September 2019

On WEDNESDAY, September 4th in lieu of the general membership meeting, we will be conducting our fall ditch cleanup on Highway 1806. We will meet at 6:00 PM at the GFP Fisheries Building, which is located on Highway 1806 between Fort Pierre and Oahe Dam. Garbage bags and orange vests will be provided. You just need to show up and bring a pair of gloves and some old boots. In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule the ditch cleanup for a later date. Please consider stopping out as many hands make work light!

The Game Meat Food Drive is confirmed for Saturday September 7 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Runnings parking lot (in the area where the greenhouses were). The Feeding South Dakota refrigerated truck and driver will be there along with Ron Fowler, HPWA. This is a great way to clean out your freezer in preparation for the coming hunting seasons and help Feeding South Dakota. If you can help with this event, please contact Ron Fowler at 605-280-4977.

In August, we had our annual summer picnic at Lilly Park in Ft. Pierre. Thank you, Mary McMahon, for making BBQs for everyone. If you didn’t get a chance to make it this year, please keep it in mind for next year.

SDWF’s 74th Annual Summer Convention was September 13-15 hosted by the Aberdeen Gun Club in Aberdeen. This year’s Convention has no official business happening on Friday the 13th. Two resolutions were submitted this year. A complete Convention Schedule was in the Out-of-Doors before the Convention. George Vandel will be representing the HPWA club this year and will provide a summary of the event at a later HPWA meeting.

The SD GF&P has adopted the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) action plan for deer and elk carcasses from other States and SD hunting units with known endemic areas where CWD had been confirmed. These would go into effect for the 2020 hunting seasons. Individuals can submit comments by Sept. 5, 2019 online at gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/ or mail them to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. More information is available on the GF&P website: https://gfp.sd.gov/chronic-wasting-disease/

The SD GF&P commission is considering optics for muzzleloaders due to the inability to obtain a 1x scope. The proposal would allow 4x and 6x. Action will be taken by the commission Sept. 5, 2019.

The hunting season is upon us. Be safe, courteous, and ethical in your hunting endeavors this year. Hope you were all successful in your big game draws.

Thank you for all your support as central South Dakota sportsman/women and as a HPWA member!

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