

**Star Prairie Fish & Game Association December Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2009 –Don Madsen’s on Cedar Lake**

The December meeting of the SPF&G was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Dan Bygd.

The Secretary’s report was approved as read. The Treasurer’s report was tabled.

Meeting Guests: Tim Madden, Jeff Taylor – Star Praire Trout Farm
Tom Kerr, Joel Kemm, Jim Riemer – USF&W
Marty Engel – WI DNR
Daniel Schleusner, Walter & Carole Van Blaircom

Thank You’s : To: Orland Bygd, Jason Gooding, R&D Catering, Dan Michaelis for Bucks night help.

New Members :

Committee Reports :

1. Senior Pontoon ride : tabled
2. Fisheries/Habitat : Fish cribs will be placed on the east side of Cedar lake this year with the assembly area to be the north boat landing again, unless a suitable area can be found closer. The build date is Saturday, Jan 30 at 8:00 AM with an alternate date of Feb 6. Brush will have to be brought in from WPA sites, the CIP will be contacted for drilling the logs with the DNR crew as a backup plan.
3. Park Party : tabled
4. Buck’s Night : The event went smoothly with net income about the same as last year, An effort will be made to secure additional hunting and/or fishing trips for next years auctions as well as sports related items/tickets. Buck’s bucks should be made smaller and denominations coordinated with raffle prices. The club thanks Jerome Sorenson and Clear Choice printing for handling all of the printed materials for the event. 3 guns were held over for next year.
5. .McMurtrie/Land Trust : tabled.
6. OutReach/Youth : The club designated \$250 for the Glor family benefit at Fat Matts on Jan 10, put on by the Willow River Rod & Gun club. \$200 was designated for the Wanderoos Lions club youth fishing event.
7. The club has 38 members paid for 2009, and 14 Life (age 65 and older). .

Old Business/New Business:

1. Board members whose terms expire at the end of 2009 : Dan Bygd, Mike Kelly, Bob Swanda, and Terry Zais. Board of directors and officer elections will take place at the annual meeting in January. The 2010 budget will also be presented for review.

2. Time Madden presented a proposal for developing an RV park on land next to the trout farm and is looking for ideas from the club, or projects to provide public usage such as fishing piers, nature trails, etc.
3. Joel Kemm presented a slide show of the work being done on local WPAs for prairie restoration. USF&W burn results for 2009 were about 1200 acres in the spring and about 350 acres in the fall, which is about 16% and 5% respectively of the total 7800 acres they manage. Tom and Joel also answered questions on the various aspects of controlled burns and restoration work.
4. Stuart Nelson presented an idea for a bus tour of WPA's SP Land Trust and club projects such as River Island park, to groups such as High School science, Rotary, Lions, Garden clubs, Senior citizens, to showcase these projects and get more exposure to the environmental and protection work being done in the area.
5. Marty Engel discussed proposed projects on Bass and Squaw lakes for habitat improvements.
6. A discussion was held on continuing ice fishing opportunities for youth on Cedar lake this winter, contact Jon Bush if you would like to help.
7. Brian Headlee is looking for Eagle Scout projects that the club could suggest.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday, January 18 2010 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 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by : Mike Kelly (Recorder)