

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association— Meeting Minutes February 19th, 2024—Old Star Prairie Town Hall

The February meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Jon Bush. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was tabled as guests as were present.

Thank You's: **To:** None
 From: None

Meeting Guests: Chris Trosen & Scott Pariseau-USFW, Kasey Yallaly-WI DNR, Jason Weinzierl-Kinni PF

Attendance: 21 Members

New Members: None

Meeting Meal: Terry Zais served the meal. Building Committee will serve the March meal.

Committee Reports:

1. **Pontoon Ride:** Pavilion is reserved and the event is advertised in Community Ed.
2. **Youth Hunt/Trap Shoot:**
 - a. Trap Shoot-Saturday, May 4th at the Amery Gun Club
 - b. Youth Hunt-Discuss a direction at the March meeting. (Lucas to chair Youth Hunt)
3. **Bucks Night:** All guns for the 20 gun raffle are purchased.
4. **Habitat/Fisheries:**
 - a. Request from Prairie Enthusiasts for \$501 for Tropical Wings. Committee will only entertain funding if we can be assured it is spent locally.
5. **Outreach:**
 - a. Saturday, February 24 at 11am (10am for members)-Landowner Assistance Program will be held at the clubhouse. Many local agencies and groups will be present.
 - b. Northwood Tech Project-Tabled.
 - c. Scholarship-2 applicants so far. Reach out to local high schools to make sure they have the info.
 - d. DNR Summer Intern-Proposal made from committee to fund up to 50% (\$3950) of a summer intern to assist Kasey Yallaly, with other organizations to fund the other half. Motion made and carried to approve.
 - e. Hunting & Fishing Expo-April 28th @ 45th Parallel-Committee voted to spend \$110 for a booth at the event. A couple of trail cameras were donated. Looking for 2 volunteers to handle the booth.
6. **Building: (add Chuck and Diz to chair)**
 - a. The second dock at North landing has been disassembled and removed.
 - b. Boardwalk at Riverwood-Need to assess what is needed for materials.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 37 paid members for 2024

Old Business:

1. Star Prairie Park Proposal - Move to committee discussion by outreach committee
2. Committee Sign Up went around again.
3. Outreach approved \$1000 to DNR for spring surveys.
4. Outreach approved \$250 for Bluebird House build.
5. Laptop was purchased for club use.
6. Cedar Lake Landing Update- Warren updated the club at the Alden Township meeting regarding the landing. The township was receptive and asked for preliminary numbers. Looking at getting a budget set from Polk County Land & Water.

New Business:

1. Chris Trosen thanked the club for all of the past support from the club. He introduced Scott Pariseau, who is a federal

wildlife officer in the area, one of only roughly 200 in the nation. He enforces all of the federal wildlife laws on federal lands, but works with state wardens as well.

2. Jason Weinzierl, President of Kinni PF, spoke to the club about the fall youth event that they host. Looking to find ways for the clubs to collaborate on the event. It is a pretty all inclusive outdoor experience for the youth, with many different areas for kids to participate in. 50 -75 kids usually attend the event, but are looking to expand the event. Their club now covers Pierce, St. Croix and Polk Counties. The event is held the 2nd Saturday of September each year. Their annual banquet is March 2nd at Kilkarny Golf Course. Go to: www.kinnipheasantsforever.com for registration.

3. Kasey updated the club on local fishery stocking studies. Cedar Lake adult walleye numbers have been decreasing over the last 5-6 years. The next fully comprehensive survey of the lake will be in 2025. Apple Lake will be surveyed this spring. Pine and Bass lakes are being stocked heavily and holding small amounts of walleye. 2 Trout projects; Parker Creek to be finished this year and Kinni River which will also be finished this year.

4. Spring Cleanup Funding Discussion-Tabled to March meeting.

5. Friendly Bar is holding an Indoor Ice Fishing Contest on March 2nd from 2pm-5pm. They would like us to run a Meat Raffle. A motion was made to spend up to \$500 on meat for a meat raffle for the event. Motion carried.

Other Business:

1. Richardson Sportsman's Club Banquet-April 20th

2. Amery Free Press-Jon sent pictures to the Free Press and requested an article to be written about the club.

Casey Beauvais was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$20 was not present. The drawing for the March meeting will be for \$40. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

The next Monthly Meeting of the SPF&G Association will be held Monday, March 18th, 2024, at Old Star Prairie Town Hall.

6:00pm Social Hour/Meal

6:30pm Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted: Chris Clarkson (Secretary)