

**Brooks Fish and Game Association
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2017**

Attendees - Dan Buell, Rick Martin, Dave McNalley, Brian Petersen, Jonathan Pool, Jordan Johnson, Lester Janke, James Unchelenko, Hans Kiefaber, Joyce Maitland

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting to order and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- *Lester Janke moved, Rick Martin seconded, and the agenda was approved.*
- *Dave McNalley moved, James Unchelenko seconded, and the May 16, 2017 minutes, which had been emailed to the membership, were approved.*

Chair Reports:

- Brian 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 at approximately \$35,000. Brian is looking into putting the Pheasant Festival account money in a month to month open GIC account. He hasn't received the Simply Accounting records and much of the paper records from the previous treasurer yet. It has been confirmed that we do still owe the AFGA for unpaid Club and Directors liability insurance from 2012-14.
- Rick Martin reported that membership now stands at 201 Regular, 57 Family, 118 Dependants and 2 Youth, for a total of 378.
- Trophy Chair was not present to provide a report.
- Lester Janke, Pheasant Festival Chair, reported that TJ had met with Chris regarding the Sun Dial property and now TJ is presenting a report to the AFGA. If they decide to proceed, we had passed a motion at the January, 2017 AGM to provide up to \$150,000 from the Pheasant Festival money towards the purchase. It looks like Oyen, Consort, Taber & Stettler are now having Pheasant Festivals and they are looking at bringing a Pheasant Festival similar to the one in Taber to Brooks, spearheaded by Bill Marshall from Rosemary.
- Hunter Education – Rick reported that four local members are interested in being certified as Hunter Education instructors and are to attend certification courses this July.
- Rifle Range - Dan mentioned that Lloyd Cook has picked up more boards for the rifle range, and Dan is working on a list of work bee items, which could include: fixing the flag, replacing posts at the 25 yard backstop & target boards, relocation of the unused gong housings, cleanup around the archery sea-cans, range building and the surplus brass, building up the backstops, & more gravel for the 200-300 yard walkway. Dan will call Jack to do the mowing sooner rather than later, to ensure it is completed before the Summer Games archery event.
- Firearms Chair was not present to provide a report.
- Archery – Dave McNalley reported that he has been busy with the Southern Alberta Summer Games archery event scheduled for Saturday, July 8th, with two rounds taking place during the day. There are 49 participants, including numerous young people. Dave has a concession confirmed, with a portion of the proceeds going to a canine group, plenty of pop and Gatorade, and a two room Engineering office trailer donated. There will be roughly 100 people at the event, with the President of the Archery Association of AB judging. Friday afternoon, July 7th, will be set up, with twenty rented 3-D 50 yard targets to be placed around the range. The range will have to be mowed just prior to the event and volunteers to help with the Friday setup would be much appreciated. Dave mentioned that the Indoor Archery Range feasibility is on hold for now and he is ok with that. He has the casino application to apply for casino funding for our association, but said it is probably our Treasurer who needs to complete the forms.
- Fishing Chair Jonathan Pool reported that hosting a Kids can Catch event for this year was not feasible, as everyone is already busy with the Summer Games. He said zebra mussels have been found 30 miles south of the border, so St. Mary's Irrigation District is shutting down boating in all their unregulated reservoirs, however, campgrounds with staff are still ok. He mentioned that chest waders and rubber boots have been found to have as many or more zebra mussels than boats.

- Hunting - Carson McCormick reported that the draw applications close June 22nd and the new regulations will be out in early July.

- Gun Show – Hans, Dan & James reported on the gun show, with 68 tables being booked so far. The Field House can fit 150 to 180 tables. The table price remains the same, as the field house price is only \$200.00 more and the difference can be made up in the extra number of tables booked. Lester has a 300 lb. capacity wagon that he no longer needs and will donate it to the gun show, it just has to be picked up. A few more carts will still be needed, as well as some tiles or 4” x 4” boards for underneath the table legs of those vendors with heavier items.

- Public Relations Chair was not present to provide a report.

- Awards Night Committee – No committee formed as yet.

New Business:

- Sending BFGA kids to AFGA youth camps was discussed and it was recommended to try to reserve two spots for 2018. ***Jonathan Pool moved, Rick Martin seconded and it was passed to send one boy and one girl to the 2018 AFGA youth camp, including all expenses if need be, through the Hunter Education program this coming year on a trial basis, then re-evaluate for the following year, up to a maximum cost of \$2,500.00.***

- Brian said there was nothing new to report on the possibility of BFGA switching banks.

- Discussion was held on the venue for the 2018 Awards Night and Dan will check if Cassils Hall will be available for our February date, as the cost of the Duchess Hall is high.

- Range work bee date still to be determined.

- Hunter Ed Field Day – Replacing two of the old Coeey .22 shotguns with new ones and purchasing freestanding self resetting .22 targets was discussed. ***Hans Kiefaber moved, Jonathan Pool seconded, and it was passed to spend up to \$1,000.00 to purchase two new .22s and new freestanding self-resetting .22 targets.***

- It was suggested to have the formation of a casino committee put on the agenda for our next meeting.

Old Business:

- An RCMP Corporate range membership rate increase was discussed, as suggested by the RCMP we aligned our fees with that of the Brooks Pistol Club. ***Rick Martin moved, Hans Kiefaber seconded and it was passed to increase the RCMP corporate range membership rate from \$500/year to \$800/year.***

- Our new-to-us used Porta Potty will be out at the range soon and Dan will be signing the service contract if required.

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20, 2017.

- ***Lester Janke moved, Hans Kiefaber seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.***