

**Brooks Fish and Game Association  
Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2017**

Attendees - Dan Buell, Cliff Healy, Carson McCormick, Rick Martin, Dave McNalley, Brian Petersen

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting to order and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- Insufficient meeting attendance, lack of quorum, meant all items with a financial cost had to be removed from the agenda. Sending kid to AFGA camps, porta-pottie for the range, replacing the older .22 used for the hunter ed field day, Kids can catch event and corporate range membership rates were all removed from the agenda.
- ***Rick Martin moved, Cliff Healy seconded, and an amended agenda was approved.***
- ***Dave McNalley moved, Cliff Healy seconded, and the March 21, 2017 minutes, which had been emailed to the membership, were approved.***

Chair Reports:

- Brain Petersen provided a verbal Treasurer's Report, with the total Pheasant Festival balance at approximately \$129,000, plus approx \$28,000 locked in a GIC and the current BFGA bank balance, as of the end of April, at approximately \$33,600.
- Rick Martin reported that membership stands at 197 Regular, 56 Family, 116 Dependents and 3 Youth, for a total of 372.
- Trophy chair was not present to provide a report.
- Pheasant Festival Committee was not present to provide a report
- Hunter Education – Nothing new to report. The hunters education program is complete for the year.
- Firearms Chair - Cliff Healy reported that the Responsible Firearms Owners of Alberta was working closely with the National Firearms Association, as they seem to be doing the most for western firearms owners. The Canadian Shootings Sports Association seems to be doing little for gun owners lately. A new firearms organization, the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights has popped up. There is some concern with multiple groups popping up the effectiveness of the gun lobby could weakened. Nothing more has been heard on the proposed gun registry in Quebec.
- Rifle Range – Cliff mentioned that Lloyd was out at the range this morning and all board needing replacement were replaced. Everything in good shape otherwise. The additional gongs (will now be 3", 6" & 12" gongs at 100, 200 and 300 yards) are build and will be placed when time allows.
- Archery – Dave McNalley reported that he has been busy with planning the Archery portion of the Southern Alberta Summer Games (SASG). The President of Archery Alberta will be helping with the judging of the event. The SASG will be renting 3D archery targets this year rather than purchasing them. The grass and the whole range will need to be mowed prior to the event, Dan will talk to Jack at Jacks Lawn Care about mowing prior to the event. The archery event is July 8, but they will need time in advance to setup bleachers, porta-potties, event stations, concession, water station, first aid station, etc. The SASG are looking for volunteers to help setup and for a non-profit to run a small concession stand the day of the event. If anyone is interested please contact Dave at 780-405-1111.

***Rick Martin moved, Brian Petersen seconded that Brooks Fish & Game close the entire range on July 7 (in addition to the previously discussed and passed July 8) to allow for all necessary setup and preparation for the Archery competition on July 8. PASSED with all in favour.***

- Fishing chair was not present to provide a report
- Hunting - Carson McCormick reported that the hunting world was quiet right now.
- Gun Show - Dan Buell reported that things were coming along well with the Gun Show. We were up to 40 or 50 vendor tables sold already. We need to decide on cart options soon. The JBS Canada Centre has nice ramps for accessing the Field House and those are now included with the rental contract. Tickets are available for the 2017 gun raffle.

- Public Relations - Cori Forseth wasn't present but provided an update. We have 203 members on our Facebook group. In April we had 11 visits to our web page. Membership on the web page remains 4 users and 1 admin. Cori suggested we may need to look at the long term viability of the web page. Discussion was held about the merits of a webpage vs. Facebook page and it was felt more information should be collected regarding web site usage and to look into any ways to increase web page usage.

Awards Night Committee – There currently is no committee so nothing to report.

#### New Business:

- Nothing further has come of BFGA switching banks. Brian Petersen did talk to TD and they had some non-profit banking plans, but they will likely not save the club any money. Mac Anderson and Brian Petersen will look into it further once time permits.

- Limited discussion was held on the venue for the 2018 Awards Night. The booking of the Duchess Hall has been reduced to a single day, but total cost is still looking like \$900 for the venue. We can cancel the Duchess Hall booking one month in advance with no penalty. Cassil's Hall was low cost and worked well for us, but is small. Tilley Hall also worked well for us in the past. No further direction has been received on alternative venues.

- Range work bee. Will likely be set for an evening mid-week in June. Items for the event were discussed. It was suggested that adding wind-age flags on the archery range would be beneficial. It was also suggested signs be added to the archery range reminding people to close the doors on the archery targets to prolong their useful life.

#### Old Business:

- Volunteer Recruitment – Volunteers are always needed. Anyone looking to get involved in the club please contact Dan Buell.

- Shotgun Sports Facility – While there is good demand for this facility the chances of it happening on our current property is very low.

- Pheasant Habitat – Nothing new on the potential property purchases.

- Open House/Bio meetings – Some progress has been made on getting one of the Wildlife Biologists responsible for this area in to talk to the club. Joel Nicholson was willing to come in and talk in June or maybe over the summer depending on scheduling. At the Zone 1 meeting in May it came up in conversation that other Fish & Game Clubs have had no progress getting Mike Grue (primary wildlife biologist for this area) in to speak to their clubs.

- Indoor Archery Feasibility – Dave McNalley has not had enough time to look further into this. No progress on any grants to casino funding at this time.

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, it will be a regular meeting, .

- ***Brian Petersen moved, Dave McNalley seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.***