

**The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Joe Tucker, President.

Joe asked Ron Robinson to take the roll.

1. Roll Call

**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**

There were 12 other members present.

- 2. Ron Robinson read the minutes from the January 3rd, 2024
Membership Meeting. Any corrections or
additions?**

**No corrections were noted.
Motion to accept?
Motion - Hank Webb
Second – Dan Kardasz
All in favor or opposed? All in
favor none opposed.**

- 3. Cory Clark read the Treasurer Report .**

**Any corrections or additions? No corrections or
additions were noted.**

Motion to accept?

Motion – Mike Hoffman

Second – Misti Clark

All in favor or opposed? All in favor none opposed.

4. **Misti Clark read the Membership Secretary Report. To date 188 members have paid. 208 Emergency contact forms have been received. There are 18 carryover applications from last year. There were 42 new applications taken during the January 3rd membership meeting and another 13 tonight for a total of 55 new member applications so far this year. She also noted that there is always a big influx of payments at end of month. All dues have to be postmarked or in the box in the lobby by 1/31/24.**

5. Committee Reports

Archery – None

Building/Grounds – None

Farm – Ground was good and frozen so 12 fields were mowed today. Big thanks to Tim McMillen, James (Snip) Tucker and Joe Tucker for spending their day improving the hunting fields! Still quite a few to mow but weather doesn't look good for next week or so.

Lake – People have been Ice Fishing. Please make sure Ice is safe with temperature variances.

Pheasants – Tim Maust gave thanks to Cory Clark for putting a nice spreadsheet together showing the amount of birds purchased versus reported harvests. The report showed a harvest rate of 84%. There were 440 birds not harvested or recorded as of 1/4/24. More have been taken since though but not counted yet.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – None

Sporting Clays – None

Sportsmanship – Nothing to report.

Trap – Jeff Gerberick and his wife offered to continue to manage the trap shoots on a volunteer basis. Jeff noted he typically needs 4 pallets of clay birds for the year. He will be back in April to get the season kicked off. Everyone thanked Jeff and his wife for all their support and welcomed them to continue managing this area for the club.

6. New Business

Approve resignation of Board Member Larry Hicks.

Motion – Misti Clark

Second – Tim Maust

Joe and others are exploring the benefits of changing the license of the club to a Commercial Bird Shooting Reserve. This would give more flexibility in hunts and would expand the opportunity to get hens as well as roosters for hunts. The cost of a hen is much cheaper than roosters giving the club the ability to purchase more birds. Any decision will be brought to the membership for a vote.

Joe also discussed the Pole Barn at the Owens property. It has been inspected and seems to be structurally sound. Would be a good place for the storage of some of the farm equipment. This is still being evaluated and will be reported on as it develops.

Joe then asked if any other new business. None was noted.

7. Old Business

Joe explained he and Mike Hoffman have been exploring and pricing the Boom Arm Mower. These are very expensive to purchase new. They have found some used models with very few hours and are going to be getting pricing and doing further evaluations. May consider using small Kabota as a trade if possible. Any decision will be brought to the membership for vote.

Joe then asked if any other old business. None was noted.

Joe then stated we will be hearing from all six candidates for the three open board positions. All six names were put in a hat to determine the sequence in which they could present themselves and why they would like to be on the board. One at a time each candidate was given up to 10 minutes to present their reasoning. The sequence drawn was; Mark Donahue, Jan Koon, Cory Frazir, Steve Chambers, Jeff Weithman, and Matt Carey. Once all had been given their time Joe thanked them all for their interest.

8. Joe then asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to appoint Board Members.

Motion – Misti Clark

Second – Hank Webb

All in attendance other than officers and board members were then excused.

Enter Executive session at 7:31 p.m.

After discussion the vote was taken. This was done by secret

ballot at which time all members except the President, Joe Tucker, indicated the three members they thought were the best candidates by marking them on their ballot. The three garnering the most votes were selected with the top vote getter being offered the two year term. The other two would be for the remainder of the current year. The total vote count was:

Steve Chambers – 7

Jan Koon – 4

Matt Carey – 4

Jeff Weithman – 2

Cory Frazir – 2

Mark Donohue - 2

Joe asked for motion to accept the results of the election and accept Steve Chambers, Jan Koon, and Matt Carey as board members,

Motion – Misti Clark

Second – Tim Maust

All noted in favor none against.

9. Joe asked for a motion to adjourn executive session.

Motion - Misti Clark

Second – Dan Kardasz

Adjourn Executive session at 8:16 p.m.

10. Joe then asked for a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Motion – Mike Hoffman

Second – Hank Webb

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.