

The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Joe Tucker. Ron Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tim Maust 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 - Absent
 - Jeff Williams, Board Member – Absent

There were no other members present.

2. Ron Robinson then read the minutes from the September 4th, 2024, Membership Meeting. There were no changes requested. Tim Maust made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Cory Clark. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. Cory Clark then gave the Treasurers Report for August 2024:

In addition, he added that the expenses and receipts from the annual family picnic were as follows:

Expenditures totaled \$1,245.65. Through the raffles we took in \$45.00 for the tree stand, \$195.00 for the 50/50 drawing (It was noted that Lee Robinson won the 50/50 and graciously donated his portion to the Youth Pheasant Hunt), \$370.00 for the BBQ basket, and \$11.00 in sales of left over corn.

There were no additions or corrections noted. Dan Kardasz made a motion to accept the report as given and it was seconded by Misti Clark. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Misti Clark then gave the Membership Secretary Report. She noted that David Kuhn sent her a donation of \$100.00. It was agreed that the board would make this the first donation to the New Clubhouse Building Fund. All thanked him for his donation and a thank you card has been sent.

5. Joe then moved to committee reports:

Archery – Dan, working to replace some wood on the shooting stand and will be purchasing two new 3D targets.

Building/Grounds – Steve, most of the board members took a tour of the basement prior to the meeting. We need some plumbing work done. Currently the sink in the lady's restroom is clogged and the pipes are bad. There are also some old copper water pipes in the basement that are in bad condition. Mr. Rooter was out and provided a bid to get corrected. We are seeking a second bid currently, but the work needs to be done very soon. We also have a weed eater out being repaired.

Farm – Mike, it is dry. We need rain to get food plots growing.

Lake – Jeff was not there but Joe led the discussion. We really need to do something about the bass in the upper pond. They are eating all the perch. Options were discussed and will be brought to the membership at the next membership meeting. It was suggested to remove the limits on bass and ask members to catch them and remove them from upper pond. If don't want to take and eat move them to lower pond. It was also discussed what fish to purchase in the fall. It was decided to wait on purchase until membership decides what to do about bass in upper pond.

Pheasants – Tim, everything is looking good. Ready to accept birds on 10/17. Will be finalizing the release schedule to present to the membership at next membership meeting.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges – Hank was absent, but Joe led the discussion. Reminder that ranges are closed except for Sundays from 1p to 5p through hunting season.

Sporting Clays – Jan, had 38 shooters at last shoot. Still could use help.

Sportsmanship – Ron, reminder to review standing rules for hunting season. Deer hunters are to wear orange to and from stands and blinds for safety.

Trap – Matt, all going well. Season is almost over.

6. Joe then moved to old business:

A. 501(c) (4) Discussion – Ohio has now moved our designation to a 501 (c) (4) to match what the federal government has. There was a lot of discussion on how to pursue becoming the 501 (c) (3) status we desire. Cory Clark spoke to an attorney, and he said he would help us for \$500.00. We would need to fill out the proper forms and he would help get approved. Dan Kardasz made a motion that we hire the attorney for the \$500.00 fee and get this moving. It was seconded by Matt Carey. All were in favor, and none opposed. Motion passed. Cory and Joe will contact the lawyer and get proper forms prepared.

7. Joe then moved to new business:

A. Pheasant Release Schedule – Joe led the discussion in relation to deer gun seasons and safety. It was discussed since we can now hunt pheasants beyond the end of the state hunting season with our new designation, we should close pheasant hunting for all gun deer gun seasons. This includes the youth gun season on November 16th and 17th, regular gun season from December 2nd through the 8th, the extended gun weekend of December 21st and 22nd, and muzzleloader season from Jan 4th through the 7th. There was a healthy discussion and everyone agreed this was the right thing to do for the deer hunters.

B. Christmas Party – Joe asked for everyone’s input. He is getting questions if we are going to have. The consensus of the board was we wanted to have it and not have it on club grounds. The current clubhouse is just not big enough. There was a lot of discussion about different venues. Cory Clark will make some calls and see if he can gather more information on locations and dates available as well as food options. Any members that know of a location that has food options please contact Cory.

C. Annual Per Member Operating Cost – Joe led the conversation. A sheet was handed out to all board members identifying expenses for 2023 and projected expenses for 2024. Currently member dues are \$300.00 per year. In 2023 expenditures were \$369.69 per member. The annualized expenditure for 2024 is \$362.71 per member. It is important that this be brought to the membership for suggestions on how to proceed. We cannot keep operating on such a tight budget or we cannot move the club forward as the membership would like. The board decided we will be put on the next membership meeting agenda and members will be asked to provide suggestions. There were many suggestions noted but the board desires input from the membership.

There was no other new business noted.

8. Misti Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was quickly seconded by Jan Koon. Everyone was in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.