

**Brooks Fish and Game Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2017**

Attendees - Dan Buell, Mac Anderson, Wes Schuett, Brian Petersen, James Unchelenko, Hans Kiefaber, Joyce Maitland

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting to order and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- ***Mac Anderson moved, Hans Kiefaber seconded, and the agenda was approved.***
- ***James Unchelenko moved, Wes Schuett seconded, and the December 13th, 2016 minutes, which had been emailed to the membership, were approved.***

Chair Reports:

- Mac Anderson provided a verbal Treasurer's Report, with the Pheasant Festival balance at approximately \$155,000, including the bank balance and expired term deposits; and the current BFGA bank balance at \$24,140.54.
- Rick Martin wasn't present, as he and Donna were teaching the Hunter Education course that same night, but he had provided Dan with his 2017 Membership Report. Numbers stands at 121 Regular, 40 Family, 86 Dependents and 2 Youth, for a total of 249.
- Trophy, Pheasant, Firearms, Rifle Range, Archery and Fishing chairs weren't present to provide reports.
- Mac Anderson said he had been out to the Rifle Range to return the unused items from the Awards Banquet and had a difficult time opening up the sea-can due to the amount of snow.
- Hunting Chair Wes Schuett said he is still waiting to see what the new regulations will be for this year, so had nothing new to report at the moment. He mentioned he may have to resign from the Hunting Chair position due to the demands of his new fly-in guiding business.
- Dan Buell reported on the fall Gun Show. He said he, Hans Kiefaber and James Unchelenko make up the new gun show committee, with Chad and Cliff still helping out somewhat. The new Field House is booked and they hope to be able to get in to measure the space shortly. There will probably be 140 vendor tables, which is back up to previous numbers when the show was in the old arena. Dan expressed the need to purchase another flat of 21 commercial tables, as with the larger space again, they will need more and the commercial tables are lightweight, handle loads up to 1,900 lbs. and are much easier to handle than the old wooden ones. Dan mentioned they will also need to make a couple more carts out of ¾" plywood for use by the vendors (new facility is still walk in only for setup) , as well as put a thin layer of plywood on top of a few of the vendor tables with really heavy items on display.
- ***Hans Kiefaber moved, Mac Anderson seconded, and it was passed to purchase another flat of 21 commercial grade tables, complete with cart, at a cost of approximately \$3,500.00 + GST from Costco.***
- Cori Forseth provided a report to Dan prior to the meeting regarding our website and Facebook usage. As of February 16, 2017, our Facebook page has 200 members, while the website has 25, with only 4 members having posting rights (Cori, Dan, Rick and Donna). The average viewing time on the website is only 1½ minutes.
- Mac provided a written Financial Summary of the February 4, 2017 Awards Banquet, showing a total revenue of \$12,258.00, expenses of \$6,998.98, for a total net income of \$5,259.02. For comparison, he provided the net income from the Awards Banquets of the previous four years, which were as follows: 2016 - \$7,035.84, 2015 - \$4,570.79, 2014 - \$6,400.94 and 2013 - \$8,354.21.

New Business:

- A representative of the Southern Alberta Summer Games has approached Dan requesting use of the archery range for July 8th. It was noted that the archery range had been used during previous summer games without incident.
- ***Hans Kiefaber moved, James Unchelenko seconded, and it was passed to close our entire range on July 8, 2017 to allow the Southern Alberta Summer Games to utilize the Archery Range for their competition.***

- Since we have always held our Awards Banquet on the first Saturday in February, it was noted that this would make Saturday, February 3, 2018 the date for our next Awards Banquet. It was felt that since we are a district wide organization, and have held numerous banquets in Tilley and this past one in Cassils, we should perhaps consider Duchess for our next one. Dan offered to check out the costs of the Duchess Hall.

- Dan gave a brief update of Zone 1 items: Outdoor Canada West accepts submissions from groups such as ours for their magazine, which could be similar but condensed versions of Dan's summaries of our Association activities to Zone 1; and the Cassils Mountain park proposal controversy over ATV access. Dan will continue to amalgamate the information and send it out to the membership every few weeks, and if any controversial matters come up, he will discuss it with the Executive first.

- Open House/Bio meetings – Tuesday, May 16th is the date set for the Fisheries open house meeting with Emeric Janssens. Dan will book the hall at the Legion, and will take questions from the membership by email up to May 1st to pass on to Emeric prior to the meeting. He has had no response yet from Mike or anyone else on the Wildlife side and will try to talk to someone at the upcoming AFGA conference in Edmonton.

- Mac volunteered to contact Jim Clarke, turkey caller and President of the Turkey Caller Federation, to find a suitable date for him to come and present to our association, hopefully sometime in the early fall.

#### Old Business:

- Regarding volunteer recruitment, Dan reported that we could still use more volunteers to help with Association activities such as the Awards night and Gun Show. Alternatively if anyone wanted to step up to co-chair any of the Executive or Chair positions it would also be appreciated.

- Dan reported that Cori has done some work on the Shotgun Sports Facility and is researching how other clubs have set theirs up.

- The old Sun Dial feedlot potential land purchase for pheasant habitat is still underway, but it is proving difficult to arrange a suitable meeting date with the landowner.

- Dan will report about the AFGA head office building after the upcoming AFGA Conference in Edmonton this weekend, from February 23-25th. So far, he is the only one attending from our Association, with the registrations now completely sold out.

- The Rifle Range Lease has been renewed with the Eastern Irrigation District for another two years, running from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018, at a cost of \$150.00 annually. The City of Brooks owns the Archery Range portion, which we lease at a cost of \$50.00 per year. Mac Anderson holds the official lease documents. Any future expansion would probably only be possible with the City, as the horse pasture bordering us on the one side doesn't have a current lease.

- Wes mentioned he hasn't had any time to work on the Long Pump lease proposal, as he has just bought a fly in bear \outfitting camp 150 miles north of Fort Mac and has only a couple of months to get it ready. Dan said he has a couple of other guys in mind that might take it on, and will ask them. At this point though it is not a pressing matter as little is likely to change in regard to current land use on the property.

- Dan hasn't heard anything new from Dave McNalley regarding the Indoor Archery Range feasibility study. Cori informed Dan that the Facebook survey regarding the \$200.00 fee was viewed by 131 people, with 12 of the 19 people who voted saying the cost was too high. However, avid area archers seem to be willing to pay the price, and it was suggested if we got the facility up and running we could approach local sporting goods stores to be something of a proshop for the facility.

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, with the time and location to be determined.

- ***Mac Anderson moved, Hans Kiefaber seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.***

**ADDENDUMS:**

**VIA EMAIL:**

***On January 10, 2017, Patty Green moved, Chad Williams seconded, and it was passed to spend up to \$1,000 towards the purchase of two guns for the gun raffles, and up to \$1,000.00 to purchase miscellaneous prizes for the various bucket raffles, silent auction, etc. for the February 4th, 2017 Awards Night.***

***On January 22, 2017, Patty Green moved, Donna Martin seconded, and it was passed to donate \$300.00 towards the transportation and various fees for the youth activities under the Youth Program at the February 23-25, 2017 AFGA conference.***