

**The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.
MEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

Call to order at 7:30 p.m. by Joe Tucker, President.

Joe Tucker asked Ron Robinson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. All were asked to stand. Then Joe asked Hank Webb to open the meeting with a word of prayer.

1. Roll Call read by Ron Robinson.

Joe Tucker, President - Present

Mike Hoffman, Vice-President – Present

Cory Clark, Treasurer - Present

Ron Robinson, Secretary - Present

Misti Clark, Membership Secretary - Present

Dan Kardasz, Board Member - Present

Tim Maust, Board Member - Present

Hank Webb, Board Member - Present

Jeff Williams, Board Member – Absent

Matt Carey, Board Member – Present

Steve Chambers, Board Member – Present

Jan Koon, Board Member, Present

Dan Kardasz, Board Member - Present

There were 35 additional members present.

2. The Secretary Report was then given by Ron Robinson. Minutes from the January 18th, 2024, Board Meeting were read. Joe asked for any corrections or additions? There were none spoken,

Motion to accept?

Motion James Tucker

Second Mike Miller

All were in favor. None opposed.

3. Treasurer Report was given by Cory Clark.

Joe Tucker asked for any corrections or additions? None spoken,

**Motion to accept?
Motion Dave Merle
Second James Tucker**

All were in favor. None opposed.

4. Membership Secretary Report given by Misti Clark.

As of today, there are 279 members paid. We will be looking at applications at the Board Meeting next week for new applicants. A question was asked about how many new applications were received. Over 60 to date have been received and the window closes tonight.

5. Joe then asked for Committee Reports.

Archery – None

Building/Grounds - None

Farm – Cutting trees and brush around Owens farm. Firewood is available for member use. Dogs should only be run in fields 13 and 24 from March 1st through July 15th due to woodcock and bird nesting.

Lake – None

Pheasants – Tim Maust is looking at the cost of pheasants for next season. If we change our license, which will be discussed in new business, we can get more birds at a better cost per bird.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – None

Sporting Clays – Will be putting schedule together soon. Need volunteers to help run.

Sportsmanship – None, remember all tree stands and blinds need to be removed by March 4th, 2024.

Trap – None. More to come in April when Jeff Gerbrick is back.

6. Old Business

A. Used Tractor with Boom Arm Mower

The group has discussed numerous options. It is not practical to put a boom arm mower on any of the tractors we currently own. We would have to put a Lexon window in the tractor and that alone is more than purchasing a used tractor with boom arm attached. Joe and Mike Hoffman reviewed many options on the used market. They found a nice one in Pennsylvania. A flyer was provided for anyone to review. After discussion a motion was made by Dave Merle to approve the purchase of this used Tractor and Boom Arm Mower. It was second by Tim McMillen. A vote was taken, and ALL were in favor and nobody was opposed.

Joe will contact the seller and make arrangements to purchase and pickup.

7. New Business

A. Commercial Bird Shooting Preserve License.

Joe Tucker explained by obtaining this license the club could hunt birds year-round except for nesting season which is March 1st through July 15th. It would also provide us the ability to hunt and release different types of birds to include hens and roosters. This could reduce our cost of pheasants for the season by purchasing a mix instead of just roosters. We could also have our youth hunt earlier than other groups too giving us more youth participation. The big difference is birds would have to be tagged when being removed. The cost is \$200.00 annually. We would also have to post signs that we are a shooting preserve.

Ron Muth made a motion that we obtain the license and see how it goes.

James Tucker second the motion.

A vote was taken and everyone in attendance voted in the positive and there was nobody against.

Joe will proceed taking action to obtain,

B. Number of pheasants to purchase for 2024 Hunting Season.

Joe asked for input from the membership. Tim Maust is getting pricing on different options and with the previous license being adopted we will be able to carry birds deeper into and past the end of the regular hunting season. After much discussion it was suggested that we plan to purchase at least 3,000 birds with a mix of hens and roosters. Further discussion will take place at the next board meeting,

C. Workday Schedule.

Joe asked for more participation at workdays. He opened the floor up for comments and suggestions. In the past workdays have been the last Saturday of the month, All were in agreement to keep the same.

There was a suggestion to change the September workday from last Saturday due to that day being the Archery Season opener for Deer.

This was discussed and agreed upon. Workdays will be the last Saturday of every month at 8am until noon, except for September which will be the third Saturday.

D. Fun Events.

The board and officers would like everyones input on fun events we can have for members and their families. We want to have more fun as a group. Some suggestions so far are an Easter Egg hunt, Pancake breakfast, Bon Fire, learn to shoot trap, learn to shoot sporting clays, etc. Please submit any ideas to any board member.

We would like to have an activity at least monthly if possible.

Joe asked for any other new business, None was noted.

8. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ron Muth.

Second by James Tucker. All were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

