

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association February Meeting Minutes
Monday February 16th, 2015 –Madsen’s on Cedar Lake**

The February meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Zais. The Secretary’s report was approved as presented. The Treasurer’s report was tabled.

Thank You’s: To :

From : School district of NR – Fishing Club, 2nd \$500 donation

Meeting Guests : Sharon Lachowitz, Caitlin Smith & Chris Trosen – USF&W

Attendance : 26 members

New Members : none

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Tabled.
2. **Buck’s Night:** Tabled.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Tabled.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** Scholarship applications are due soon, members will contact local high schools to as a reminder. \$250 was donated to the Kinni chapter of Pheasants Forever.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Set for July 15th, rain date the 16th. Jackelen dock repair is pending.
6. **Special Events :** Tabled.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 27 members that have paid 2105 dues.

Old Business/New Business:

1. Vern Warwick, Sharon Lachowitz and Jason Eccles supplied the Feb. meal of ham, potatoes and sides. The March meal will be provided by Frawley, Groth and Winchester.
2. The Building committee received preliminary plans for an education/meeting building at McMurtrie with the Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust (SPLPT). The cost came in significantly over our reserves and was complicated by commercial building codes. The committee will explore alternatives and report at the April meeting.
3. The club built 24 wood duck nesting boxes and donated 15 to USF&W. Blue bird nest boxes will be assembled next week.
4. Chris Trosen and Caitlin Smith discussed recent and planned conservation activities conducted by USF&W, including cattail and invasive species control. There will be a regional program to improve monarch butterfly habitat. There was much interest from club members in participating by planting milkweed and other flowers to attract monarchs. The board will look for ways to support this.

5. The ice fishing contest on Feb. 7th on Lake Wapogasset was a success as reported by Vern Warwick, several large fish were caught. This was sponsored by the Wanderoos Area Community club.
6. The Indianhead Pheasants Forever banquet will be held Friday, March 27th at Cricket's near Amery. The club will pay for half of a members banquet ticket cost of \$60.
7. Friends of USF&W are hosting free movie nights to be held at the Willow River Rod & Gun club on Feb 27, March 27, and April 24th. The movies are DamNation, Green Fire, and Journey of the Butterflies (monarchs).
8. Ice shacks must be removed by March 15th. The club will do an annual lake ice clean up. The NR high school fishing club will be contacted to help.
9. Mitch Gebheim was drawn for the attendance prize of \$40. He was not present, so the March drawing will be for \$60.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday April 20th, 2015 with the 6:00 pm social hour and the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Madsen's on Cedar Lake.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)