

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association October Meeting Minutes
Monday October 19th, 2015 –Madsen's on Cedar Lake**

The October meeting of SPF&G was called to order at 6:42 pm President Zais. The Secretary's report was approved as read with one correction on membership. The Treasurer's report was tabled as guests were present.

Thank You's: To : Bruce Seagren – pontoon usage, Polaris - \$500 donation
From :

Meeting Guests : Craig Matthys, Dan Scheeringa – Star Prairie Village Parks

Attendance : 26 members + 2 guests

New Members :

Committee Reports:

1. **Duck Race:** Discussed using apples instead of plastic ducks.
2. **Buck's Night:** All guns and most prizes have been purchased, 90 confirmed reservations to date. Raffle ticket sellers must respond by Nov. 7th if they are attending. Tasks assigned : purchase shotgun shells, Deere's donations – Chris C., Golf passes – Dick H., Contact Andersen Windows for a donation – Demulling & Jasperson. The sponsor list was reviewed and follow up member contacts were assigned.
3. **Fisheries/Habitat:** A trout fishing outing for Seniors at Don Stephens pond was held on Friday, Oct 2. Four seniors were able to attend and caught 18 trout. Pheasants Forever is considering a land purchase near the SP seed farm.
4. **Outreach/Youth:** Youth Day was held Oct 3rd at Forest Ridge. Members supplied the lunch and aided the 30 youth that attended. 18 birds were harvested by the youth. This year there were plenty of dogs and handlers to work the event.
5. **Senior Pontoon Ride:** Tabled.
6. **Special Events :**
7. **Membership Report:** The club has 41 members that have paid 2015 dues.

Old Business/New Business:

1. The October meal of chicken wings, cheesy potatoes, and coleslaw was prepared by Erickson, J. Peterson and Hoppe. The November meal will be provided by T. Zais.
2. The Building committee reported on progress on the pavilion at McMurtrie. The posts and roof trusses have been erected; the roof should be finished this week. Electric service will be installed next spring with a donation from Hank Menke.

3. Six club members assisted with the Conservation Day on the WPA on Oct 17. Several hundred scouts and college age volunteers collected milkweed seeds on area WPAs. About 60 scouts camped at the McMurtrie preserve.
4. Craig Matthys and Dan Scheeringa who are on the Star Prairie parks board discussed plans for improvements at River Island Park, including river bank buffers, prairie plantings, pavilion cement work, fishing pier and canoe landing changes and signage changes. They were looking for club assistance with the projects. The prairie plantings and river buffers are areas that we could assist them with. The other projects would need to be presented with more specific information. They expressed a willingness to develop a better relationship with our club.
5. Jon Bush will contact Jordan Jones Falconry to set up a falconry hunting demonstration this fall that club members can attend. An e-mail will be sent out if this can be scheduled. The club will build Kestrel nesting boxes for Jordan when we build wood duck nest boxes, as the only difference is the entrance hole dimensions.
6. Information from area DNR warden Paul Sickman on the bear poaching incident from a few years ago, indicated that the case has not been solved, no viable leads were ever turned in. The club will keep the \$1,000 reward in our budget. Paul is planning on attending our Dec. meeting.
7. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$500 to repair the outside lean-to at Don Madsen's and to replace the rusted ceiling heating pipe.
8. The November club meeting will be held a week earlier than usual on Monday November 9th, a week before Bucks Night.
9. Mitch Gebheim suggested we contact the Somerset Hunter's Ed program to see if we could assist their program.
10. Mike Kelly was drawn for the \$20 attendance prize, he was present so the November drawing will again be for \$20.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday November 9th, 2015 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)