

2018 ORWMA Meeting
November 11, 2018
Community Center

Board Attendees: Jack Jetton, David Mitchem, Deanna Jeske, Amy Hardy, Earl Fly, Jean Herring and Douglas Mason.

Board Elect Attendees: Keith Peters, Steve Jaap and Angie Konvicka.

Guests: Grady Lambert and Carrie Jetton

Meeting Minutes: The October 7, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Doug Mason made a motion to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Earl Fly. The Minutes were approved.

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS: Report combined with Whitetail Deer SIG report below.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report (Deanna Jeske): A financial report dated November 11, 2018 was distributed for review by the board. A motion to approve the financial report was made by David Mitchem. Jean Herring seconded - Approved. Subsequent to today's meeting however, a revised budget report was prepared and distributed to the board correcting an entry made earlier in 2018 related to the predator SIG budget. The predator budget has been corrected to show an initial budget amount of \$1,500. A separate line item of \$875 was noted for hog trap purchases. There were no changes made to actual expenses for the year.

Events (Jean Herring): Jean stated that Lisa Kelly would be assisting her going forward with ORWMA events. Jean also noted that she had spoken to Lynne Bigelow and that everything was in place for upcoming ORWMA Christmas Party scheduled for December 15, 2018 at Lynne's home. Set-up will start at 11:30 am with the event lasting from 2 pm – 4 pm.

Habitat: (Vernon Wallace - absent): Amy Hardy and Jean Herring provided a report on Vernon's behalf stating that he was hoping to be able to set-up a Grassbur seminar on Saturday, January 26th, 2019. An e-mail will be sent out to the landowners providing more information once all the arrangements have been finalized. Deanna also updated the board on fact that landowners were submitting feedback as to the types of potential seminars they would be interested in attending in 2019. The information collected will be provided to Vernon for his review.

Predator: (Douglas Mason) stated that to date he has retrieved a taken a total of 468 hogs from traps and an additional 6 hogs with his dogs.

Turkey (David Mitchem) – David stated that he had nothing to report.

Birding (Amy Hardy): Amy stated that she was planning to conduct the next Winter Bird Count on January 12th and 13th, 2019

Website (David Mitchem): David noted that Angie Howes is up and running on the ORWMA website and that she should be ready to proceed when she takes office in January 2019.

Whitetail (Jack Jetton): Jack stated that he had issued doe permits to a total of 60 landowners to date. He noted that this number is down from previous years. He also stated that to date a total of 11 deer had been checked in (7 does and 4 bucks). He stated that these numbers are also down from previous years. Jack further explained that he wanted to make sure that the new board was aware of several situations that have occurred on the ranch during prior hunting seasons. He stated that guest hunters (non-landowners) are allowed to hunt on respective properties if the current landowners have given them permission in writing. The guests (and in many cases the landowners) have not attended the doe permit meetings and are not aware of the hunting practices we are trying to follow on the ranch. For example, bucks (although considered legal) are being harvested at a very young age in lieu of allowing them to grow into bigger trophy deer. Another problem is that the guest hunters are bringing additional guests with them to hunt (individuals not named by the landowner in the permission document). One guest hunter was even caught dragging a scent rag from the back of a four wheeler through neighboring ditches down the road – he was hoping to entice the deer to come to the property he was hunting. Jack wasn't sure if anything could be done to correct some of the issues he has faced but he wanted to give the new board ample time to consider its options (if any) prior to next year's hunting season.

NEW BUSINESS:

Earl Fly (President Elect for 2019) noted that in 2019, some of the new board's agenda would include the establishment of a budget for 2019, a revision of the current By-Laws for ORWMA (update needed to reflect new banking entity - along with any other changes that are warranted), and a discussion related to moving the current mailbox from the P.O. Box in Columbus to a mail box installed at community center.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 6th, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angie Konvicka, seconded by David Mitchem – approved.

Deanna Jeske, Secretary/Treasurer

Jack Jetton, President