

Star Prairie Fish & Game Association April Meeting Minutes
Monday April 21, 2014 –Don Madsen’s on Cedar Lake

The April meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:47 pm by Treasurer Warren. The Secretary’s report was approved as read. The Treasurer’s report was tabled as guests were present.

Thank You’s: From : Friends of the SC Wetland Mgmt District - \$1000
To :

Meeting Guests : Marty Engel, Ryan Haffele – WI DNR

Attendance : 25 members + 2 guests

New Members :

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Approved being part of Ox Cart days advertising.
2. **Buck’s Night:** Some of the guns for 2014 event have been purchased at Russel’s.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Mart Engel discussed river improvement projects, explaining that they are typically costly and limited for warm water fisheries, but the DNR would certainly work with us on such projects.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** A grant application from Richardsons Sportsmans club was received for improvements to the dock used for the handicapped fishing event in June. The \$500 request was approved.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Scheduled for Wed, June 11, rain date of June 12.
6. **Special Events :** Duck races are now fully legal, as approved by the state.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 32 members that have paid the \$60 membership fee for 2014.

Old Business/New Business:

1. Chuck Frawley and Jim Groth provided the April meal of roast turkey, dressing and side dishes. John P., Dick H., and Erv E. volunteered for the May meeting.
2. Dan Cain reported that the PF trailer is available for youth events, it is stocked with tables, chairs, canopies and 4 each of shotguns, .22’s and rifles.
3. Chuck Frawley reported that NR high school is starting a trap team. Other area schools have started teams or are planning to do so. The NR team has a commitment of targets from WRR&G, and the team would like support from our club also. Dan Cain reported that the trailer could be made available and that Midway USA would establish an endowment to support youth Trap teams. Chuck and Dan said they would work with area teams and WRR&G to coordinate support. Our club agreed that we would provide financial support.

4. Ryan Haffele requested a donation to support buckthorn removal at the Cylon wildlife area, with the work to be done this fall by DNR LTE crews. We said we would check our budget and get back to him on a decision.
5. Ryan requested that any one who knew of private land owners that would be interested in enrolling land in the SAFE prairie planting program should contact the DNR. Area funding for the program could be cut if enrollment goals are not met
6. Ryan and Marty Engel requested a donation to pay for a certified appraisal on the 244 acre Ulrich property located east of New Richmond. The land is to the west of the Betterly WPA, and encloses 2 DNR wetlands. The DNR is working with West Wisconsin land trust to purchase the property, it would then be transferred to the DNR or USF&W. A motion was made to provide a donation, but the amount is to be determined after several issues are clarified. These include exact cost of the appraisal, other partners, and a possible future benefit thru a NAWCA grant. The board will make a decision when these issues are defined.
7. The Indianhead Pheasants Forever banquet was held on Fri. March 28th at Crickets – Amery. Attendance was up about 15 people over last year.
8. The Hwy 65 ditch pick-up will be done on Monday, May 5th at 6:00 PM. Meet at River Island Park, and wear an orange vest for safety.
9. Trout from the DNR hatcheries will be stocked in the Willow and Apple rivers this week. 500 rainbow trout in the Apple in Star Prairie, and 1000 at Willow River state park. 700 brook trout will be stocked in the upper Willow River around Jewett.
10. Service Learning Day is Friday, May 17th. NR high schools students will help with maintenance projects at the McMurtrie preserve.
11. There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 5th at 5:00 pm at the Friendly bar.
12. Todd Outcalt was drawn for the attendance prize of \$60, he was not present, so the May drawing will be for \$80.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday May 19th, 2014 with the 6:00 pm social hour and the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Don Madsen's on Cedar Lake.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)