

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association—January Annual Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2023—Old Star Prairie Town Hall**

The February meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by President Jon Bush. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was tabled.

Thank You's: **To:** Riverwood Nature Center – Building use for landowner assistance day
USFW – Landowner Assistance Day
From: Kinni River Land Trust- Money Donation

Meeting Guests: Kasey Yallaly

Attendance: 23 Members

New Members: None.

Meeting Meal: Lucas F. and Mac S. served the meal. Judd A. & Matt B. will serve the February meal.

Committee Reports:

1. Pontoon Ride:

- July 12th Alternate Date July 13, park is reserved and community outreach has gone out

2. Youth Hunt: Tabled

3. Bucks Night:

- 20 gun raffle guns are purchased

4. Habitat/Fisheries:

- Committee pre-approved some projects they would like funded; Internship for USFW up to \$3000 for wages only: Motion Made, Motion carried
- Kasey Updates
 - St Croix River regulation changes: Reduction in bag limit for walleyes and sauger from 6 to 4, split bag limits for flat heads and channel cat, reduce white bass bag limits, reduce panfish bag limits
 - Spring hearing open house April 4th for St. Croix County at St Croix Central high school form 6-9pm as well as online
 - Proposed questions: Continuous open season from Prescott to St Croix falls dam, Fish refuge from Hwy 8 bridge to St Croix dam
 - Bass lake walleye population is good at 1.7 per acre & bass slot is helping size class,
 - Cedar Lake musky density is high .4-.5 per acre and they will be cutting back stocking, walleye still struggling
 - Pine lake (by Baldwin) walleye population is doing well
 - Squaw (Apple) lake is having a bullhead removal done this spring, couple weeks after ice out. Possible volunteer opportunity, Kasey will be in touch once exact dates are known
- Upcoming Projects: Funding food plots on state ground up to \$5000 & Tree and shrub orders for Habitat Handout Day
- Kinni River Land Trust Headwater Restoration: Total cost of \$33k, need \$7000 to do projects this spring. Asking for \$3500 from SPFG and \$3500 from Pheasants Forever. Motion Made, Motion Carried
- Pine lake aeration funded by County aids, no further funding needed

- Landowner assistance day: Held on Feb 18th at Riverwood Nature Center, approx. 60 people in attendance representing 30-40 different properties. Consider doing tour to show people what different species look like and follow up with a lunch and learn
- Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Banquet is April 14-15 in Wisconsin Rapids, club will pay for Hotel and meals for anyone interested in attending

5. Outreach:

- \$500 Grant request from St. Croix Falls Trap Team, Motion Made, Motion Carried
- Wanderoos area community club fishing tournament cancelled, SPFG told them to keep the kayaks and raffle off during the year
- Wisconsin Wildlife Foundation Regional banquet is in Osceola this year, club will pay 50% of the ticket cost

6. Special Events:

- Saturday May 6th high school trap shoot at Amery Gun Club, Chris is working to get invites out to coaches this week. Need at least 8 people to volunteer

7. Building:

- New TV installed, old one will be raffled off at the meeting
- Floor has been cleaned
- Deceased member plaque has been hung in the kitchen
- Still looking for an electrician to do some wiring
- Built in safe already in building, may use that for locked gun storage

8. Membership Report:

- The club has 29 paid members for 2023

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Saratoga Park has multiple projects that could be addressed through Boy Scouts if anyone knows anyone looking for a project

2. Anyone not at January meeting who did not sign up for committee signup please let Mac know so we can get updated committee lists

3. Conservation Partnership meeting March 7th at 10am in Baldwin. They are interested in partnering with us for a conservation field day

4. Riverwood is seeking a cash grant for fixing up some of the buildings utilizing Northwoods Tech to train apprentices. Bob asked if SPFG would be willing to send letter of support to Senator Rob Stafsholt. Jon is going to send a draft to the board to review

5. Primary voting for WI Supreme Court is tomorrow 2/21

6. Jason Eccles was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$80 and was not present. The drawing for the March meeting will be for \$100.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The next Meeting of the SPF&G Association will be held Monday, March 20, 2023, at the Old Star Prairie Town Hall.

6:00pm Social Hour/Meal

6:30pm Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted: Mac Sandberg (Secretary)