

**The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 15th, 2024**

Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by Joe Tucker, President.

Ron Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hank Webb opened 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 - Present

Matt Carey, Board Member – Present

Steve Chambers, Board Member – Present

Jan Koon, Board Member, Present

There were no additional members present.

2. The Secretary Report was then given by Ron Robinson.

Minutes from the February 7th, 2024, Membership Meeting were read. Joe asked for any corrections or additions? There were none spoken,

Motion to accept?

Motion Hank Webb

Second Dan Kardasz

All were in favor. None opposed.

3. Treasurer Report was given by Cory Clark.

Joe Tucker asked for any corrections or additions?

Cory asked if we could discuss the maturation of the CD currently at Mechanics Bank. Cory stated that he thought he could get a much better return rate by moving to another

banking facility. Many options were discussed including breaking into two CD's. Also, when CD is moved Joe Tucker, Mike Hoffman and Cory Clark names to be put on CD.

A motion was made by Tim Maust to move the CD as one to the best rate Cory can find and to put the names of Joe, Mike and Cory on the CD. Jeff Williams second the motion. All were in favor and nobody was against, motion carried.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report?

Motion Dan Kardasz

Second Matt Carey

All were in favor. None opposed.

4. Membership Secretary Report given by Misti Clark.

There are 279 members paid. There were 69 applications received for the 2024 application year. Of the 69 there are 17 immediate family and/or military applicants. There were 8 carryover applicants from 2023 that again applied in 2024 included in the 69 applicants.

Joe Tucker stated we need to discuss this and make some decisions. Everyone participated in a great discussion of how to keep moving the club forward and continue to grow and keep the interest of prospective members. There has been a magical number of 300 members for the past years. At one time the membership was 350. Everyone agreed that 350 was too many. Many things have changed for the positive in the last couple of years to include; double release days for pheasants, more huntable fields, better access to fields, etc. The board is driven to continue to make these kinds of improvements as well. At the end of the discussion Ron Robinson made a motion to increase the membership by 10 members for the year 2024 and see how things go. Next year we can see how things go and reduce back or make another increase or keep same. The motion was second by Hank Webb. All were in favor and nobody was opposed. Motion carried.

In total we would then need to send letters to the 17 family/military, the 8 carryovers, and the first 6 we drew to bring the total to 310 members. The board decided to randomly draw

an additional 20 applicants, so we had backup applicants picked in case any of the first selected applicants did not respond or accept for any reason.

Letters will be drafted by Misti Clark and sent on Tuesday (due to Monday being Presidents Day). Selected applicants will have until March 15th to pay dues and initiation fee. Orientation will then be at 8am on the last Saturday of the month, March 30th, 2024.

5. Joe then covered Committee Assignments for the 2024 year.

Archery – Dan Kardasz will lead this area.

Building/Grounds - Steve Chambers will be responsible for leading this area.

Farm – Mike Hoffman will lead this area.

Lake – Jeff Williams will lead this area.

Pheasants – Tim Maust will continue to lead this area.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – Hank Webb will lead this area.

Sporting Clays – Cory Clark, Misti Clark, and Jan Koon will all lead this area.

Sportsmanship – Ron Robinson will lead this area.

Trap – Matt Carey will assist Jeff Gerberick who volunteered to run,

6. Old Business

A. Used Tractor with Boom Arm Mower

Joe contacted the seller of the tractor reviewed at the membership meeting. He was able to get the price down to \$38,500. The day he talked to them they were putting a new lift pump on it. So it would start faster. He arranged payment and will be delivering a check on February 17th, when they pick it up. Joe, Mike Hoffman, and James Tucker are leaving real early that day to drive to York, PA with truck and trailer to get it.

7. New Business

A. Board Member Area of Assignments.

See notes above under committee reports.

B. Sporting Clays for 2024

There was a lot of conversation about what day and weeks of the month to schedule. There have been a lot of people that have said they would prefer Saturday over Sunday due to church activities. After lengthy discussion of pros versus cons everyone decided to start Sporting Clay shoots on every first and third starting Saturday, April 6th running every other Saturday, October 19th. The first shooters will be sent out at 8am and the course will close at 2pm. The cost will be:

<u>Category</u>	<u>50 Birds</u>	<u>100 Birds</u>
Member, Youth, Ladies	\$25	\$35
Public Male	\$30	\$40

C. Club Maintenance and Repair Projects

The board identified the following projects and repairs to be planned for the 2024 year.

Driveway culvert needs replaced

Seal and fill cracks in driveway after culvert replaced

Cleanup Owens property (300-400 tires need removed)

Pole barn at Owens property – Put tin on sides

Wetlands in field 15, work on drainage tile

Update pheasant cleaning station

Demolish church

Everyone understood there will be others that pop up throughout the year that we will have to address as they arise.

D. 2024 Operating Budget Review

Joe presented the 2024 operating budget that he and Cory worked on putting together based on prior years budget and actuals. Everyone

was given a copy and was reviewed line by line. There was a lot of discussion. After completing a line-item review Hank Webb made a motion to accept the budget as written. Dan Kardasz second the motion. All were in favor, and nobody opposed. Motion passed.

The budget will be available for any member to review.

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

- 8. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jan Koon.
Second by Mike Hoffman. All were in favor, none opposed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**