

**Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, New Richmond High School**

The September, 2011 meeting of the SPLPT was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Beth Wood. Board members present were Beth Wood, Trish Moberg, Mike Kelly, Valerie Hogan, Dan Davison and Mike Reiter.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports were approved as submitted.

1. Board Development:
  - a. Val presented the Officer Descriptions with one minor addendum. It was decided that we would continue to operate with the President or a designate of the President being responsible for developing the meeting agendas and sending them out with the meeting announcements. A list of potential changes would be kept and acted upon when a decision would be made to modify our bylaws to reflect these changes.
  - b. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Officer Descriptions as amended.
2. A CD was provided to each of the Board Members that contained much of the pertinent information needed to update our current notebooks. A review was made of this and all felt it was a great help in keeping our documentation current.
3. A copy of the SPLPT's Certificate of Reinstatement was provided to each Board member for inclusion into their notebooks.
4. Property Management:
  - a. It was decided that the issue of the McMurtrie Preserve gate agreement was not a pressing issue at this time and the issue would be considered closed.
  - b. The filing cabinet maintained in Ron's office is accessible to all Board members.
  - c. The Nelson easement parameters have been explained to the potential purchasers of that property and documentation of the easement has been provided.
  - d. Other properties are scheduled for inspection with maintenance performed on the South Cedar Bay Landing.
  - e. The Boche property will be burned in conjunction with adjacent USF&WS properties for convenience and to contain continuity of these properties.
  - f. It would appear that issues with the Sessions Property have been settled to everyone's satisfaction.
5. Education:
  - a. The partnership with area Scouts on behalf of the Friends of the St Croix Wetland Management District to be held this fall was reviewed. Donations were also received by a variety of other service organizations for tools and supplies to be used on USF&WS invasive species projects. This educational and work event is set for the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> with a campout planned at the McMurtrie Preserve. The McMurtrie Preserve was used in a similar manner hosting an Order of the Arrow scout outing a few years back. This event would encompass the Eagle River Scouting District. Requirements for merit badges and awards could be satisfied by this event and a special badge has been designed for it. Several hundred scouts, parents and scout leaders are planning to attend.
6. Marketing/PR:

- a. Val provided an overview of the recently held meeting on the Lower Apple River Project. Three new properties were identified with the property Management Committee scheduled to review them
  - b. Our website makeup was reviewed with potential modifications discussed. Dan Michaelis, our website guru, will be contacted and potential changes and updates will be discussed with him.
7. Membership Report:
- a. Eleven members have been added since our last meeting.
  - b. A Holiday Card similar to last year will be designed for this fall's mailing. It was decided that our current membership, the Cedar Lake Rehabilitation District's membership and other groups which could include the Friends of the St Croix Wetland Management District and Star Prairie Fish and Game Association's mailings may be included.
8. Upcoming meetings:
- a. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Unless a change to meeting dates is made the SPLPT's meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every other month.
9. Other:
- a. A decision will be made on the involvement and maintenance of the McMurtrie Preserve property by the Star Prairie Fish and Game Association. Currently the garage on the property is utilized by both groups for property storage. Both organizations also contribute to each others fund raising efforts.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Reiter – Recorder