

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

Joe Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Ron Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jeff Williams spoke an opening prayer.

1. Joe then asked Ron Robinson to take the roll:
 - 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 an additional 11 members present.

2. Ron Robinson then read the meeting minutes from the July 18th, 2024, Board Meeting. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Jerry Miller to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Elwood Keinath. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. Cory Clark then gave the Treasurers Report for July 2024.

Total interest for the second quarter of 2024 on both CD's is
\$2,384.12.

There were no additions or changes noted. Trent Sponseller made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Jerry Miller. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Misti Clark then gave the Membership Secretary Report. The postcards announcing the family picnic were sent. Only 2 were returned undeliverable. This is very good. Also sent a condolence card to Paul Bond for the passing of his wife in care of the club. Also

sent a thank you card to Jerry Miller for his personal donation to the upcoming Youth Pheasant Hunt. Everyone thanked Jerry for his donation.

5. Joe then asked for Committee Reports:

Archery – Dan, waiting for the weather to cool to finish sealing the shooting platform.

Building/Grounds – Steve, completed staining of the memorial pavilion and sign. Thanks was given to his wife for her efforts. Will be doing the entrance sign tomorrow and updating it. Sealed the electrical box. Could use some volunteers to help mow the rest of the growing months. Our renter who usually does this is sidelined with a health condition. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Farm – Mike, feeding the deer. They have browsed off almost all of the food plots. Going to replant many of them in the coming week. Reclaiming field space in fields 13, 14 and 16. If anyone has trail cameras in these fields you may want to move them. It is very hard to see them on trees as the tractor is grinding them up. Mike will do his best to keep Facebook updated on the fields he is working next so people can move cameras and any gear.

Lake – Jeff, Tim is working on getting an underwater camera to scan upper lake to see the health of the perch population. It was mentioned that a couple of long time members have not been able to catch any fish in this pond for a while now. The board is looking into this and trying to determine why.

Pheasants – Tim, still growing. The first delivery will be Thursday, October 17th at 10am. These birds will be for the Youth Hunt. Anyone available to help is welcome. Moved roosting ladders and in process of extending catch pen area.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – Joe, there were around 300 tires placed in the backstop on the last workday. Special thanks to Hank and Josh McBride for all their work on this project. There were many others helping that day but Josh brought his own equipment and moved a lot of dirt and tires. There was a total of 27 people at the last workday which may be a record. We want to thank everyone that came out we got a lot done.

Sporting Clays – Jan, had to cancel last Saturday due to the weather. Prior shoot had 59 shooters.

Sportsmanship – Ron, nothing to report. Activity is picking up as hunting season nears so, please everyone be safe out there. He noted he will cover Deer Stand/Blind procedures under new business. Trap – Matt, on 8/26/24 there will be a memorial shoot for Danny Howard. He is a regular Trap Shooter that recently passed away. This will be a 40-bird protection shoot. Also noted that the morning of the family picnic, 8/24/24 at 8am to 10am we are going to have a learn to shoot Trap session. This will be free for all members wanting to learn. Just bring a shotgun and shells.

6. Joe then moved to Old Business:

- A. Life Membership – The board has completed the review and written a process on nominating members for Limited and/or Life Memberships. Copies of the proposal were passed out to members in attendance. Joe asked everyone if they had questions or comments. There was very little discussion, but everyone thought the proposal was good. Steven Woods made a motion to accept the proposal as written. It was seconded by Jerry Miller. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- B. Stand placement for Deer Hunting – Ron Robinson briefed the process according to the Standing Rules. He read the process, and it is now posted on the door of the sign in area. Please read and become familiar. Stands and/or Blinds cannot be placed until sunrise on September 1st. Sunrise is 6:56 am. Ron will be on the premises that morning if there are any questions or concerns. Most of all be safe and use great Sportsmanship!
- C. Culvert Replacement – Joe reminded everyone this is scheduled for the week after the family picnic. That will be the week of 8/26/24. While work is being done access down the driveway will be limited. The more help we have that week to get it done the faster we can get the driveway back open. We will route any necessary travel around through fields but understand if it is wet this could be hazardous.

There was no other old business.

7. Joe then moved to New Business:

A. Youth Hunt – Mike Hoffman briefed that they have started organizational meetings. This is the club's biggest event of the year. It will be 10/19/24. On that day the club will be closed to all other activities. We are expecting another big group of kids. He would appreciate all that could donate some time that day. There are a lot of activities, and we can use all the volunteers we can get. Contact Mike directly for details and to volunteer.

B. Building Fund for New Club House – Joe, there is no secret that the current club house is aging rapidly. We need to consider starting a designated fund for its replacement. Does anyone have ideas or suggestions?

- Could put up a pole type building by current archery range. Start with floor and building and slowly using the many talented members we have build it out.
- We have a member that is the new zoning inspector for the area.
- Get someone like the Amish to do the heavy work then use members to complete the details.

Joe suggested establishing a designated account for a new club house. Then people could donate specifically for this purpose. It was also suggested we could do raffles and activities with profits being dedicated to it. We will continue to discuss and get things moving on this but we want the entire membership to be involved.

There was no other new business discussed.

8. Ron Muth then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Chuck Dosier. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.