

The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Joe Tucker.

Ron Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance, then Hank Webb gave 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 also 22 members present.

2. Ron Robinson then read the Board Meeting Minutes from the May 16th, 2024 Board Meeting. There were no changes noted. Ken Oney made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by James Tucker. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. Cory Clark then gave the Treasurers Report from May.

There were no corrections or changes noted. Jerry Miller made a motion to accept the report as given. It was seconded by James Tucker. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Misti Clark then gave the Membership Secretary report. She noted a member, Robert Lipp, passed away and she sent a sympathy card to the family in care of the club.

5. Joe Tucker than asked for Committee Reports:

Archery: Dan, shooting stand is 90% cleaned. Needs new top deck and will be putting tread tape on stairs.

Building/Grounds: Steve, new sign at end of driveway. Special thanks to Megan Chandler for the design and helping put up. A new cover was put over the electrical panel. Need assistance with weed eating.

Farm: Mike, food plots planted and certified. Mike and Joe mowed all the fire lanes in the fields. Mike mowed around the pond with boom mower. As soon as dry enough will start using boom mower to reclaim field acreage. Church is almost done. Need to get the roof off, let ceiling fall and then will be complete. Thanks to those that worked hard on last workday to get the inside completely gutted.

Lake: Jeff, thanks to Mike for mowing around the lake.

Pheasants: Tim, mowed pen. Lots of thistle. Going to need to get more grass to grow before pheasants arrive. Pheasants have been born and are pecking around at hatchery.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges: Hank, reminder sheriff will be here to shoot next week during the day. Still working on back stop. Will start placing tires soon. It was noted by a member that the 100-yard target on the rifle range is only 97 yards. Posts will be moved back during the next post setting.

Sporting Clays: Jan, the last two shoots had 28 and 32 shooters respectively.

Sportsmanship: Ron, reminder to sign in and out. It was noted a member was picnicking at the pavilion by the upper lake and had not signed in. Please sign in and out anytime you are here. A member made a comment he overheard a member bad mouthing the club at Lowe's. Ron asked these kinds of things need reported to him and he will have a discussion with the member,

Trap: Matt, going very well. Had 16 shooters tonight in the rain.

6. Joe then moved to old business:

A. Commercial Bird Shooting Preserve – Joe, ODNR has informed us the signs are our responsibility and must be placed every 200 feet around the perimeter. Dan has a friend that can provide the signs at just over \$9.00 per sign. We estimate we will need around 100 signs. David Kuhn made a motion to purchase the signs. It was seconded by Ron Muth. All were in favor, none opposed. Dan was asked to make it happen.

B. Raffle Update – Mike, about 200 tickets to sell yet. If we can sell tonight, we will draw. Last day to purchase is 6/15/24. The drawing will be held on 6/15/24 and will be live or recorded on Facebook.

C. Joe asked if there was any additional old business.

- a. A member asked if we still were going to plant a tree in remembrance of members that passed as had been done in the past. It was recommended the board talk to Jeff Gerberick about it as he oversaw it in the past.
- b. Scouts support – Buck Rogers asked about having a Cowboy shoot on 6/28/24 for the Scouts. It was approved by the membership in attendance. He also asked to have an Air Rifle Shoot on 7/26. This too was approved by the membership. He will provide a report of attendance once these events are complete so we can use it for future promotion.
- c. Food – Mike thanked Kim Tucker for the awesome food provided the last workday. Those that did not come and help really missed out on some great food.

7. Joe then moved on to new business:

A. Driveway Sealing and Culvert Repair – Joe, we need to identify a week to get the driveway redone. The process will take the better part of a week. Much discussion was had. The consensus was to do the week after the Annual Family Picnic. That would be the week of 8/26/24. All members need to be aware access could be restricted a bit while the work is being done. Traffic will be rerouted through the field so if wet beware. Once work for the day is done metal plates will be placed so traffic can flow uninterrupted. Anyone that can help would be greatly appreciated that week.

B. Discussion on Life Memberships – Joe started the conversation by noting this is not against anyone that is a lifetime member. The board wants to get input from the membership on their thoughts and feelings about this. He asked to please speak individually so Ron can make note of all the comments.

- a. In the old constitution there was a section on life membership requirements.
- b. There was a public comment made on Facebook.
- c. Used to be 20-year member, served on a board position, and was elected by the board on a secret ballot.
- d. We must establish written criteria.
- e. The person must have done a lot of work for the betterment of the club.
- f. It was previously voted on by board by a show of hands.
- g. Most of the current lifetime members built the buildings here.
- h. I think the support of events is a bigger factor than service as a board member.
- i. Need to publicly recognize lifetime members. (All were asked to raise their hands and they were given an ovation).
- j. These need to be the people that do the work and keep the club moving forward.
- k. Need an age limit and workday attendance.
- l. Needs to be people that have made the club a better place over the years.
- m. This should be a board vote on nominees.
- n. Service can occur in many ways. Don't limit to age.
- o. Anyone can nominate to the board, but they vote and approve.
- p. Need some form of recognition like a jacket or special hat.
- q. Place a cap on the number of living lifetime members.

Joe thanked everyone for their input. This was a lively and very positive conversation. We are checking with the state on some issues involving the status of our tax-exempt status to ensure moving forward will not put this in jeopardy. The board thanks everyone for their input. Anyone wanting to provide further input please contact a board member as soon as possible.

- C. Work list for those unable to do a workday or if someone had time and wanted to come and help? Joe replied we will make a list and get it posted to Face Book page. Ron added that people can get trash bags and go to old Owens property and help bag up trash and put in dumpster. There are a lot of areas that need cleaning up.

D. It was asked if the board has considered a room at the end of garage for cleaning game. Joe responded this was identified by the board and is on our list of improvements we would like to make. Probably won't happen this year but we have identified it and hope it will happen next year or so.

Joe then asked if any other new business needed to be discussed. There was none noted.

Jeff Weithman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was quickly seconded by Jerry Miller. All were in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.