



C.O.R.A. Meeting Minutes May 7, 2024



President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the lower courtroom. Jason Vanover led the opening prayer. Secretary Tidwell called roll with 11 board members present and 5 absent. The April minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer Coy Crutchfield gave the treasurer's report which was accepted.

In the newsletter report, Tidwell made a final call for submittals for a June issue. Treasurer Crutchfield issued a check to pay for the printing of the upcoming issue.

Sheila Westray noted in the trails report that Trail 19 is impassable and that Trail 13 is in very bad condition, but is being worked on by TWRA's Fred Jordan. Also discussed were clean-up events. Fantastic turnouts were noted.

Ed Carter Unit Manager Brenden Marlow discussed the 4 elk poaching cases with one being adjudicated and three remaining open. Marlow also spoke to trail work on the Ed Carter Unit with two culverts being installed along the old Southern Railway bed and a trail slide issue being resolved. He also discussed the citations being issued for alcohol possession on the Ed Carter Unit since the statewide WMA alcohol ban went into effect in April.

This led to a general discussion involving several people in the audience. Many questions were posed about this new law and the enforcement thereof.

Glennis Monday then spoke more about recent litter control efforts, reflecting on a list of groups and persons he wanted to thank (attached). 80 volunteers were noted as helping out in the clean-ups with 198 bags of trash being removed from the Campbell County outdoors.

Sheriff Barton discussed the continuing effort to place signage in Campbell County pertaining to OHV routes. The Sheriff's Department has been receiving less complaints as per OHV traffic. Sheriff Barton credits this to education efforts aimed at the riding public concerning current OHV laws. The map of roads approved for OHV use in the county is being updated to match the routes approved by the Tennessee legislature. Sheila Westray suggested adding some information on the Sheriff's Department social media page concerning OHV issues.

The 20th Annual Wounded Warrior Hunt, held on April 27th, was discussed. The event was considered an outstanding success with 6 birds taken by twenty hunters, and with the weather being near perfect. The Jellico Honor Guard was applauded for its superlative contribution to the event as well as the Sheriff's Department.

The CORA website was discussed with the organization voting to purchase a 3-year plan for website hosting at \$378.00. Sheyanne Taylor was also reimbursed \$200.00 for website design. (2 checks were issued by treasurer, 1 for hosting, 1 for design).

Last, Chairman Bill Stanley discussed the annual CORA barbeque. It is scheduled for October 5, 2024 at Shelter #5 in Cove Lake State Park. The meeting dismissed at 7:57pm.



(L) TWRA Ed Carter Unit Manager Brenden Marlow and Fred Jordan (R).