

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association July Meeting Minutes
Monday July 20th, 2015 –Madsen's on Cedar Lake

The July meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 7:08 pm by Vice President Magoon. The Secretary's report was approved with a correction : the Duck race is on Aug 22. The Treasurer's report was tabled as guests were present.

Thank You's: To : Johnson Motors, Community Ed, Don Jackelen (Pontoon ride)
From : Marc Montpetit, Tom & Sheryl Dzhwezynslou, Arlen
Luehmann – food plots NR High School – scholarship
West Wisconsin Land Trust – donation for appraisal
NR High school – \$500 donation for trail cameras

Meeting Guests : Caitlin Smith – USF&W

Attendance : 25 members + 1 guest

New Members :

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** To be held Saturday August 22 during Ox Cart Days. There will be a youth and adult race.
2. **Buck's Night:** Raffle tickets and Guns for the 20 gun raffle have been distributed to members and establishments. A Canadian fishing trip at Sleepy Dog Cabins for 2 has been donated for the live auction.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Dan Cain is planting a 5 acre prairie at Viking Middle school in Hammond as a joint project with other partners. Dan is also working with potential private land owners for some large prairie plantings. A trout fishing outing for Seniors at Don Stephens pond will be scheduled for late Sept. or early Oct. The Health Center and Deerfield will be invited.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** Youth Day will be held Oct 3rd at Forest Ridge. There is still a need of dogs & handlers for the event. The club will again provide lunch. Grant applications were received from Osceola High school (on hold for more info) and Westfields Hospital (denied as not fitting our mission).
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Was held July 15th with 79 seniors taking a pontoon ride around Cedar Lake, about 100 people were served lunch at River Island park after the ride.
6. **Special Events :**
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 37 members that have paid 2015 dues.

Old Business/New Business:

1. The July meal of burgers and brats was prepared by B. Jasperson and A. Lingen. The August meal will be provided by J. Bush and C. Warren

2. The Building committee had a final estimate for 30 x 40 ft open pavilion at McMurtrie of \$30,000 including site work, cement, materials and labor. Material cost was about \$11,000. After much discussion it was decided to separate the decision on a full club house from the project of supporting SPLPT with a donation for a building that could be used for educational purposes at McMurtrie. A motion was made and passed to donate up to \$15,000 to SPLPT for a building, contingent on a signed usage agreement between the 2 groups.
3. The Richardsons Sportsmans club will hold a Youth day on August 10th. Events will include archery, trap, and .22 rifle targets. The club will provide financial help for the event and will be listed as a sponsor.
4. Caitlin Smith and Bailey Mathys provided an update on USF&W activities, some fall WPA burns are planned, Bailey and other interns have been conducting wetland, waterfowl, and invasive species surveys as well as goose banding.
5. Caitlin Smith explained the St. Croix Watershed Monarch Conservation program. They are applying for a grant to support monarch and pollinator habitat conservation, and the club has pledged to support this through purchase of another 50 pollinator seed packets to give away in 2016 at a cost of \$600. We will also donate an estimated \$1000 to private land owners for prairie plantings, and 100 hours of labor for plantings and site preparation of the seed packets.
6. USF&W will hold a Night Out event on Friday August 21 from 6:30 – 8:00 at their headquarters west of NR. There will be a presentation on monarch butterflies.
7. Phyllis and Hanke Menke stopped in before the meeting for a brief hello.
8. Dan Michaelis was drawn for the attendance prize of \$40. He was not present, so the August drawing will be for \$60.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday August 17th, 2015 with the 6:00 pm social hour and the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Don Madsen's on Cedar Lake.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)