

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

Call to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Joe Tucker.

Officers in attendance: Joe Tucker – President, Mike Hoffman – Vice President, Jan Koon – Secretary, Ron Robinson – Secretary Elect, Misti Clark – Membership Secretary/Treasure, Cory Clark – Treasure Elect.

Board Members Present: Tim Maust, Jeff Williams, Larry Hicks, Dan Kardasz, Hank Webb – Elect.

Membership – 69 members and perspective members were counted in attendance.

- 1. Installation of Officers – Jeff Williams, Board Member, read the duties and responsibilities and swore in the elect Officers and Board Members. All indicated acceptance of their duties by stating “I do”.**
- 2. Roll Call**

**Joe Tucker, President
Mike Hoffman, Vice-President
Cory Clark, Treasurer
Ron Robinson, Secretary
Misty Clark, Membership Secretary
Larry Hicks, Board Member
Dan Kardasz, Board Member
Tim Maust, Board Member
Hank Webb, Board Member
Jeff Williams, Board Member**

3. **Secretary Report – Minutes.** The Secretary Report was given by the outgoing Secretary Jan Koons. There were no exceptions noted.

Motion to accept?

Motion Ken Oney

Second James Tucker

All in favor or opposed? Favor

All, Opposed None

Joe Tucker then thanked Jan for her time serving as Secretary and everyone in attendance gave her a round of applause.

4. **Treasurer Report.** The treasures report was given by Misti Clark.

Any corrections or additions? None

Motion to accept?

Motion Dave Merle

Second Ken Oney

All in favor or opposed? All

were in favor and no opposed.

5. **Membership Secretary Report.** The membership report was given by Misti Clark. So far 109 members have paid their 2024 dues, all membership cards have been mailed or given to members. So far 137 emergency contact forms have been received. There were a lot of new membership requests forms completed and submitted tonight no count was given.

6. **Committee Reports**

Archery - None

Building/Grounds - No update

Farm - Need to start working on mowing plan when fields dry out.

Lake – None

Pheasants – Last pheasants released on 12/31/23. Nice weather contributed to a lot of hunters and birds being dispersed. Still birds in fields to be hunted. Joe thanked Tim for his handling of the birds this year and everyone gave him a round of applause for his work. Tim then offered feed to anyone interested because it would not keep until next year. Those interested should give him their name.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – In good shape

Sporting Clays - None

**Sportsmanship – Nothing to report
Trap - None**

7. Old Business

Joe Tucker explained the changes were made to officers and board members. This was due to resignations after December membership meeting. There are now two vacancies on the Board. One one-year term and one two-year term. To fill these vacancies we are open to nominations. The way it will work is those nominated will appear before the officers and the board at the January board meeting, Thursday, January 18th at 6:30pm.

They will state why they want to be a board member and present their case. Once all have been heard the Officers and Board will go into Executive Session, meaning all others will be dismissed and the board will discuss and vote. The elected members will then be notified. The floor was opened for nominations. The following members were nominated: Jan Koon, Steve Chambers, Jeff Weithman, Matt Corey, Cory Frazir, Mark Donohue.

8. New Business

Joe then discussed the Facebook page. The page was linked to a past officers page and has been deactivated. A group consisting of officers and board members will establish a new page. It will be professional looking and will be up and running soon.

Once the new elected board members are in place the priority will be to assign tasks at hand including establishing the budget and needs going forward.

Joe then talked about the inherent need for a Boom Arm Mower. This mower is needed to safely mow around lakes, trim the weeds and trees back around driveway, and to keep fire lanes open and vegetation from impeding any further into hunting fields. The board will start looking and putting quotes together. Anyone with input please see Joe.

Joe then briefed on the use of an agenda for all meetings going forward. We would like to have the agenda posted on the web site and Facebook page three days in advance of the meetings. This is to give all members an opportunity to see what is being discussed and to come prepared with any suggestions.

A member suggested the Officers and Board review the nomination process to speed it up. The example of the

December 2023 membership meeting was cited. It took way too long for the process to be completed. This suggestion was taken under advisement.

Joe then thanked Elwood for his donation of donuts and asked for any other new business. There was none.

- 9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 with a motion from James Tucker and a Second by Trent Sponseller.**

Minutes Approved by Joe Tucker, President 1/4/2024.