

## Star Prairie Fish & Game Association—March Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2020—Old Star Prairie Town Hall

The March meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Eccles. The Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports were approved as read.

**Thank You’s:**                    **To:** None.  
    **From:** New Richmond/Somerset Ice Fishing Team-Donation  
    Midway USA-Trap Team Donations

**Meeting Guests:**          Peter Wetzel-WI DNR Warden

**Attendance:**                16 Members

**New Members:**         None.

### Committee Reports:

1. **Pontoon Ride:** Tabled.

2. **Youth Hunt:** Tabled.

3. **Bucks Night:** Tabled.

4. **Habitat/Fisheries:** Tabled.

5. **Outreach:** Jon Bush submitted the application to WI Wildlife Federation for Conservation Org. of the Year. Scholarship applications are due April 15. Volunteers will be needed for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Day on the Apple River event.

6. **Special Events:** Invite for the HS Trap Shoot will be sent out to coaches, with the stipulation that the event may be cancelled due to COVID 19 circumstances.

7. **Building:** Chimney will be capped. More cabinets will be installed in the kitchen. Town board has reviewed the lease and will hopefully approve at their next meeting.

8. **Membership Report:** The club has 24 paid members for 2020.

### Old Business:

1. Habitat Projects-The Habitat Committee proposed donating \$10,000 to the Kinni Land Trust land acquisition campaign and \$15,000 to the Riverwood Nature Center in Star Prairie. Thorough discussion was had by the membership and the following motions were made and seconded:

---The club will fund \$5,000 to the Kinni Land Trust, contingent on their Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funding. Motion was passed.

---The club will fund \$15,000 to the Riverwood Nature Center contingent on signage, Knowles-Nelson fund matching, and allocated land purchase or matching grant. Motion was passed.

### New Business:

1. Peter Wetzel-WI DNR Warden-Attended the meeting to tag a fisher that Jon Bush had, which will be donated to a local school. Peter also updated the club on rule changes in the state. He also urged members to participate in the Spring Hearings on April 13, which will allow for 72 hours of opportunity to participate online.

2. Future Financial Planning-Jason Eccles presented the club’s financials to the membership. The planning gave the club real numbers on how we can spend our money, but also be responsible in the future of the club financially.

3. Joe Stakken would like to donate \$500 for a bench on the North Landing in his parent’s name. The Building Committee will discuss.

4. The schoolhouse on the north end of Cedar Lake is down. A discussion will be had at a later date on fencing between the new parking lot and the neighboring property and how the club will want to be involved.

6. Dan Bygd was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$60 and was not present. The drawing for the April meeting will be for \$80.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**The next meeting of the SPF&G Association is pending due to the COVID 19 issues.**

Respectfully submitted: Chris Clarkson (Secretary)