

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association January & Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday January 18th, 2016 –Madsen’s on Cedar Lake**

The January & Annual meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:40 pm President Zais. The Secretary’s report was approved as read. The Treasurer’s report was tabled as guests were present.

Thank You’s: To : Sleepy Dog cabins – Bucks night fishing trip
From : Austen Headley – scholarship payment

Meeting Guests : Jeff Albarado – NR High school, Noah Wiedenfeld – NR parks

Attendance : 18 members

New Members : none

Board Elections : Bush, Kelly, Duane Madsen, Zais were re-elected to 3 year terms

2016 Officers : President – Zais, Vice President – Magoon, Treasurer – Warren,
Secretary - Clarkson

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Tabled.
2. **Buck’s Night:** Tabled..
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** Tabled.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** A \$100 donation was made to support the Earth Day event to be held on April 17th at YMCA camp St. Croix. There was a nice article published in the Amery Free Press about the “My Side of the Mountain” book program that Nicholas Bush started with a grant from our club.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Tabled.
6. **Special Events :** Tabled.
7. **Membership Report:** The club has ended 2015 with 44 paid members.

Old Business/New Business:

1. Terry Zais provided the January meal of meatballs and side dishes. Vern Warwick and Jason Eccles will provide the Feb meal, a chili special is planned.
2. Jeff Albarado reported on the NR Fishing club and use that has been made of the trail cameras that were purchased with a grant from us. There are 37 youth that have signed up for winter ice fishing, they will participate in at least 5 contests this winter. The trail cameras are checked out by Jeff’s pupils to create a “Single Spot” journal and photos of a student’s favorite outdoor spot. The Fishing club is selling raffle tickets to support their activities, they are available from Chuck Frawley.

3. Noah Wiedenfeld reported on the City of NR led project to create a “Healthy Hatfield Habitat” near the NR airport. Plans are to erect bird and bat boxes and establish prairie habitats. The project will work with NR High school students, who will build the nesting boxes, the club volunteered to assist with the woodworking aspects, if needed. A \$500 grant donation has been made to the project.
4. Don Madsen will be moving to the Deerfield to apartment 116. The club can continue to use his outbuilding for meetings.
5. A \$500 check was re-issued to the New Richmond Hunters Ed program to replace a lost check.
6. The 2016 club budget was reviewed and approved by the membership.
7. The club will possibly be building bluebird, bat, and wood duck boxes this winter, Erv Ericksen will check on inventory and needs.
8. Bob Swanda was drawn for the \$20 attendance prize, he was present so the February drawing will again be for \$20.
9. There is an effort underway to purchase 2 wetland properties in our area led by USF&W with various partners. More information on this will be presented at the Feb. meeting.
10. Warden Paul Sickman, leaders of the Somerset Hunters Ed program, and Chris Trosen – USF&W are expected to attend our February meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday February 15th, 2016 with the 6:00 pm social hour and the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Don Madsen’s on Cedar Lake.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kelly (Secretary)