

**Brooks Fish and Game Association
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2016**

Attendees - Dan Buell, Chad Williams, Patty Green, Cliff Healy, Lester Janke, Mac Anderson, Hans Kiefaber, Joyce Maitland

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- *Chad Williams moved, Lester Janke seconded, and the agenda was approved.*
- *Mac Anderson moved, Lester Janke seconded, and the December 8th, 2015 minutes, which had been emailed to the membership, were approved.*
- Mac Anderson provided a verbal Treasurer's Report. The Pheasant Festival bank balance is \$135,618, plus \$27,000 in term deposits; and the current BFGA balance is \$21,907, plus approx. \$15,000 from the Awards Banquet. Mac couldn't give a breakdown yet for the Feb. 6th, 2016 Awards Night Banquet, as he still has to clarify the number of tickets sold, didn't have all the bills in, and had just received the Brooks Hotel invoice today. Mac also gave notice that he won't stand for Treasurer again at the AGM in January, 2018.
- Chair Reports were unavailable for Hunting and Archery, as those positions are still vacant. Trophy, Fishing, PR, Membership and Hunter Ed chairs weren't present to provide reports, with Rick and Donna Martin unable to be there since they were running the current Hunter Ed class.
- Cliff Healy, Firearms Chair, spoke about Bill C-42 changes and will bring the documentation to the next meeting. He mentioned setting up a RFOA display at a BFGA meeting to inform members, the need to encourage young shooters, update their website, and to write letters and meet with various provincial and federal government officials once again.
- Rifle Range - Cliff mentioned that he and Lloyd Cook were out at the Rifle Range a week ago and changed the many of the target board and swapped out some gongs. The 100 yard large gong has a hole right through it, and has been like that for awhile. He recommended getting rid of the big planks at the 25 yard target. Dan Buell mentioned that the new Range Rules signs will be done by the end of the week, and then there will be small laminated signs at each station, as well as the two large signs. There will be a "Relock the Gate" and "No Trespassing" sign posted at the entrance as well.
- Dan and Chad are coming along well with the October 29 & 30, 2016 Gun Show. Chad will be emailing forms to all previous vendors this weekend, which is similar to last year when they had them out by the first week of February. Dan had copies of the new Gun Show posters with him for distribution. He has purchased the guns for the raffle, and the tickets and gun raffle posters are being done up now.
- Awards Night – Lester Janke would like to compare the list of those who donated this year to those who weren't approached, to see if we can improve for next year. Mac Anderson has tentatively booked the new Cassils Hall for the next Awards Night Banquet on February 4, 2017.

New Business:

- Volunteer recruitment was brought up by Dan Buell, as we need to fill the Vice President position for the Societies Act registration, as well as the vacant Chair positions. Patty Green mentioned that she has a handout of the benefits of being a member of the AFGA that could be posted on our website and Facebook page to encourage members to participate.

Old Business:

- Patty Green gave a brief report of the Feb. 18-20th AFGA conference in Edmonton. It was an enjoyable and well attended conference, with five members from our association attending, including one youth. The first resolution was regarding an increase in affiliation fees. As of January, 2017, the AFGA fees for regular and family membership will increase by \$4.00, and the youth fee will increase \$2.00. Minister Shannon Phillips, of Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, attended and spoke at the conference. Regarding Chronic Wasting Disease, over 900 heads still have to be tested, as the government is waiting for more test kits, which are only manufactured and shipped from Paris. It was suggested that a new and more accurate zone map would be extremely helpful for all members to avoid confusion. Next year's conference will be hosted by Zone 5 and will be held in Edmonton once again.

- Dan Buell reported that all six guns have now been bought, as per the December, 2015 bulk gun purchase motion.

- The Sproule replanting was discussed, with Cliff Healy offering to talk to a neighbour of the new owners to obtain their contact information. Patty Green will contact Brad Fenson about attending one of our meetings sooner rather than later to discuss land acquisition collaboration.

- Dan Buell now has a collection of several questions to ask the Fisheries biologists, and will set a date for sometime in April for the Fisheries open house meeting. It was discussed having a wildlife open house meeting sometime in May or June.

- Mac is working on reinstating our Societies Act registration, and will call them directly again next week. Our club insurance is paid up through AFGA, and a copy of the AFGA bylaws will work for the Societies Act.

- Dan mentioned that Scott Briggs would like to install benches along the back of the range building, and would like to bring the suggestion, including the costs, forward to the Executive at our next meeting.

- The RCMP hasn't been in touch any further about what they would like to do at the range, but whatever they request will be brought forward to the Executive for approval.

- Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Legion.

- Chad Williams moved, Mac Anderson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.