Star Prairie Fish & Game Association—January Annual Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023—Old Star Prairie Town Hall

The April meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jon Bush. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was tabled.

Thank You's: To: None

From: None

Meeting Guests: Lindsay and Ronnie from Cast and Hook

Attendance: 30 Members

New Members: Jeff Williams

Meeting Meal: Bill Holland and Mike Kelly served the meal. Al Lingen & Terry Zais will serve the May meal.

Committee Reports:

1. Pontoon Ride:

- Scheduled July 12th, 13th is rain day
- Riverfront park is reserved
- In the community brocure

2. Youth Hunt: Tabled

3. Bucks Night:

- Raffle License Updated
- 20 Gun raffle guns purchased
- Can now get tickets ordered

4. Habitat/Fisheries:

- Habitat Handout Day April 29th at Riverwood Nature Center Environmental Learning Building
 - Any volunteers please plan to show up at 10am
- DNR is doing bullhead removal on Apple (Squaw) lake next week
 - Volunteers are needed Tuesday-Thursday

5. Outreach: Tabled

6. Special Events:

- Saturday May 6th is HS Trap Shoot at Amery Gun Club
- Need 7-8 volunteers to help from 8am-1pm
- Contact has been sent out to coaches

7. Building:

- Electrician came and inspected, going to have another one come to give another bid. Township will pay for service upgrades
- Cedar docks: 1 dock will be repaired this week. Docks will be going in later this week
- Star Prairie Township to be in contact about rebuilding fishing piers along the apple at a later date

• Safe In the basement is all fixed up

8. Membership Report:

• The club has 34 paid members for 2023

Old Business:

1. Ditch Cleanup

- Initial dates were scheduled for May 1st or 2nd
- Moved up to Monday April 24th
- Meet at the Star Prairie Park at 5:30pm
- Wear your Orange SPFG Vest

2. Riverwood Grant Request from State

- Asked state to consider a \$475K grant from the state for fixing up buildings on site
- Should know by July if the funds have been added to the budget for the governor
- Bob would like to send a thank you to Rob Stafsholt and his office for their help during this process

3. Scholarship

As of today, no scholarship applications have been received

4. WWF Meeting Update

- Wolf hunt is a priority if they are deregulated
- DNR wants to put more emphasis on working with other organizations and get more youth interaction

New Business:

- 1. 112th Street Issue/Western Wisconsin Leadership Meeting
 - Overwhelming support for keeping the right-of-way open to the public
 - Richmond Township to vote on the matter at a later meeting

2. Prescribed Burn Training

- Prescribed Burn Workshop April 30th 7:30am-2pm at the The Acreage in Osceola
- Mac to send out link to the group
- 3. Sandy Nelson/ 45th Parallel
 - Looking to have a benefit in July
- 4. Kinni River Land Trust Volunteer Request
 - Working on Truski Preserve
 - April 19th 9am-1pm
 - Cutting and treating brush
 - · Contact Marty Engel if your interested in helping

5. Duck/Bluebird/Bat Boxes

- Westfield hospital is requesting help building bluebird houses to put in their garden area
- Al to propose a day and time to do a build at his house

6. St. Jude Fundraiser

- At Gibby's this Saturday April 22nd
- Club has 2 tickets, talk to Jon if interested

7. Cast & Hook Fishing and Rustic Warriors

- Website: https://castandhookfishing.com/
- Email: staff@castandhookfishing.com
- Veteran Owned and Operated Operation to help Veterans and 1st Responders get out fishing and get a group of people together
- Working to help combat PTSD through outdoor hobbies
- Would like to host an event and would like to ask for \$2000 for funding and could use boats to help run these events

Larry Suennan was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$120 and was present. The drawing for the May meeting will be for \$20.

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, May 15th, 2023, at the Old Star Prairie Town Hall.
6:00pm Social Hour/Meal

6:30pm Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted: Mac Sandberg (Secretary)