

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association March Meeting Minutes
Monday March 16th, 2015 –Madsen's on Cedar Lake**

The March meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Zais.
The Secretary's report was approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Thank You's: To : Ron Skari - \$150 donation
From : Girl Scouts – duck brochure grant

Meeting Guests : Marty Engel – DNR, Cody Tromberg, Wayne Brown

Attendance : 30 members + 3 guests

New Members : Al Lingen

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Tabled.
2. **Buck's Night:** Tabled.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Tabled.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** Local High schools have been contacted with scholarship application details, we have two \$1,000 scholarships available. \$235 was donated to the DNR for tree & shrub give-away. 2 grant applications were received : Wis BowHunters Land Trust & Indianhead Bassers.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Set for July 15th, rain date the 16th. The club will remove, clean & stain the decking sections for Jackelen's boat landing.
6. **Special Events :** Tabled.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 31 members that have paid 2105 dues.

Old Business/New Business:

1. Duane Madsen & Dave Lackey supplied the March meal of corned beef & cabbage. The April meal will be provided by Erickson, Hoppe & J. Peterson.
2. The Building committee has recommended not continuing with plans for a commercial building at McMurtrie. Alternatives are being explored including an open or screened in pavilion that could be expanded. The committee met with club members before the regular meeting. An update will be given at the April meeting.
3. The club assembled 24 bluebird nesting boxes Bluebird and Wood Duck nest boxes can be purchased by members at our cost of \$8.00.
4. The club will purchase up to \$1,000 of seeds for Monarch butterfly habitat plantings through Dan Cain. Seeds and planting instructions will be given to members & immediate family & friends, members must supervise the planting and log hours spent. Plantings will be done in cooperation with USF&W.
5. Rich Miller said that Richardson's Sportsman's club will apply for a \$500 grant for the Youth Fishing outing to be held in August. Combining this event with the

- PF and SPF&G fall Youth hunting event was discussed. Our club will be listed as a co-sponsor. They are looking for additional area youths to invite.
6. Marty Engel requested funding for bass & panfish stocking in Squaw and Somerset Pine lakes. The impoundment at Willow River State park will be drawn down for dam inspection in June. If holding ponds can be secured, fish will be removed, and must held for 30 days for disease testing, before they can be stocked. There are funds in the budget to cover this, the Fisheries committee will work with Marty on the project.
 7. The contract for the card club to use the old school house at the north Cedar Lake boat landing expires in June. If this is not renewed, the DNR will explore plans to remove it and improve the site for trailer parking.
 8. The Indianhead Pheasants Forever banquet will be held Friday, March 27th at Cricket's near Amery. The club will help at the event, and pay for half of a members banquet ticket cost of \$60.
 9. Dan Cain reported that Amery and possibly other local high schools are interested in starting Trap shooting clubs.
 10. Jackets & shirts that have been requested by members will be available at the next meeting. A source for orange vests has not yet been found.
 11. Ice shacks must be removed by March 15th. Club members have done some Cedar lake clean up on their own. Due to poor ice conditions, an organized club clean up day will not be possible.
 12. Cody Tromberg introduced himself as the Farm Bill Biologist who will work in our area on conservation & habitat projects. He works out of Baldwin and can be reached at 684-2874 ext 126.
 13. Terry Zais was drawn for the attendance prize of \$60. He was present, so the April drawing will be for \$20.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday May 18th, 2015 with the 6:00 pm social hour and the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Madsen's on Cedar Lake.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)