

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association July Meeting Minutes
Monday July 16, 2012 –Menke garage & Friendly Bar, Star Prairie

The July meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 7:01 pm by Pres. Dan Bygd
The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved as read.

Thank You's: From : Deerfield – donor recognition ,
Aqua Rama youth – club fly fishing instruction
To : Steve Deiss – buns at pontoon rides,
Peter Schrock (Aqua Rama) – \$100 donation to the club

Meeting Guests: Caitlin Smith – USF&W. Troy Meachum
Derek, Michelle, Nicole & Bailey – USF&W interns
Shelly & Bailey Matthys

Attendance: 26 members + 8 guests.

New Members : John Kuehl Jr, Bailey Matthys

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Will be held Sat. Aug 18 at 4:00, during Ox Cart Days. Will be single youth race, 100 ducks with a free entry. Regular race at \$5.00 a duck, with about 800 ducks available.
2. **Buck's Night:** The event is on Monday, Nov. 12 at R&D Catering. There will be at least 61 guns to be given away this year. Members are reminded to be sure their guns are displayed at participating locations.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** There are budgeted funds available for chemicals for invasive species control.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** No new web-site applications have been received. Funds are still available.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** A date of Sept. 12 has been reserved for a possible fall senior pontoon ride on Cedar lake. The meal menu would be reduced from the spring event. Other area senior centers could be invited.
6. **Membership Report:** The club has 30 members that have paid the new \$60 membership fee, this is recoverable by selling the allotment of 10 gun raffle tickets.

Old Business/New Business:

1. Caitlin Smith discussed USF&W upcoming events : Barbecue for bird survey volunteers – Aug 10. Friends and Neighbors open house Sept 12 at 95th st. office. Outdoor event at Oakridge WPA on Oct 6, up to 800 boy scouts could attend.
2. The 4 USF&W interns discussed their summer projects which included : grassland bird surveys, habitat assessment, goose banding, replacing WPA signs, cataloging grassland habitats and more.
3. Troy Meachum discussed the most common invasive species in our area and possible chemical treatments to eliminate them. Top of his list was wild parsnip, canada thistle, spotted knapweed, and leafy spurge. Troy is willing to sell herbicide to our club at cost and provide training on identification and control methods. Aug 23, 6:00 pm at River Island park was set as a date for a field training session. The club needs a plan on how to proceed with invasive species control.
4. Members who have not done so, need to pick up and pay for club jackets from the first order
5. Dick Hoppe's name was drawn for the attendance prize in a random drawing of club members. Since Dick could not attend due to illness, the \$40 (including \$20 carry over) was awarded to him.
6. Farm City Days will be held Aug 11 at the Jon-Dee farm by Baldwin. Jim Thompson has reserved a spot for the club to have a table. USF&W will have a joint display with us.
7. Phyllis Menke made a generous donation to our club.
8. There will be an Executive meeting (club officers) on Aug 6.
9. The Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust has received two \$10,000 River Protection grants. One task in the first grant is an Apple river invasive/environmental survey. 6 club members volunteered to help with the river trip survey, which will be done in August.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday August 20, 2012 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)