

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association April Meeting Minutes
Monday April 15, 2013 –Don Madsen’s on Cedar Lake

The April meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:45 pm by Pres. Zais.
The Secretary’s report was approved as read, the Treasurer’s report was tabled.

Thank You’s: From :
To :

Meeting Guests : Dave Lackey, Tom Harer – potential members
Paul Sickman – DNR warden
Caitlin Smith – USF&W

Attendance : 26 members + 4 guests

New Members : none

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Will be on the Ox-Carts Days calendar.
2. **Buck’s Night:** Tabled.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** A motion was approved to spend up to \$2000 for stocking trout at River Island Park, as the DNR will not be stocking this year. M Kelly to make arrangements for the permit and the trout.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** \$300 donated to Friends of USF&W for Ducks on a stick. \$500 donated to Richardson’s Sportsman’s club for youth fishing equipment. Scholarship applications are due in early May. A \$25 donation from Thomas Reuters was received arranged by Brain Headlee. \$500 donated to Pheasants Forever Banquet.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Scheduled for Wed. June 12, rain date 2 weeks later. Letters will be sent to prospective pontoon drivers.
6. **Executive :** Tabled.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 52 members that have paid the new \$60 membership fee in 2012. No 2013 memberships have yet been collected.

Old Business/New Business:

1. Bob W. and Dick L. supplied the meal for the April meeting. Erv E. and Jonn P. volunteered for meal duty for the May meeting.
2. Paul Sickman explained a reward program that other sportsman’s clubs have offered for the conviction of DNR violations. He discussed the bear poaching that occurred recently in our area. A motion was made and passed to offer \$500 for the apprehension of the persons responsible. The club will work with Paul on the details and getting the reward publicized.

3. The Indianhead Pheasants Forever banquet was held Friday, March 22 at Crickets., attendance was up about 35 people from last year. The 30th annual banquet will be held next year.
4. A discussion was continued on the possibility of the club hosting a Ladies ice Fishing event in 2014. Pros and Cons were discussed and with no decision made, the issue was tabled..
5. The club has applied for two DNR Pheasant/Turkey stamp grants. Jon bush wrote a grant for prairie plantings at McMurtrie. Dan Cain for the Forest Ridge youth day.
6. Caitlin Smith discussed USF&W spring/summer activities including waterfowl pair surveys, CRP signups, Ducks on a Stick, and work of the intern crews.
7. A Ducks Unlimited banquet will be held May 18, at the Valley House, see Mitch Gebheim for tickets and details.
8. A date for the Fish Boil was discussed, it could be the Tues or Wed before Ox-Cart days or on a Friday night not tied to any event. The decision will be made by the committee.
9. New club caps will be in soon, members may purchase them at a price to be determined.
10. Attendance drawing of \$20 was won by Don Coles, he was not present, so \$40 will be carried over to the March meeting.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday May 20, 2013 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 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)