

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association August Meeting Minutes
Monday August 19, 2013 –Don Madsen’s on Cedar Lake**

The August meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 7:00 pm by Pres. Zais. The Secretary’s report was approved as read. The Treasurer’s report was tabled as guests were present.

Thank You’s: From : Deerfield – garden donation. Tom Achterhof – prairie/food plot cost share

To :

Meeting Guests : Caitlin Smith – USF&W, Dan Harding – prospective member

Attendance : 29members + 2 guests

New Members :

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Was held Saturday Aug.17, About 500 ducks were sold, the winner of the single race was Steve Lewis, he received half the proceeds after expenses, of about a thousand dollars. Expenses were about \$300 for printing and a \$200 donation to the SP Lions for advertising.
2. **Buck’s Night:** Guns for raffle ticket sales are being displayed at 24 locations. Several sponsorship checks have been received. The event is Nov 18 at R&D Catering.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Eric Wojchik held a demonstration on eliminating Japanese knotweed last week, at the Cedar Lake inlet. 3 more sites of knotweed have been identified near Cedar lake. The club has chemicals and back-pack sprayers that are available for use to qualified applicators. A 2.2 million dollar alum treatment to control algae on Cedar lake was approved by the lake district.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** Youth day at Forest Ridge is scheduled for Oct. 5th. At least 50 youth are expected to attend.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Tabled.
6. **Special Events :** Fish Boil to be held on Fri. Sept. 6th. Work details were assigned. Meet at River Island park at 3:00 on the 6th for setup and prep. The food has been ordered, menu will be the same as last year.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 21members that have paid the \$60 membership fee for 2013.

Old Business/New Business:

1. Joe Bolder, Chuck Frawley and Bill Winchester provided the meal for the meeting. Terry Zais has volunteered for Sept. John Peterson and Erv Erickson have signed up for December.
2. Phyllis Menke made a generous \$1,000 donation to the club.

3. Senior trout fishing day will be on Tuesday Sept 3rd at Don Stevens next to the Star Prairie trout farm. Seniors from the Deerfield and the Health Center will be fishing, the trout caught will be served at the fish boil on Sept 6th. Meet at Don Stevens at 9:30 AM, it is the first driveway west of the trout farm with the wrought iron gates at the entrance.
4. Caitlin Smith provided an overview of USF&W projects during the summer including projects by the 10 interns of; bird counts, banding, waterfowl studies, and equipment training. Many WPA's are being opened to grazing or cutting as a cost effective alternative to burning for habitat regeneration. Contact Caitlin if you know of any one interested in grazing on a WPA. Friends and Neighbors night out is Sept 11th at the USF&W main office. The boy scout conservation day is on October 19th. Caitlin thanked the club for the wood duck boxes we built and donated this spring.
5. The work on the prairie planting at McMurtrie has been started with an initial herbicide application on the site. A late fall planting is planned.
6. New club Tee shirts were discussed, Chuck Frawley will get quotes.
7. Chuck Magoon will investigate costs and design of can cozies with the club name/logo. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$360 for club cozies.
8. Bailey Matthys, last year's scholarship winner, gave a summary of her summer work including soil sampling in the Cedar lake watershed, and boat inspections at the Cedar lake north landing. She is a wildlife ecology/biology major at UW Stevens Point.
9. Larry Suennen was drawn for the attendance prize of \$20 ,he was not present so the \$20 will be carried over to the Sept. meeting.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday September 16th, 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 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)