

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association—February Meeting Minutes**  
**February 17, 2020—Old Star Prairie Town Hall**

The February meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Eccles. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's report was tabled as guests were present.

**Thank You's:**               **To:** Ronald Skarie-Bear Poaching Donation  
**From:** None.

**Meeting Guests:**       Kasey Yallaly-WI DNR Fisheries Biologist

**Attendance:**           21 Members

**New Members:**       Bob Long, Michael Berends

**Committee Reports:**

- 1. Pontoon Ride:** Pavilion is reserved.
- 2. Youth Hunt:** Tabled.
- 3. Bucks Night:** The committee has voted to hold the event at Gibby's this year. The plan is to alternate each year between Gibby's and Ready Randy's, pending significant changes to attendance.
- 4. Habitat/Fisheries:** Kasey updated the club on the school house demo, which will start in a couple weeks. She also updated the club on work that has been done on lakes in the area. Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings will be held on April 13.
- 5. Outreach:** Granted \$500 for an educational Fisher mount. Granted \$500 to New Richmond Ice Fishing Team. The CRP mailing was also funded. Jon is going to send in the application to Wisconsin Wildlife Federation for Cons. Org. of the Year.
- 6. Special Events:** HS Trap Shoot will be May 2, starting at 9am. We will need help with scoring.
- 7. Building:** Tabled.
- 8. Membership Report:** The club has 24 paid members for 2020.

**Old Business:**

1. Committee Sign Up-If you're interested in being on a committee, sign up with Chris or on the board in back.

**New Business:**

1. Bob Long-Riverwood Nature Center-is a non-profit conservation organization that bought the 33.4 acre Utgaard Property in Star Prairie. They have plans for an interpretive nature center and preserve. The property will be open to the public. Looking for fundraising for match on the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funds. The Habitat Committee will make a proposal at the March meeting.
2. Kinnickinnic Land Trust-Looking to purchase a 44 acre parcel along the Kinnickinnic River on the south side of River Falls. This property would also allow access to the River Falls School Forest, as well as being open to the public. The land trust will be fundraising for 50% of the \$400,000 total price. They have a signed purchase agreement. They are seeking donations for the purchase. The Habitat Committee will make a proposal at the March meeting.
3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day-April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Outreach Committee will discuss if we want to be included as one of the stops along the Apple River tour on Earth Day.
4. John Peterson shared about the great turnout for the Lake Wapo fishing tournament. The kids had a great time.
5. Lease-A lease agreement has been sent to the township.
6. Jim Groth was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$40 and was not present. The drawing for the March meeting will be for \$60.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**The next meeting of the SPF&G Association is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Old Star Prairie Town Hall.**

**6:00 p.m. Social Hour**

**6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Respectfully submitted: Chris Clarkson (Secretary)