

**The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.  
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Joe Tucker. Ron Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Hank Webb spoke an opening prayer.

1. Ron Robinson then 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 - Present
  - Jeff Williams, Board Member – Present

There were 22 other members present.

2. Ron Robinson then read the minutes from the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Board Meeting. There were no changes or additions requested. Buck Rogers made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Dick Spayde. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. Cory Clark then gave the Treasurer Report for November 2024:

A motion was made by Ken Oney to accept the report as given. It was seconded by Dave Merle. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Misti Clark then gave the Membership Secretary Report:
  - Nothing new. Anyone wanting to attend the Christmas party must pay tonight.

5. Joe then moved to Committee Reports:

Archery – Dan, nothing to report

Building/Grounds – Steve, nothing to report.

Farm – Mike, if you find holes in fields, please mark them and report them to Mike so they can be filled in the spring.

Lake – Jeff, nothing to report. Ice is very thin.

Pheasants – Tim, thanks to all that helped with today’s delivery.

Feedback from Bonus Bird Blast on Thanksgiving Day has been positive.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – Hank, all good.

Sporting Clays – Jan, nothing to report.

Sportsmanship – Ron, I have been hearing a lot of complaints about speed coming in driveway. Please slow down.

Trap – Matt, nothing to report.

Cory reported some final numbers for the year on Sporting Clay shoots and Trap:

Sporting Clays	Trap
- 12 Shoots	- 30 Shoots
- Gross Income \$17,515.00	- Gross Income \$7,073.00
- Expenses	- Expenses
o Clays \$5,432.76	Clays \$2,656.65
o Misc \$971.61	
- Net Profit \$11,110.63	- Net Profit \$4,416.35

6. Joe then moved to Old Business:

A. Christmas Party – Joe, party is 12/21/24 at Der Dutchman. If you are going, please get with Misti Clark tonight. We need to get final numbers in for reservation.

B. Membership Dues Increase – Joe, the board did vote to increase dues to \$400.00 per year. We have had open discussions for a while with all members wanting input. The overall input was positive to increase. Letters for renewal will be in the mail soon.

There was no other old business noted.

7. Joe then moved to New Business:

- A. Discussion – Closing of Pistol/Rifle Ranges – Joe, it seems each board over the past years has closed the ranges at different times as hunting seasons started. We would like feedback from the membership as to when you think we should close them. Joe opened the floor to comment. There was little discussion, but the consensus was to close the ranges at the start of deer archery season. This is typically the last Saturday in September. Joe stated when we review the standing rules this coming March, we will add this to them so all will know.
- B. Chukars for Thanksgiving – Joe, feedback has been very positive. What is everyone's thoughts? The feedback from those in attendance was very positive and everyone would like to make it a tradition. Joe stated we will add a line to next year's budget and get ordered since the feedback has been so positive. Ron Robinson suggested we name it the Bonus Bird Blast.
- C. Discussion – Increase of Membership from 310 to 320 – Joe, this year we went from 300 members to 310. We stated we would evaluate it before increasing again next year. What is everyone's thoughts? Comments made were positive and it seems no issues resulted from the increase. Joe asked, with that being the case, how does everyone feel about increasing again this year by ten more to 320? A comment was made by a member, why only by ten? Joe responded it is easier to control and adjust back if we see any issues as a result. Everyone agreed we should again increase by ten more to 320 for the 2025 membership year.
8. Election of Officers – Joe introduced Dick Spayde. Dick will be running the election of officers and board members for the 2025 membership year. Dick Spayde indicated we will be electing officers for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and 4 board members. Two members were also selected to count votes: David Kuhn and Ron Muth.
- Dick started with President. He asked Joe Tucker was he willing to run again and he accepted. Dick asked for nominations from the floor three times and there were none. He then asked Joe if he accepted the position for the next year. Joe replied yes.

- Dick then moved to Secretary. Ron Robinson was asked if he would run again, and he accepted. Dick then asked the membership three times for any other nominations. None were spoken. Dick asked Ron if he would accept the position for the next year? He replied yes.
- Dick then moved to Treasurer. He asked Cory Clark would he be willing to run again. Cory replied that he would. Dick then asked the membership for any nominations three times. There was none. Dick asked Cory would he be willing to serve another year. He replied yes.
- Dick then moved on to Membership Secretary. He asked Misti Clark was she willing to serve another year. She replied yes. Dick then asked the membership three times if there were any nominations for Membership Secretary. There were none. Dick asked Misti are you willing to serve again. She replied yes.
- Dick then explained there are four Board members up for election. Board positions are two-year appointments. Those positions are currently filled by Jan Koon, Matt Carey, Dan Kardasz, and Jeff Williams. Dick asked each of them would they be willing to serve again. They all replied yes. He then asked the members present for any nominations to become board members. He repeated this three times. There were no nominations for Board members spoken. He then asked all four of the sitting members if they were willing to serve another two-year term. They all said yes.

Everyone thanked Dick for volunteering to run the election portion of the meeting.

Joe then thanked Elwood for again providing donuts for members at the meeting.

There was no other New Business noted.

9. Buck Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ron Muth. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

