

**Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Fast Freddie's, New Richmond**

The May Meeting of the SPLPT was called to order at 4:00 pm by President Beth Wood.

Board members present were Beth Wood, Mike Reiter, Dan Davison, Paul Schotller, Mike Kelly, Stu Nelson and Consultants Cheryl Clemens.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Stu noted that he has met with the Board of Adjustment concerning our taxes on the Boche property. It was determined that the assessment was in error and will be lowered for 2011.

The Secretary's report was approved as distributed via e-mail.

1. Potential new board members were discussed with Warren or Missy Irl to be contacted. It was noted that the terms of Mike Kelly, Mike Reiter and Pete Kling were up in 2010.
2. The subject of an annual fund raising event was tabled until the next meeting. Stu will contact the Star Prairie Fish & Game Association to see if they would be willing to perhaps sponsor a joint fundraising event.
3. Mike Kelly will contact the Irls concerning signage on their property. It was felt that perhaps small boundary signs may be appropriate.
4. Stu and Mike Kelly will contact a logger to selectively log off the pine plantation on the McMurtrie Preserve. A motion was made and approved to have them make the decisions concerning this logging operation.
5. Two porta potties have been purchased for \$400.00 each and are on site. These will be staked down soon. Maintenance of these units will be provided as needed.
6. The trails on the McMurtrie Preserve have been mowed and are ready to go for the High School Service Day set for May 21<sup>st</sup>.
7. The McMurtrie home has been opened and "summerized".
8. A potential Eagle Scout project may be taken on this summer which would entail the upgrading of the lake access dock and the placement of a second dock in the lake to allow boat access to the McMurtrie property.
9. The McMurtrie Prairie, which is an approximately 1 acre prairie, was burned in April and will be herbicide treated and over-seeded. Several partnerships were responsible for this activity. A motion was made and approved for the herbicide treatment and over-seeding to be performed.
10. The Chinese elm infestation on the Boche property will be removed by CIP help along with an internal fence removal planned.
11. Aleisha will arrange to provide outdoor classes on the McMurtrie Preserve during High School Service Day scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> along with classes on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The high School students will be working with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes on these days.
12. The Osceola Middle School has scheduled a fall outing on the McMurtrie Preserve according to Aleisha.

13. The SPF&GA Bus Coach Tour, partnering with the USF&WS, will occur on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out to appropriate groups requesting their participation.
14. A motion was made and approved for Aleisha to purchase four Walkie Talkies for up to \$75.00.
15. Phyllis Menke will be up in Wisconsin from June 10<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>.
16. Paul has been in contact with the Cloutiers concerning the protection of their property near Somerset. They are presently dealing with another Land Trust at this time.
17. Ellen Denzer, the County Planner, has been in contact with Pete concerning property on Strand Lake. It was felt that this property, while very desirable, did not fit into our mission statement at this time. Pete will relay our position to Ellen concerning this matter.
18. Cheryl has agreed to fill out a survey sent to us by Gathering Waters concerning the operation of the SPLPT for 2009 activities.
19. A motion was made and approved to provide gift certificates (\$40 each) to Chuck Magoon, Erv Erickson and Dick Hoppe for services rendered above and beyond the call of duty for their help on the McMurtrie Preserve.
20. The SPLPT has an opportunity to jointly man a booth at the August Farm City Days to be held at the Jerry Croes farm near Deer Park.
21. An invitation to tour the McMurtrie Preserve after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Cedar Lake District will be extended. Stu will see about the feasibility of having the invitation included in the Cedar Lake District Annual Meeting announcement.
22. A 2010 Summer Newsletter for the SPLPT is planned with items to be included sent to Cheryl by June 10<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter should be ready for mailing by July 1<sup>st</sup> prior to our annual meeting.
23. The Annual Meeting of the SPLPT is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the McMurtrie Preserve beginning at 6 pm. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Reiter - Recorder

Action Items (5/10/10):

1. Contact Irls concerning Board position. (Mike K.)
2. Contact SPF&GA about joint fundraiser. (Stu)
3. Contact Irls about signage placement on their land. (Mike K.)
4. Contact Ellen Denzer concerning our Strand Lake position. (Pete)
5. Complete Gathering Waters survey. (Cheryl)
6. Check with Cedar Lake District about tour of McMurtrie Preserve after Cedar Lake District Annual Meeting. (Stu)
7. Assemble our important records and find a suitable place to keep the donated storage cabinet. (Stu, Ron, Pete)

8. Get information or items of interest for the summer newsletter to Cheryl. (Board)
  - a. High School Service Days (Trish, Aleisha)
  - b. Scouts Order of the Arrow outing (Mike K., Stu)
  - c. Bus Coach Tour (Stu, Mike K.)
  - d. McMurtrie burn (Stu)
  - e. Irle Property easement (Mike K.)
  - f. Eagle Scout project (Stu)
  - g. Potential tour by Lake District people after meeting (Stu)
  - h. Anything else anyone can come up with (All)
9. Assemble Summer Newsletter, have printed and mailed prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. (Cheryl, Mike R.)
10. Meet with Mick and get agreements on gate signed. (Pete, Stu, Ron)
11. Copies of the Irle property provided to the SPLPT Board. (Pete)
12. Finalize the Boche habitat restoration plans. (???)
13. Install the light pole on McMurtrie Preserve. (Stu, Mike K.)
14. Assemble a “canned presentation” to promote the trust. (Pete)