# Star Prairie Fish & Game Association — Meeting Minutes – April 15th, 2024 — Old Star Prairie Town Hall

The April 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 were present.

Thank You's: To: Ardisam-Handicap Accessible Blind Donation

From: Somerset Ice Fishing Team
WI DNR-Fish Survey Donation

Meeting Guests: Jim Heebink-NR Pathways

Dan Marten-Osceola HS Youth Shooting Team

**Attendance:** 23 Members

New Members: None

Meeting Meal: Judd, Matt B. & Tom served the April meal. Craig J, Duane H. & Marty E. will serve the May meal.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. Pontoon Ride: Tabled.

## 2. Youth Hunt/Trap Shoot:

- a. Trap Shoot-Saturday, May 4th at the Amery Gun Club at 8:30am. Volunteers please show up by 8am.
- b. Youth Hunt- Held in September at Game Unlimited. Lucas spoke with Kinni PF and they are on board with us joining their event. Looking for us to invite more kids and they would like 1 volunteer per kid. Also is a need for pointing dogs and handlers.
- 3. Bucks Night: Tickets will be ordered soon.
- 4. Habitat/Fisheries:
  - a. Habitat Handout Day is Saturday, April 27th at 11am, volunteers show up at 10am. A flier has been sent to the membership.
  - b. Committee approved Tropical Wings request for \$500.

# 5. Outreach:

- a. Scholarship Update-We have received 5 applications, Jon will set up a meeting for the beginning of may for the committee to decide on the awarded scholarships.
- b. Hunting & Fishing Expo-April 28th at 45th Parallel. Need 2 volunteers to work at the booth and talk about our club.
- c. Friendly Bar is looking to partner with us for Gun Bingo. More discussion will be had at a later date.
- d. Osceola Shooting Team Request- A motion was made to grant the request to donate \$500 for the installation of an action shooting range. Motion carried.
- e. Grant application for an Eagle Scout project wanting to repair a boardwalk at McMurturie. Jon will send it to the committee. A motion was made to grant the funding of up to \$500 to restore the boardwalk on McMurturie. Motion carried.

## 6. Building:

- a. The dock at the North Landing will not be put in by the club this year.
- 7. Membership Report: The club has 39 paid members for 2024

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. River Island Park-Light Pole Update- Jon sent an email to the village sharing that we did not have an interest in the project.
- 2. Ditch Cleanup Update- Members picked up a lot of trash and the bags were picked up by the county.
- 3. WWF Banquet Update- Mitch will be attending the banquet this weekend.

- 4. Apple Lake was shocked recently and tags were placed on walleyes.
- 5. NR Chamber of Commerce-Golf Scramble, May 20th- We can enter a team of 4 for \$500.

### **New Business:**

- 1. Jim Heebink-NR Pathways-Looking at seeding native plants in Freedom Park. Seeking funding for the purchase of seed and plugs. Also seeking funding from Pheasants Forever and NR Community Foundation. Eventually, they would like to have all 40 acres planted in native grasses and flowers. Signage and educational kiosks will also be installed in the future.
- 2. Dan Marten-Osceola Shooting Team-Looking at adding an action shooting league for youth shooting. Currently just have teams for shotgun shooting sports. Action shooting will include pistols and long guns in competition. Startup cost is substantial, but once it is up and running, year to year costs are low. Also seeking funding through grants and fundraising. This sport, at the High School level, is very new. Ages middle school through college.

#### **Other Business:**

- 1. Richardson's Sportsman's Banquet- April 20-Club has 2 tickets for the event.
- 3. Nick Bush was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$60 was not present. The drawing for the May meeting will be for \$80. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

The next Monthly Meeting of the Star Prairie Fish & Game will be held Monday, May 20, 2024, at Old Star Prairie Town Hall.
6:00pm Social Hour/Meal
6:30pm Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted: Chris Clarkson (Secretary)