

The Richland County Fish & Game Protective Association Inc.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Joe Tucker. Ron Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance; Hank Webb 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 - Absent

Jan Koon, Board Member - Present

Tim Maust, Board Member - Present

Hank Webb, Board Member - Present

Jeff Williams, Board Member – Present

Eric Parr was also present and requested the board approve the building of a portable deer hunting blind for members who are disabled to be able to use. When not used by disabled could be used by other hunters as well. It would be built approximately 8'x8' and built so it could be moved with a tractor and pallet forks. The board approved his request but asked to review plans before it being built. Several board members offered assistance including helping obtain supplies that would be free of cost to the club. Once approved Eric departed the meeting.

2. Ron Robinson then read the Membership Meeting Minutes from February 6th, 2025. In his absence the meeting minutes were done by Kim Tucker. All thanked her for filling in on short notice. There were no changes or additions noted. Misti Clark made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Jeff Williams. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. Cory Clark then gave the Treasurer Report for January 2025:
There were no corrections or additions noted. Hank Webb made a

motion to accept the report as given. It was seconded by Steve Chambers. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Misti Clark then gave the Membership Secretary Report:
 - 251 members renewed their membership for the year 2025.
 - We had 65 new applications for the year 2025 membership.
 - All 65 were sent letters of acceptance. If all prospective members pay dues and initiation fees that would take the membership to 316. The new member orientation will be on March 29th, 2025.

Misti also noted she has established a date and location for the 2025 Christmas Party. It will be on December 6th at the Der Dutchman restaurant. Joe added we are going to do a gun raffle to offset cost to membership. Details will be released soon.

5. Joe then asked for Committee Reports:
 - Archery – Nothing to report
 - Building/Grounds – Snow plowing bill paid. Gordy has notified him he can take the truckload of clay targets anytime. Had water leak in restroom repaired.
 - Farm – Mowing done,
 - Lake – Frozen, be sure to check ice if fishing.
 - Pheasants – Will be getting pheasants for 2025 season at same rate as last year.
 - Rifle/Pistol Ranges – Nothing
 - Sporting Clays – Schedule out
 - Sportsmanship – Another speeder reported. Please be mindful even though hunting season over people and animals still around. Also, all blinds and deer stands must be removed by March 3rd, 2025. Joe and Ron will be checking in March. Also, please remove any markers or trash as you take down stands. Ron will also be creating a spreadsheet to track any infractions reported.
 - Trap – There was a lot of conversation about trap. No actions resulted at this time. Will be reviewing procedures and reporting.
6. Joe then moved to Old Business:
 - A. Review list of 2025 Projects – List of projects was reviewed for workdays. The list is very long. Misti will be creating a written list to work off of so we can prioritize.
 - B. Attachments for Loader Tractor – Joe shared some quotes he has received. Hank Webb made a motion to accept the quote from Martins Mfg. for less than \$5,000.00 to be used to obtain a Grapple Bucket and Pallet Forks with everything needed to attach and use. It was seconded by Tim Maust. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Joe will coordinate.

There was no other Old Business discussed.

7. Joe then moved to New Business:

- A. Review Budget for 2025 – The proposed budget for 2025 was passed out to the board members. A line-by-line review was done with minor changes noted. Cory Clark will update and have available at the Membership Meeting for review. Hank Webb made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget with changes. Jeff Williams seconded it. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- B. Purchase of Clay Targets – Cory reviewed the three quotes he had for a truckload of clay targets. It is noted a truckload (22 pallets) will last three years and pricing is much better by the truckload including freight cost. Gordy an active member has agreed to store at his warehouse cost free. Steve Chambers made a motion to purchase a truckload of clay targets from Midwest Target Co. at a cost of \$22,860.00 delivered. It was seconded by Matt Carey. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- C. Discuss fish count for upper lake – Joe briefed that a couple members suggested “Stunning” the lake to get an accurate fish count to see what is in upper lake. Jeff Williams will contact Steve Fender our fish supplier to see what resources he has to obtain quotes on what this would cost.
- D. State of Ohio Grants – Matt Carey briefed he has been researching available grants for the club. He has found two that he would like to pursue. Conservation Club Grant and Stepout Grant. After much discussion it was decided to pursue and apply for the Conservation Club Grant. This could get the club a grant of up to \$15,000 to offset costs of Youth Pheasant Hunt, Hunters Education Courses, and Fishing Seminars, to include Fly Fishing for Beginners.
- E. Club Merchandise and Apparel - Misti Clark reported she had obtained three quotes of hats to be given to new members during orientation. The best quote was from Embroidery House in Edison, Ohio. This company also noted they could establish an online store where members could access and order apparel such as shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc. The online store would also provide a small income for items purchased for the club. Ron Robinson made a motion to allot \$1200.00 to the purchase of hats and to establish an online store for members. Hank Webb seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Misti will contact the Embroidery House and get it setup. She asked anyone with input on what to put in the online store to please get with her.
- F. Sporting Clay Machines – Cory presented quotes on obtaining two more sporting clay machines. After much discussion Matt Carey

made a motion to allot \$6398.00 to the purchase of two new sporting clay machines. It was seconded by Jeff Williams. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

There was no other New Business discussed. Joe thanked everyone for their attention and contributions during this Board Meeting. A lot was accomplished for the good of the membership.

8. Mike Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, It was quickly seconded by Matt Carey. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.