

**Brooks Fish and Game Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
January 19th, 2016**

Attendees - Dan Buell, Patty & Pete Green, Cliff Healy, Rick Martin, James Unchelenko, Lester Janke, Mac Anderson, Larry Busse, Cori Forseth, Randy Endersby, Richard Wood, Andy Barath, Richard Kam, Rod Svenson, Rod Rosland, Jonathan Pool, Scott Briggs, Hans Kiefaber, Joyce Maitland, Jordan Besenski, Marv Holland

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- *Patty Green moved, Lester Janke seconded, and the agenda was approved.*
- Copies of the January 20th, 2015 minutes, which were previously emailed to the membership, were available. *Rick Martin moved, Rod Svenson seconded, and the minutes were approved.*
- Dan Buell surrendered the meeting to Rick Martin for the Elections:

Executive:

President – Dan Buell, by acclamation, no other nominations

Vice President – Vacant, no nominations

Past President – Patty Green

Treasurer – Mac Anderson, by acclamation

Secretary – Joyce Maitland, by acclamation

Chair Positions:

Membership - Rick Martin

Trophy - Larry Busse agreed to stay on for one final year

Note: Larry also announced this is the final year for the Kelly Memorial, which has been ongoing for twenty years.

Pheasant Festival - Lester Janke

Hunter Education - Donna Martin was absent, but Rick Martin said she would agree to stay on

Firearms – Cliff Healy

Rifle Range - Lloyd Cook & Cliff Healy

Archery – Vacant

Hunting - Vacant

Fishing – Jonathan Pool

PR Chair (New) – Cori Forseth

Gun Show Committee – Dan Buell & Chad Williams

2016 Banquet/Awards Night Committee - Mac Anderson, Lester Janke, Donna Martin

Chair Reports:

Treasurer – Mac Anderson reported approx. \$24,000 in the BFGA bank account; \$128,000 in the Pheasant Festival account, plus \$27,000 in the term deposit. He estimated approx. \$4,800.00 was made from the Gun Show, which is about \$1,800 less than last year, with the gun raffle selling out before the show ended.

Membership - Rick Martin reported 2016 memberships are coming in steadily, with 75 Regular, 18 Family and 34 Dependents, and more in the mail.

Trophy – Larry Busse reported that youth entries are way down for the upcoming Awards Night, with basically one entry per category, and adult entries are pretty sparse as well.

Pheasant Festival - Lester Janke reported that we are still looking for the right land to purchase. Brad Fenson will confirm how much they could contribute, and has said he would rather contact the landowners than us, as he can get a better price. It was suggested that perhaps he could be invited as a guest to our meeting to explain his method. There could be a suitable property by Sun Dial, and Chris would have to be approached.

Hunter Education - Rick Martin reported that the next course will start at the end of February, with the Field Day to be held on a Saturday in April. They already have 25 - 30 names for the course.

Firearms - Cliff Healy reported that there is a lot of hidden stuff in the Liberal policy, as its written now, that doesn't bode well for gun owners. He said the NFA has lots of information in their magazine well worth reading for all members.

Rifle Range - Lloyd Cook was out to the gun range and the 3" gongs are up. Dan Buell changed the lock as of January 5th. Jack's Mowing will be contacted to do the mowing at the range again this year.

Hunting & Archery - Both Chairs are still vacant and Cori Forseth will put something about the positions on the website and on our Facebook site.

Fishing Chair - Jonathan Pool reported that there will be no commercial fishery; pike and walleye limits will be zero for 2016 at Crawling Valley, Badger Lake, Jensen and Little Bow reservoirs. Eagle Lake may also be going to zero for walleye. Prussian Carp are still an issue and have been found from 4" to 12" long in Blood Indian as well.

Gun Show - Dan Buell reported the Flexhall is already booked for this fall's gun show, for the weekend of October 29th & 30th, 2016. He has guns in mind for the gun raffle, but will obtain the raffle license first. Next he will get the vendor packages prepared and posters made up.

PR Chair - Cori Forseth introduced himself and said he has also started a blog on the website. He's encouraging others to start their own blogs as well. He requested that members create a user name and password on the BFGA website (www.bfga.ca), so he can track the usage. Cori mentioned the site comes up at #5 when doing a Google search. It was suggested to show the fees in the website under membership. Cori will be having another meeting with the website designer and wants to have it that any of the Executive can post updates on the website as well. We would like to have more questions before inviting the biologists to our meeting, and perhaps members could post their questions for them on the website.

Awards Night - Lester Janke mentioned that any donations collected for the Awards Night can be dropped off in town with Lloyd Cook. As well as the tables, we'll only need two boards from the C-Can this year, as the number of trophy entries were way down. Patty and Pete will ask to borrow Rod Rosland's trailer to haul the items from the range to the Tilley Hall on Friday, Feb. 5th. Mac will pick up the hall key on Thursday, Feb. 4th to ensure the credit card machine will operate, and will organize to get the key to Patty. Setting up the hall will take place Friday night and Saturday and volunteers are always welcome.

New Business:

Mac Anderson brought forward a motion and provided background information to increase the membership fees for 2017:

"It is hereby moved that, effective with the 2017 memberships, the fees be increased by \$15.00 per annum for single, \$20.00 for family and \$5.00 for youth. The new rates will be: Youth - \$15.00; Single - \$60.00; Family - \$80.00"

Also part of the above motion includes the following regarding the AFGA portion of our membership, which currently sits at \$29.00: "If their (AFGA) share of the fee is increased effective January, 2017 as well, this will result in a further increase at that time. This is to be determined in February"

After much discussion, the above motion by Mac Anderson, seconded by Patty Green, was passed with only one opposed.

A discussion was held regarding the allowed use of restricted rifles at the range. It was noted that correct wording is on the sign, but the wording on the Range Rules posted at the range and on the website are wrong. They should be standardized according to the rules that were submitted with our range firearms application. ***It was moved by Mac Anderson, seconded by Scott Briggs, and passed to spend up to a maximum of \$600.00 to update and correct the wording on all signage, literature and the website.***

Mandatory display of membership cards at the range was discussed, but consensus was it would be almost impossible to enforce without a full time range officer. Video surveillance to discourage vandalism was considered to be a higher cost than replacing and fixing whatever they destroy, with the likelihood of any cameras installed being shot out.

Replanting the corn at Sproule for pheasant habitat was discussed, as it had cost about \$6,400.00 in 2012 and usually lasts about 3 years. The cost includes working the ground, irrigating, fertilizing, plus the corn itself. ***Rod Svenson moved, Scott Briggs seconded, and it was passed to have the Sproule site replanted in 2016, using funds from the Pheasant Festival account.***

- Radio Advertising was discussed for the upcoming Awards Night, as it hasn't been completely sold out in the past few years. ***It was moved by Donna Martin and seconded by Jonathan Pool via email to spend up to \$150.00 for ads on the two local radio stations during the week prior to the Awards Night, passed.***

Old Business

- The AFGA Conference in Edmonton, from February 18- 20, 2016, was discussed once again. We are eligible to send up to six delegates, with confirmation so far from: Patty & Pete Green, Rick or Donna Martin.

- Dan Buell updated everyone on the purchase of the six guns for the upcoming raffles, with the final decision to purchase three from Sportside and three from Shooters Choice, as they offered the best prices within our area.

- The next meeting date is tentatively booked for February 16, 2016.

- Patty Green moved, Rick Martin seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.