

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association April Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 16th, 2012 –Don Madsen’s on Cedar Lake

The April meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:37 pm by President Dan Bygd
The Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports were approved as read.

Thank You’s: From USF&W – wood duck boxes

Meeting Guests: Dick Lightner, Bob Williams; Marty Engel – Wi DNR
Tom Kerr, Caitlin Smith – USF&W

Attendance: 24 members .

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Tabled.
2. **Buck’s Night:** Tabled.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Since the trout stocking quota was reduced to 0 for the Apple River, Marty will look into obtaining trout from private hatcheries, the SP trout farm in not certified for private stocking. The marker buoys on Cedar Lake will be installed in the next few weeks by the club.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** A \$500 request from the Hudson Rod & Gun club has been received for a tracked wheel chair for us in outdoor activities. Boy Scout Troop 460 has inquired about support for a conservation award event, will be referred to Jon Bush.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Scheduled for Wed., June 13
6. **Membership Report:** The club has 4 members that have paid the new \$60 membership fee, This is recoverable by selling their allotment of 10 gun raffle tickets.

Old Business/New Business:

1. A motion was made and passed to provide a letter of support for a trail development grant by the City of New Richmond with no monetary commitment.
2. Anchor Point Archery Grand Opening is April 21 & 22.
3. Upcoming Partner Banquets : Hudson DU Waterfowl party, April 21 at the Valley House. Note that the club will pay half of the banquet ticket of club members attending.
4. Two styles and colors of club member jackets to commemorate our 20 years were available to select from at the meeting. Cost for either is \$35 for the first jacket to club members, the first order will be placed after the next meeting. Jackets can also be ordered after this.
5. Club membership as an affiliate in Wisconsin Wildlife Federation had expired, a renewal application has been submitted.
6. Mike Schley’s name was drawn for the \$20 attendance prize in a random drawing of club members, since he was not present, the May drawing will be for \$40.

7. Tom Kerr thanked the club for the wood duck boxes, and discussed the Auto Tour Birding Guide of area WPA's and DNR sites. He also discussed the grazing practices that may be done on some of the WPA's and waterfowl pair counts. Caitlin Smith discussed her job and background as the private lands development leader which includes CRP, SAFE and wetland restorations.
8. Marty Engel discussed the cuts in area trout stocking, the Willow River has been cut to 1500 and the Apple to 0 brown trout. DNR staffing has also been cut by 40 positions. Of the 82 tree drops on Bass Lake, 8 broke free and were towed to shore and re-anchored.
9. Service Learning Day is on Friday, May 18. 8 students will help with general grounds clean up and clearing brush. Phyllis Menke has agreed to using the cabin to house USF&W intern(s) this summer.
10. Participating in this summers Farm City Days with a club booth was discussed, Jim Thompson to report at the next meeting.
11. Volunteers are needed for the Aqua Rama event at the SP Trout Farm on July 12, as fly fishing instructors.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012 with the 6:00 pm social hour and the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Don Madsen's on Cedar lake.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)