list available if anyone would like to see it. Each year these merchants support us by helping with this event. I have personally sent thank you letters to each merchant to show our appreciation.*

*I look forward to the upcoming meeting to hear the final numbers and to see what else will be discussed. Until then:*

**Next meeting is October 18th Hunt Club Grounds**