

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association February Meeting Minutes**  
**March 21, 2016—Madsen's on Cedar Lake**

The March meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Zais. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's report was tabled as guests were present.

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

**From:** None.

**Meeting Guest(s):**   **Craig Matthys**—Village of Star Prairie-Parks

**Attendance:**           20 Members

**New Member(s):**      **Larry Erickson**

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Pontoon Ride:** Date set of July 13<sup>th</sup> with Rain Date of July 14<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Youth Hunt:** Tabled.

3. **Duck Race:** Tabled.

4. **Bucks Night:** All 20 guns have been purchased for the 20 Gun Bar Raffle. More quality guns than in the past.

5. **Habitat/Fisheries:** Don Demulling presented an idea for assisting NR Parks Dept. to get an aerator pump set up in Hatfield Lake. Club will wait for more information on potential project.

6. **Outreach:** Bush noted that modifications had been made to grant application. Discussion was had that it is committee's decision to manage budgeted money, but anything that is over budget, should get membership approval. App received from Hunter Childs for game camera; he was asked to come to meeting. App received from WI Envirothon, which involves HS age students putting conservation type plans together. App received from Will Schader with Boy Scouts to build 4-5 campsites, fire ring, and a bench at McMurturie. Club should discuss this further with Land Trust.

7. **Membership Report:** The club has 25 paid members for 2016.

**Old Business:**

1. Rich Miller supplied the meal for the March meeting. Erv, Dick, & John will provide the April meal.
2. Mitch Gebheim updated that guns purchased from Russel's for the Somerset Hunter's Ed had been picked up.

**New Business:**

1. **Craig Matthys** from Village of Star Prairie Parks Dept. presented a list of projects he'd like to seek partnership on at River Island Park.

-Fishing pier needs to be improved. Building committee will meet w/ Craig on what can be done.

-Riverbank work, plant tree and shrub buffer. Habitat committee will meet w/Craig to discuss more.

-Pollinator garden on Co. Rd. M by bridge.

-Refinishing and moving 2 signs for park.

2. Craig Warren shared info on a prairie plug program w/USF&W that all hours and money spent would count as grant match. USF&W is purchasing over 200 plug kits, which we may be able to use along w/seed packets at River Island Park project, if pursued. USF&W is looking for more projects to utilize these kits.

**Other Business:**

1. John Bush stated that Nicolas was nominated and won the WI Youth Conservationist of the Year with his book idea. He will be going to the WWF Banquet with Nicolas to receive the award, and will also deliver the shotgun the club has donated.

2. A motion was made to pay for hotel and meals for anyone willing to represent the SPF&G at the WWF Banquet.

3. \$475 was given to Indianhead Bassers for their youth teams.

4. Bush reported that he finally got ahold of lady with Excel, who basically said there was no chance for money. Contacted different person, they said possibly around \$500 could be granted.
5. Ditch cleanup time has come around; Terry Zais will send an email to club to schedule a date.
6. **Dan Cain** was drawn for the attendance drawing of \$40 and was NOT present. April attendance drawing will be for **\$60.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**The next meeting of the SPF&G Association is scheduled for Monday, April 18th, 2016 at Madsen's on Cedar Lake.**

**6:00 p.m. Social Hour**

**7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Respectfully submitted: Chris Clarkson (Secretary)