Star Prairie Fish & Game Association—May Meeting Minutes May 15, 2023—Old Star Prairie Town Hall

The May 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:** Rob Stafsholt-Helping with Riverwood Nature Center funding.

From: None

Meeting Guests: None.

Attendance: 17 Members

New Members: None.

Meeting Meal: Mary Jo Lingen and Terry Zais served the meal. Mark Schadt will serve the June meal.

Committee Reports:

1. Pontoon Ride: Everything is set for the ride. Both landings will be utilized for the event. All notifications have been sent out. Transportation and food have been arranged.

- **2. Youth Hunt/Trap Shoot:** Youth Hunt tabled. HS Trap Shoot-everything went well. 122 shooters representing 10 teams. Thanks to all of the helpers. Next year looks to be even bigger yet.
- 3. Bucks Night: Tabled.
- **4.** Habitat/Fisheries: Marty updated on the bullhead removal; 1043.8 pounds of bullhead in total were removed from Apple (Squaw) Lake. Overall sizes were large fish, so predator fish seem to be keeping the population of young bullhead down. Habitat Handout went well, most of everything was gone within 20 minutes.
- **5. Outreach:** \$250 was granted to Unity Lions Club, \$250 was granted to NR Heritage Center for pollinator garden, 1 scholarship recipient from Clear Lake HS was awarded. Ditch cleanup went well, thanks to everyone who helped. We received a grant of \$250 from WWF for a Youth Outdoor Skills Day. Jon proposed to the membership a grant award of \$2500 to the Cast & Hook Foundation. A motion was made and seconded to award \$2500 to Cast and Hook with the stipulation that the money is kept for a local event. Motion passed by member vote.
 - **6. Special Events:** Tabled.
- **7. Building:** Electricians were at the clubhouse today. Got the electrical box hung and 1 ceiling fan installed so far. There is some moisture in the basement, it will be assessed and dealt with.

8. Membership Report:

• The club has 34 paid members for 2023

Old Business:

- 1. Sandy Nelson/45th Parallel moved to June meeting.
- 2. Duck/Bluebird houses have not been built yet.

New Business:

1. RCU Volunteer Opportunity-RCU is urging their employees to volunteer with local events. The pontoon ride and rebuilding the fishing piers at River Island Park were brought up as good opportunities. Lucas F. will coordinate with the village on when the River Island Park build will happen.

Chris Clarkson was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$20 and was present. The drawing for the June meeting will be for \$20.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next Meeting of the SPF&G Association will be held Monday, June 19th, 2023, at the Old Star Prairie Town Hall.
6:00pm Social Hour/Meal
6:30pm Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted: Mac Sandberg (Secretary)