

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association—Regular Meeting—March 16,2026—Old Star Prairie Town Hall

The March meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:30p.m. by President Jon Bush. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were approved as read.

Thank You's: **To:** Building committee for cleaning up the clubhouse
Friendly Bar-Meat Raffle
From: None.

Meeting Guests: None.

Attendance: 29 Members

New Members: None.

Meeting Meal: Craig, Duane & Marty served the March meal. Judd and Matt B. will serve the April meal.

Committee Reports:

1. **Pontoon Ride:** Date will be July 8th. Rain date of July 9th. Park has been reserved. Local senior organizations have been notified. The band is hired.
2. **Youth Hunt/Trap Shoot:** Saturday, May 9th. A volunteer sign up will go around at the April meeting.
3. **Buck's Night:** Tabled.
4. **Habitat/Fisheries:** *Cedar Lake Boat Landing*-Application can be submitted for June, but it is dependent on Stewardship funding.
5. **Outreach:** *Scholarships*-Due April 20; review the week following. *Reel Recovery grant app*-Requesting \$500; we donated \$1000 in 2025. Benefits local men living with cancer diagnoses. Motion passed to fund \$500 donation. *Richardson Sportsman's Club Banquet*-Motion passed to fund \$1500 in 2 sponsorships to event. If we wins sponsor gun, the club gets the gun. *Landowner Assistance recap*-Event went well, but lower turnout than previous years. May explore other options to hold event. *Meat/Gun Raffle recap*- Went very well and made a good amount of money for the club.
6. **Building:** Nothing will be done with the floor, unless the township wants to pay for it. The roof will be replaced this year at some point. The new sign for the front of the building will be hung in the next month.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 39 paid members for 2026.

Old Business:

1. Knowles-Nelson- Marty shared that a bill for funding is still unpassed. March 17 is the last day of the current session, so if nothing is passed, then funding is done. He also updated what the funding could look like if a bill were to pass.

New Business:

1. Letter of Support-Riverwood Nature Center- Working with Kinni Land Trust and other organizations to send to Senator Tammy Baldwin to receive a grant for habitat acquisition/easements and protection of St. Croix river tributaries through the St. Croix Tributary Partners Protection Project. Looking for the club to sign a Letter of Support. Jon will sign a letter to send out.
2. Riverwood-Thursday March 19 from 4-7pm will be the Spring opening event of the Thrift store. All are welcome. Monday March 30-DNR is going to stock trout in the Apple River from the Riverwood property.
3. Ditch Cleanup-Scheduled for Monday April 6 @ 5pm; meet at River Island Park. An alternate weather date will be Monday April 13 @ 5pm. Any change will be posted on Facebook.

Other Business/Membership Comments & Input:

1. Dave Peterson has passed away; he was a founding member and a long time supporter of the club. Visitation from 12-4pm and funeral service at 4pm at Bakken Young in New Richmond.
2. Greg W. spoke about the south end of Church Pine. West Immanuel Church owns about 30 acres south of the boat

landing that is open to the public. There are walking trails throughout the property. There are signs showing where the park is located.

3. Jon had an idea of annually awarding a local youth a Lifetime Fishing license. A motion passed to fund this annually. The outreach committee will bring a recommendation for the logistics.

4. Apple Lake is buying \$2000 worth of Northern Pike to be stocked in the lake.

5. Jay Kakuk was drawn for the attendee drawing of \$20 and was not present. The drawing for the April meeting will be for \$40. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

**The next Meeting of the Star Prairie Fish & Game will be held Monday, April 20, 2026 at Old Star Prairie
Town Hall.**

6:00pm Social Hour/Meal

6:30pm Regular Meeting

Respectfully submitted: Chris Clarkson (Secretary)