

**The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.
MEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

Joe Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Nathan Kauffman the Richland County State Wildlife Officer was given time to brief changes and update information. He talked about last year's deer harvest being up from previous year. He also spoke about other changes coming. He was given time at the beginning of the meeting because he had another appointment he had to attend. He answered many questions and offered to be available for any meetings or events the club would like him to attend. Joe Tucker has his contact information.

Ron Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tim Maust then gave an opening prayer.

1. Ron Robinson read the roll call:

**Joe Tucker, President, Present
Mike Hoffman, Vice-President, Present
Cory Clark, Treasurer, Present
Ron Robinson, Secretary, Present
Misti Clark, Membership Secretary, Present
Matt Carey, Board Member, Present
Steve Chambers, Board Member, Present
Dan Kardasz, Board Member, Present
Jan Koon, Board Member, Present
Tim Maust, Board Member, Present
Hank Webb, Board Member, Absent
Jeff Williams, Board Member, Present**

There were 14 members present for the meeting.

2. Ron Robinson then read the minutes from the March 21st, 2024 Board Meeting. Cory Clark asked for a correction on the Treasurers Report to change the APY on the new CD from 4.59% APY to 4.50% APY. No other corrections were noted.

Dave Merle made a motion to accept the minutes as read with correction, and Ken Oney seconded it. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Cory Clark gave the Treasurers Report.

There were no additions or corrections noted. A motion was made by Ken Oney to accept the report. It was seconded by Jerry Miller. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

4. Misti Clark gave the Membership Secretary Report. There were 22 new members at the orientation on 3/30/2024. Out of the remaining two membership letters sent, to date one has responded and paid. The remaining one has until 4/6/2024 to respond or we will move to the next person on the list.

5. Joe then asked for Committee Reports:

Archery – Dan Kardasz, waiting for the weather to dry up.

Building/Grounds – Steve Chambers, Parts for zero turn are in at Mid-Ohio Gravely he will pick up this week. Once the weather dries up need to clean around out buildings.

Farm – Mike Hoffman, all tractors have been serviced and are ready to be used. Need things to dry up before anything can be done in fields.

Lake – Jeff Williams, spring fish delivery will be tomorrow (4/4/2024) mid to late morning. Anyone available to assist are welcome to help.

Pheasants – Tim Maust, same plan continues. Would like to get the nesting area in pen reset soon. Will use handheld auger to reset poles.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – Joe Tucker for Hank Webb, weather has set us back on working the backstops but once gets drier we will let everyone know when work will begin.

Sporting Clays – Jan Koon, all set for season opener this Saturday. Could use help keeping throwers filled if anyone would like to come and help it would be welcomed.

Sportsmanship – Ron Robinson, nothing to report everyone is getting along nicely.

Trap – Matt Carey, Tonight was first shoot. If interested, please come shoot. We have a core of dedicated shooters, and they will

shoot rain or shine. Practice starts at 4pm and shoots start at 5pm every Wednesday.

Joe asked if any questions:

Ken Oney asked; why aren't the aerators turned on for the ponds? Jeff Williams replied that it is not necessary yet per Steve Fender our consultant on the lakes. They will be turned on as the temperatures increase.

6. Joe Tucker then briefed on old business.

A. Commercial Bird Shooting Preserve Application

The official application is being sent in tomorrow to ODNR. They will oversee the proper banding of birds, etc. We will brief you more as the process unfolds. There was a question from Evan Kardasz, any thought on changing days for releases this next season? Joe replied, not at this time but we will adjust as necessary once we see how weather plays out once season begins.

B. Church Demolition

The board has decided to do a self-demolition at the church. This is because we asked several companies for a quote and none of them responded. We have a dumpster on site and as soon as weather dries up we will need volunteers to help. Franks Hicks asked, have we cancelled insurance on Owens house and church? Owens house yes, but we can't on the church until it is taken down.

Chuck Dosier asked, has anything been done with the quick claim deed on Owens property? He said the paperwork was in the safe. Joe stated he will get in and look for it to see what needs done.

C. Copies of Standing Rules

Joe Tucker explained that the standing rules were reviewed line by line at the board meeting per the constitution. Copies of the revised rules are available and anyone that would like a

copy please grab after the meeting. We will also post on web site and Facebook page.

7. Joe then moved on to new business.

A. Discussion of Fish Limits

Joe opened the discussion by reviewing current fish limits. He explained that if any member was to take all current limits in a day it would be 24 fish per day. The cost of fish these days that is just too many. He asked for recommendations from those in attendance. After much discussion Dave Merle made a motion to set the daily limit of fish taken to a maximum of 6. It can be any combination within current limits by species. It was quickly seconded by Frank Hicks. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Signs will be made, and all social media updated by end of next day.

B. Solar Eclipse – April 8

Joe stated that this coming Monday is the solar eclipse. All local news channels are talking about how many people from outside the local area are coming to view it. Knowing this we would like to have members come to the club and keep non-members out of our fields and parking areas. The purpose is to keep them from damaging our fields and property.

Joe then asked if there was any new business that needed to be addressed? There was none noted.

He then thanked Elwood for providing donuts for those in attendance tonight even though he wasn't there. He voluntarily does this so please thank him when you see him.

8. Ron Muth then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dave Merle. All were in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.