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GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 20 2017, 180 ROCK ISLAND RD., EAST WENTACHEE WA 98802

ELECTION RESULTS: The May general meeting was our annual business meeting. Each year we vote on the Board of Directors (during odd numbered years) and, every two years, we vote on the Officers' positions (during even numbered years). This year, we had three board members that removed themselves from the activities of the Board. WSA would like to thank Sharon Rose, Ron Poppe, and Ric Johnson for their service and dedication to the WSA. We wish them well. They are being replaced by, Ryan Los, Dave Dahlon, and Jim Ross. We look forward to working with them and moving forward with the activities of the coming year.

NCWHFD: We are moving forward with the plans for the September 16th North Central Washington Hunting & Fishing Day event at the NCW Gun Club. Several grants have been submitted for funding; as well as, encouraging several organizations to participate with us. We have received a few donations, but more are needed. WSA will need at least 15-20 of our members as volunteers for this event. Please contact Keith Boyd at kkdcboyd@hotmail.com or Dan Dickerson, at our "Contact Us" section of the website, if you can join us for this youth educational event. We are expecting 200 youth and their parents this year. There will be instructions with several firearms, archery equipment, and fishing gear. Come join the fun.

WORK PARTIES: Two major work parties occurred during the month of May. The one on the 13th had a good turn-out and several feeders and guzzlers were fixed or rebuilt. The May 20th work party had a great turn-out and even got front page coverage in the Sunday Wenatchee World newspaper. Almost two tons of debris was picked up and delivered for disposal. WSA would like to thank Waste Management and Collins Recycling for receiving the debris that was collected. We were able to clean up around Clear lake, Lilly lake, Black lake, and on Burch Mountain. Thank you, to all who turned out to help. We look forward to doing this again and having even more folks to help.

GAME FEED: We have an event coordinator for the 2018 Game Feed! Robert Scoville will be the man on a mission for the next Game Feed. We are planning to be at the same venue for next year. Save the 17th of February, 2018, on your calendar for our annual Wild Game Feed Event. If you are interested in being on the Game Feed Committee, please contact the WSA via the "Contact us" section of the website. Those who filled out the questionnaire at the last Game Feed will be contacted. All areas of the Game Feed will need extra people to help make the event more enjoyable for all.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Each year the WSA sponsors youth to attend the Washington State Junior Sportsman's Conservation Camp. Girls camp is July 16 to July 22, 2017. Boys camp is July 23 to July 29, 2017. All campers must be 12 years old by July 16, 2017. They must not have reached their 17th birthday before the beginning of camp. Camp is on Orcus Island each year. Anyone interested in more information, or an application, should contact Gordon Goodwin at 509-663-3620. Additional information may be obtained at the camp website at www.washingtonconservationcamp.org. Hurry... time is limited to get an application in.

DRY LAKE PROJECT: The efforts to clean up and make Dry Lake more accessible for the public are well on the way. Kiosks and signage should be up soon. The WDFW will be making headway later this month to have better access to this lake.

SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE: Our local Sportsman's Warehouse will be having seminars on June 10 and June 17. June 10th will be Optics demo day from 1:00- 3:00 PM. The Gift Bar will be showing spotting scopes and binoculars. June 17th will be about Modern Sport Rifles (or AR's) to learn about maintenance and equipment. Remember to bring the coupons you got at the Game Feed this year to get a discount on the equipment you need.

WDFW: The WDFW has had to make some dramatic changes to fees and licenses due to the State continually decreasing the budget to the WDFW. Contact your representative in Olympia. Let them know our WDFW derives more for the billions of dollars spent on hunting and fishing. Also, continue to buy licenses, tags and raffles to help defer the cost for next year. The WDFW is always looking for help from organizations like ours. It can be a very rewarding experience to go legally beyond the signs that say " NO MOTOR VEHICLES BEYOND THIS POINT". WSA does a lot of volunteer work locally for the WDFW. This is how we can make a difference in our community. Always check the regulations for hunting and fishing before you go. Remember there is a Statewide Trout Derby, free to anyone with a fishing license. Over 100 lakes have been stocked with derby prize fish. For more information and to down load your copy of the regulations go to: www.wdfw.wa.gov.

USFS: The Forest Service is facing some difficulties with access to some areas due to landslides and roads that cannot sustain the vehicle usage they normally would. Contact the Ranger office in the area you are planning to visit. Always go prepared for changes in the conditions. It is good to have it and not need it, than to not have it and need it.

STATE PARKS: In days gone by, we just packed up the family car and went to the park. Today, you can find out what is going on at any given State Park with a few clicks on your cell phone or PC. The Washington State Parks has a website that can take you places. Go to: www.parks.state.wa.us to find out what's happening in a State Park near you.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: The program for June will be Dale Whaley, with the Douglas County Extension Office. He will be discussing biological controls for weeds in the field and at home. I know I can use all the help I can get for controlling the weeds at my place. Come find out what you can do to help yourself.

WEBSITE: The WSA website continues to evolve. We strive to have the information that is important to our members and to educate the general public on what we stand for and can offer them. If you notice something that needs an update or there are things you would like to see in our website, please let us know through the "Contact Us" section of the website.

FACEBOOK: Our Facebook page has taken off. If you are not on Facebook, you should be, just to follow what is going on in the WSA. Adam is doing a great job with all the information that is coming in. Join us on Facebook and get in on the monthly photo contest. We are currently 85% more liked than any other organization similar to ours.

BUSINESS ADS: You have probably noticed the business ads in the newsletter. You may have noticed they are in color. But have you taken the time to visit one of the businesses that support the WSA? Every time I go to one of these businesses and mention that I saw their ad in our newsletter, they are greatly encouraged. The businesses will be glad you visited. Support those who support you.

Bringing you the news at WSA,

Dan Dickerson