Izaak Walton League
Red Rose Chapter

28 Sportsman Lane
Newmanstown, PA 17073
Date: 5/23/2022

Monthly Meeting Minutes 05/12/20221 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	Jarrod Specht	x	Director	Dick Deibert
			x	Director	Kirby Keller
x	Members	Gary Rehm, George Dodson, Dale Etzweiler			

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. Current Membership stands at 44 IWLA members and 6 conservation members.

CREP Update
Sarah reported that sunflowers will be planted at the upcoming Workday. She will try a new spray for use on the stilt grass which has been invading the CREP Fields. We have also received tree tubes and stakes for our use during American Chestnut Tree planting. We have also received a determination that the boring to be performed at the Club property would create no adverse effect upon our CREP status. She will also work with Eugene Hoover to see if we can purchase some Roundup for our use.

President Joe Szewczak reported that we did have a Veteran at one of the fishing events and that with the IU13 and Conestoga Valley fishing days we continue to maintain our outreach to these groups. Keri Specht reported on the projected costs to feed the attendees at the upcoming Hunter Education Class. Projected costs are about $325 and we will need helpers and ice for this June 15th class. We will also have Chestnut Tree seed available at the Club for members to plant. Additional arrangements have been put in place to firmly establish our coordination with the Conestoga Valley Environmental Group.

Workday Saturday May 21st
Most of the day's work will be centered on cutting and spraying of the Ailanthus Trees which are growing in and around the Club. The sunflowers will be planted near the new Pistol Range and the work at the Range will be completed as well. The work will start at 8:00 AM. Director Dave Gehman reported that he saw Blue Birds, Orioles, 4 snapping tirtles, a racoon, and a water snake or two during his time at the Club during the workday. We strongly encourage all of our members to take the time and visit the Club grounds and facilities.

The possibility of purchasing a portable shooting bench and shotgun stand was discussed and met with approval by the members who were present. The Club will also purchase some Roundup either from Eugene Hoover or at Bamberger's Store in Lititz.

We are still restricting the use of planted birds for dog training at the Club due to the Avian Flu problems. We will notify the membership when this restriction is lifted.

The new slate of Club Officers is being put together for the upcoming election in August. Please contact John Shutter for information on nominations.

Once again, the Wild Goose Chase 5K Run and Walk will take place in August at Middle Creek. We will have additional information available in the upcoming months.

Director Tom Tedrow will host a Cub Scout Fishing trip at the Club on May 18th. Vice President Sarah Harnish reported on a talk about Blue Birds which she attended and that Blue Birds are already using the recently installed Blue Bird Boxes at the Club.

Board Chairman, John Shutter, presented the Tobin Award to Treasurer Jarrod Specht for his outstanding service to the Red Rose Chapter. Great Job Jarrod! Jarrod's wife Keri was also recognized for her continuing dedication to the Club in many areas.

Based on a motion by Dick Deibert and a second by John Shutter the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

The June Meeting of the Club will be on Thursday June 9th at 6:30 PM at the Club

Respectfully submitted, Michael Kotay
Secretary Red Rose Chapter IWLA