

Wintergreen Sporting Club Meeting Minutes
Tuckahoe Club House
October 30th, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ron Cote at 5:14 PM.

Secretary Report: Robin Pullen

Minutes from the May 15, 2021 meeting had been previously posted on the website and members were reminded to review the minutes prior to the meeting. There were no additions, changes or corrections to the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as reported. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report: Jerry Gress

- There are 236 dues paying members with 506 subscribers to the club emails.
- Members from the same household with two separate email address are put into the email database separately so each can sign up for notifications from their interest groups.
- Current bank balance is \$9,492.47 after starting the year with \$11,760.88. This year, due to the viral pandemic most activities in 2020 were curtailed, no dues were collected from members that had paid their 2020 dues. But several new members did join throughout the year.
- The spring dinner cost was \$2,070 with new ticket sales of \$420. The other paid tickets were carried over from the 2020 canceled dinners and honored before new tickets were sold.
- For the fall trout stocking, \$4,420 was collected in donations. The total for fish, food and square space fees is \$2,736.
- Tonight's dinner cost is \$1,386 with ticket sales of \$790.
- Membership income for 2021 is \$2,050 with \$63 in square space fees.
- The fishing group had \$5,163 in expenses.
- The boating group brought in \$1,050 for the May boating trip with \$1,086 in expenses.
- The archery group spent \$219 for targets and other related items.
- Shooting (Pistol and Rifle) spent \$285 for targets and NRA pistol certification.
- Shooting (Shotgun) had no expenses.
- Biking had no expenses.
- Administrative fees of \$872 primarily for Mailchimp which costs of \$15/month, Squarespace hosting fee of \$312, PO box rental at \$64.
- Any member can review the financial records of the club by contacting Jerry at any time. The financial sheet was posted throughout tonight's meeting.

- A motion was asked for and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Election of new President:

Nominations were called for by email notification prior to the meeting to fill the President position. There was one nomination, Don Klingemann. A motion was asked for to elect Don Klingemann as the new incoming President of the Sporting Club. A motion was made and seconded. A vote by hand was called for. Don Klingemann was elected as the new President of the Wintergreen Sporting Club.

Secretary Position:

There were no nominations to fill the secretary position. Robin Pullen will continue in the roll until a new secretary can be elected.

Interest Group Reports:

Archery: Lead Mike Capps

- The season which began mid-March was highly successful for the archery group. There are 20 archers who compete on a regular basis.
- Morning practice sessions are currently at 9:30 at Rodes Farm on Tuesdays. Following practice is coaching for newcomers.
- The group had coached 8 children over six years of age and nine adults. Six of the new adults have purchased their own equipment and are regular avid archers.
- There is loaner equipment, both recurve and compound bows that can be tried before purchasing your own equipment.
- Two Sundays each month the 8-lane field archery range at the end of Old Stoney Creek Road is open. It is a rugged trail suitable for experienced archers. There is a 5-minute video on the WSC website, produced by Charles Batchelor, that provides vivid detail on the field range.
- John Morgan, our certified Level Two archery instructor, spoke, demonstrated and provided hands-on instruction during a one-hour seminar on Consistency During the Shot Process. There will be future seminars.
- John has also initiated our free and voluntary Archery Achievement Program. Archers are awarded gold stars for increasing their scores in three bow divisions. Participation has been high. The archers are self-motivated.
- Next season the six target bags at the Rodes Farm range will be replaced as the current ones have deteriorated over five years of use and weather.

Biking: Lead Tim Jordan

- There are 240 subscribers and 110 potential riders.
- This seasons rides included: Piney River, Rockfish River Rd, Farmville/Highbridge, Lynchburg, Jackson River, Middlebrook General Store, Chessie and Harpers Ferry.
- Special thanks to the several people who hosted rides and to the Corish's for helping to plan overnight arrangements for next season.
- Future rides include: Capitol Trail, New River Trail, C&O of Great Falls, Cumberland Lake Trail and Greenbrier.
- Many thanks to Barbara Graves, one of the original bike club members, for all the biking information she passed along.
- Hoping Charles Batchelor will be able to help document one of our future rides within the beautiful trail system of central VA.

Boating: Co-lead Charles Batchelor

- Unfortunately, the Co-leads are retiring and a new lead is being sought.
- 328 people receive emails about boating trips.
- The WSC Boating Group has evolved over the last two years. The focus is now on river trips relying on the gear and services of professional outfitters in the area. The club no longer has a kayak trailer or boats and the interest in flat water paddles has fallen off.
- We've found that using professional outfitters makes planning and organizing a river trip easy for most anyone. Outfitters appreciate groups such as the WSC bringing them customers.
- While they are not "WSC approved," the club does now have some experience with some very good outfitters near Wintergreen. Their contact information can be found on the web site under boating.
- Trips this year included the James River in Scottsville, Rivanna River, and Upper James River – Horseshoe Bend to Buchanan.

Fishing: Co-lead Chris Corish

- Fishing is the largest group within the club. There are 300 subscribers with 150 paid members.
- Fishing has four co-leads, each responsible for various aspects of the fishing group. Ron Cote, Jerry Gress, Marty Echols, Chris Corish.
- There are four areas of club activity: Trout Stocking, Conclaves, Fly Fishing lessons, and Fishing Tournaments.
 - o Trout Stocking – Co-leads Ron and Jerry – In February there was a spring stocking of Rainbow Trout. As the season went on it went from catch and release to keep one and so on as the days became warmer. In November there will be another stocking thanks to donations. Winter feeding will be done by volunteers twice a day. No fishing while the trout are acclimating.

Prior to Thanksgiving Catch and Release will start until January 1st, using artificial bait with barbless hooks. Starting January 1st, it will become keep one and will progress from there. A Virginia fishing license is required as is a WPOA fishing badge. Emails will be sent as the winter season progresses.

- Conclaves – Led by Chris Corish – Conclaves were hosted by the Hesses, Keenans and Corishes at their homes with 25 to 40 attendees. Three were held at local watering holes. Tim Merrick had Justi Campa of Fly-Fishing Patagonia speak at Tuckahoe in October. For 2022 there will be a similar agenda with a couple of “off season” conclaves.
- Fly Fishing – Led by Chris Corish - Lessons have started up again thanks for John Tani, Bruce Henderson, Al Simpson, Tim Hess and Mike Fisher as instructors. Several beginner and intermediate lessons in October. Three more lessons in November with a classroom on November 19th with Al and Mike.
- Fishing Tournaments – Led by Marty, Ron and Jerry - Spring and Fall Bass Tournaments. This year’s Fall Tournament was won by Jim White with a 2.2 lb. bass. He donated the gift certificate back to the shooting group for the purchase of ammunition.

Shooting: Rifle and Pistol – Co-leads Jim White and Ron Cote’

- There are 325 subscribe to the emails. Twenty shooters have come out this season with a regular group of 13 who shoot twice a month on Monday mornings.
- We have started the WSC Skills Improvement Challenge that has resulted in more skills improvement than challenge. There are several levels: Pro Marksman, Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert and Distinguished Expert. Each level has different requirements and get progressively more difficult. All must be witnessed and signed off on. Mark Gomersall and Bill Faukenberry have reached Distinguished Expert. They were awarded their achievement pins tonight. Their names will be included in the national magazine this year. Copies of the WSC Challenge are available through Jim.

Shooting: Shotgun – Lead Jerry Gress

- There are 253 subscribers to the shotgun announcements. 106 of those are members.
- The group has been going to Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Range on Friday mornings to shoot trap. We go to Flying Rabbit to shoot Wobble and Sporting Clays on occasion. There are four regulars that go and occasionally two more will show up. At the last meeting I offered to take anyone that wanted to go shooting at any time. Lenlee Corish and five of her friends went to RRPC for a “Ladies Day”. All the women were beginners and with coaching by Lori Young they all did well.

A few notes from the secretary:

- Dinner tonight is catered by Shady's Place in Lovington.
- Dessert has been provided by the social committee ladies.
- Big Thank You and applause for Alice Karrh, Lenlee Corish, Lynne Hess and myself for all their work in planning and setting up. The pumpkins were carved by Lenlee.
- Thank you to the morning set up volunteers: Tim Hess, Charles Batchelor, Jim White, Tim Jordan, Ron Cote.
- Thank you to receptionist: Dianne Klingemann.
- Thank you to our sommelier: Don Klingemann.
- Thank you to Chris Corish for being in charge of fishing badges and hat sales. The bandanas are free.
- Thank you to Charles Batchelor for website management and MailChimp support.
- Please place all metal utensils in the white tub for cleaning.
- Recycle containers are in the hallway.
- Leads please give me a copy of your notes.
- Any spills on the rug I need to know about to notify WPOA for cleaning.
- Thank you for coming out tonight and look forward to seeing you in the spring!

Adjournment: At 6 PM, President Ron Cote called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. One was made and seconded. All present were in favor of adjourning and moving on to dinner. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Robin Pullen

WSC Secretary