

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association May Meeting Minutes
Monday May 19, 2014 –Don Madsen’s on Cedar Lake

The May meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Zais. The Secretary’s report was approved as amended. The Treasurer’s report was tabled as guests were present.

Thank You’s: To : Club members who cleaned Hwy 65 ditches
From :

Meeting Guests : Caitlin Smith – USF&W

Attendance : 25 members + 1 guest

New Members :

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** The bridge will be out, an alternate plan for duck release is needed.
2. **Buck’s Night:** 14 guns for 2014 event have been purchased, the raffle license has been received.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Tabled.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** A grant request from a Hudson group for a Thanksgiving meal was denied for not fitting the club’s mission.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** The April minutes had the wrong date for the Pontoon ride. The date is Wed. June 18th with a rain date of the 19th. Rides begin at 1:00 with the meal to follow. Joe Bolder volunteered to purchase door prizes
6. **Special Events :** Tabled.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 35 members that have paid the \$60 membership fee for 2014.

Old Business/New Business:

1. John P., Dick H., and Erv E. provided the meal for the May meeting. Jon Bush and Craig Warren volunteered for June
2. Chuck Frawley reported that discussion will continue with Dan Cain and Brian Headlee on support for the NR high school trap team. Don Demulling will investigate how we can support the NR ice fishing team, and John Peterson will do the same for the Bass fishing team.
3. The club approved spending up to \$1100 for a Stuart Nelson memorial stone to be placed at the trail head into the McMurtrie preserve off of Hwy M. The club will construct a suitable base for the stone, to be in place by July 13. Bob Williams is heading the project.
4. The board approved an \$850 donation for the Ulrich land appraisal cost.
5. Jon Bush read the revised mission statement and described the new operating guidelines that the board has approved, including membership goals and donation policies.

6. Caitlin Smith discussed recent USF&W activities that included hiring 8 interns, bird surveys, 1200 acres of prairie burns, the SAFE prairie program, planting prairie seedlings, and updates on projects on some of the local WPA areas. The next Conservation day at Oak Ridge WPA will be on Oct 11th.
7. 3 scholarship applications were received. Scholarships were granted to 2 students one from Amery and one from Osceola high schools. The deadline for next year will be moved up.
8. Jerry Lachman was drawn for the attendance prize of \$80, he was not present, so the May drawing will be for \$100.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday June 16th, 2014 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 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)