

Izaak Walton League

Red Rose Chapter

28 Sportsman Lane

Newmanstown, PA 17073

Date: 6/24/2022



Monthly Meeting Minutes 06/09/20221 Red Rose Chapter IWLA

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Officers

	Office	Name		Office	Name
x	President	Joe Szewczak	x	Director Chair	John Shutter
x	Vice President	Sarah Harnish	x	Director	Dave Gehman
x	Secretary	Mike Kotay	x	Director	Tom Tedrow
x	Treasurer	Jarrold Specht	x	Director	Dick Deibert
				Director	Kirby Keller
x	Members	Ryan Frame, Tom Care, Carey Specht			

Officer Reports - meeting minutes, treasurers update, membership

The previous meeting minutes and Treasurers Report for the month were accepted as presented with no changes or additions. Quinlan Anderson, a new club member was unanimously approved for membership and the current Membership stands at 46 IWLA members and 5 conservation members. Treasury balance \$30,282.20.

CREP Update

Sarah reported that she met with our CREP representative and that everything looked good. Our sunflower planting was approved by Jenna also. Sarah reported that the burned area was showing new growth and that she also spot sprayed the Pollinator Field. We will also plant clover in some areas of the Club Property and that our Official CREP walk through will take place in July. Sarah also reported that member Steve Gipe donated spray materials which are effective for controlling stilt grass. Thanks Steve!

President Joe Szewczak reported that the new pistol range is open and that the only thing remaining to do is to mark the yardages at the range. Member Steve Gipe said he will remove 2 pine trees and the dead ash tree for the club grounds as well as taking out the locust tree and other debris which has been creating damage along the lower pond embankment. The Club agreed to pay \$500 for this work. Steve will also look into the rental of a bucket truck for additional tree work at the club and we will discuss paying for the truck rental at that time. We will also be entering into a new rental agreement with our tenants and the new rent will increase to \$950/month.

Carey Specht brought up the need for some benches at the lower pond. We will look into the types of benches available and make a decision as to the type we choose at an upcoming meeting.

This years Youth Pheasant Hunt was also discussed with all members present wanting to continue with this tradition. Sarah is looking into making a down payment on the birds. We do have concerns about Avian Flu which is in our area and we do not wish to do anything to place our neighbors poultry flocks in jeopardy We will continue to monitor this situation and make a decision on the Youth Pheasant Hunt in the upcoming months. John Shutter noted that our Regulated Hunting Grounds Permit allows us to use pheasants, chukar, and quail. It was also noted that we can not train dogs during the time between April 1st and July 31st within the CREP Fields at the Club

John Shutter presented the slate of candidates for the Clubs new officers. They are as follows: President Sarah Harnish, Vice President Carey Specht, Treasurer Jarrod Specht, and Recording Secretary Tom Care. Elections will be held during our August Meeting.

Joe Szewczak presented information about bee keeping within the Club Grounds. This would be done to support our pollinator fields and Joe will provide all the bee keeping services. We will look into allergic reactions to bee stings among club members and their families. Based upon a motion by Tom Tedrow and a second by Mike Kotay it was agreed to investigate and move ahead with additional study of bee keeping.

Tom Tedrow reported that he hosted about 30 Cub Scouts at the fishing day which he hosted at the Club. Great job Tom!

Finally, we want to remind all members who use the Club that all garbage shall be removed from the Club after an event. Please remember to carry out all garbage from the Club after your use.

Based on a motion by Dick Deibert and a second by John Shutter the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday July 14th at 6:30 PM at the Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Kotay, Secretary Red Rose Chapter IWLA.