

**Brooks Fish and Game Association
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016**

Attendees - Dan Buell, Rick & Donna Martin, Mac Anderson, Cliff Healy, Patty & Pete Green, Lester Janke, Joyce Maitland

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting to order and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- *Cliff Healy moved, Pete Green seconded, and the amended agenda was approved, with the addition of the AFGA conference and the "Learn to Camp" program under "Other".*
- *Mac Anderson moved, Lester Janke seconded, and the September 20th, 2016 minutes, which had been emailed to the membership, were approved.*

Chair Reports:

- Mac Anderson provided a written Treasurer's Report, as of September 30, 2016. The Pheasant Festival balance is \$157,120, which includes the bank balance of \$129,838.13, plus \$27,281.87 that was held in term deposits, which matured in July, 2016. The current BFGA balance is now \$20,318.45.
- Rick Martin gave a Membership Report, with the current numbers standing at two more regular memberships than last month, for a total of 271 Regular, 89 Family, 177 Dependents and 4 Youth, for a total of 541 members.
- Archery Chair is still vacant, Trophy, Fisheries, Rifle Range and Hunting chairs weren't present to provide reports, and there was nothing new to report regarding Hunter Education or Firearms.
- Dan Buell reported that the Gun Show is ready to go, with enough volunteers. Our PR Chair, Cori Forseth, told Dan that he had contacted Gaslamp and added a ticker to our website to enable us to track traffic to the site, for a one time \$40.00 fee.
- Lester Janke mentioned he has been talking with Chris regarding approximately 300-500 suitable acres that may be available for purchase for pheasant habitat by the Sundial feedlot owners. Brian Dingreville will be involved in any future meetings, as we would be able to put up to \$150,000 from our Pheasant Festival account, and would need to partner up with other organizations to purchase the land. Right now it is only at the information gathering stage.
- Our Awards Night will be held on Feb 4th, 2017 at the Cassils Hall. Mac Anderson would like the donation request letters sent out to businesses before Christmas. He would like to know the members who live near Cassils to see if any would like to volunteer, but Rick has been trying to get a membership list from AFGA for a while and will send Mac a copy when he receives it.

New Business:

- Dan Buell presented copies of a BFGA website Photo Contest proposal emailed to him by Cori Forseth. *It was moved by Mac Anderson, seconded by Cliff Healy and passed to have a BFGA website photo contest based on the proposal, with the addition of a Youth category for those 17 and under, a cut off date for photos of December 15th, and final judging by the Executive on January 10, 2017, after members have voted for their favourite photos online from December 16th to January 9th.* It was noted that neither the Executive nor Chairs could submit photos for the contest. The criteria will be any original, non photo-shopped or enhanced, outdoor hunting, fishing or camping photos taken within Alberta, with the winners to be announced at the AGM.

- There haven't been any resolutions brought forward by the membership for the next Zone 1 meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, which Dan and Cori will be attending.
- It was mentioned that our 2 year rifle range lease is up for renewal at the end of this year with the EID. Direction was given to re-sign for another two years and explore opportunities for a longer lease if possible. Direction was also given to explore the lease or purchase of the Long Pump property from the EID to complete the 30 acres of habitat land BFGA/AFGA currently owns adjacent to it.
- Donna Martin mentioned that Parks is interested in starting a new "Learn to Camp" program for new Canadians and/or underprivileged kids who have never had the opportunity to camp, by providing one tent, four sleeping bags, four mattresses and four campfire cooking sticks. She would like to ask our members if they are interested in donating any unwanted and/or unused good quality items to the program, and it was agreed to put the idea forward to the membership.
- The AFGA Conference will be held in Edmonton from February 23-25, 2017. We can send up to six delegates from our Association and would prefer to register them before the December 15th early bird deadline. The date will be advertised on our website, and anyone that is interested in attending should contact Dan Buell.

Old Business:

- Regarding volunteer recruitment, Dan reported that we still don't have a Vice President.
- Dan still hasn't heard back from anyone regarding an Open House/Bio meeting. Suggestions for future speakers include Jim Clarke, town-hall meetings regarding changes in the gun laws, and a gunsmith course.
- Dan had touched base and will email the membership about the Onoway F&G Ladies League to see if anyone is interested in working with them and pursuing their ideas. It will be added to our website, as well as having an information sheet at the AGM banquet.
- Our tentative next meeting date is Tuesday, December 13, 2016.
- ***Lester Janke moved, Mac Anderson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.***