

Brooks Fish and Game Association

June 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attendees – Dan Buell, Mac Anderson, Donna & Rick Martin, Patty Green, Wes Schuett, Hans Kiefaber, Joyce Maitland

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting to order and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- ***Donna Martin moved, Mac Anderson seconded, and an amended agenda was approved.***
- ***Patty Green moved, Hans Kiefaber seconded, and the May 24, 2016 minutes, which had been emailed to the membership, were approved.***
- Mac Anderson provided a verbal Treasurer's Report. The bank balances remain roughly the same as reported in May, less the amount paid to Top Gun for the Sproule plot corn planting, and the addition of a \$500.00 cheque just received from Zone 1 for Hunter Education.
- Rick Martin gave the Membership Report, with current numbers at 217 Regular, 79 Family, 155 Dependents and 2 youth, for a total of 453 members.
- Trophy, Pheasant Festival, Firearms, Rifle Range, Fishing, & PR Chairs were not in attendance and no reports were available. The Archery Chair position is still vacant.
- Regarding the range, Dan reported that one archery door has blown off since the June 2nd range work bee, but the rest are still doing well. He is researching the idea of a possible self-healing rubber door for the future. The installed shelves look good, and there is only a small amount of SKS brass in front of the shooting bench.
- Hunting Chair, Wes Schuett, reminded everyone that the last date for online draws is June 23rd.
- Dan said he will put "Save the Date" ads in July and August for the October Gun Show, and start placing bigger ads in September. More than half the vendors have now paid for their tables and he hopes to ramp up the sales of the gun raffle tickets through the summer.
- Awards Night Committee - Donna found that organizing the Banquet/Awards Night was much more work than she had anticipated, and doesn't want to be Chair again next year. Mac said July 8th is the grand opening for the new Cassils Hall. He will ask the Cassils Hall ladies about catering our event, as they have never catered for such a large group before and may not want to take it on.

New Business:

- ***Patty Green moved, Rick Martin seconded, and it was passed to hire Jack to mow the firebreaks and parking lots at the Potiuk/Wester and Long Pump bird release sites.***

- Our website hasn't had anything updated recently, and should have our Association minutes and events calendar on it, as well as AFGA articles of interest. Dan will look into it with Cori. On the bright side, our Facebook site seems to be doing well.

Old Business:

- Volunteer recruitment was discussed. There were over 20 people helping out for the June 2nd range clean-up, which was a terrific turnout, and meant everything on the list was done in a few hours. It was suggested to have a BFGA display table at the Gun Show to encourage volunteer recruitment, perhaps with a separate small raffle for those who put their names down.
- The replanting at Sproule has been completed by Top Gun, at a cost of \$5,355, with Pete Green volunteering to look after the flood irrigating.
- Dan hasn't had any response yet to his email requests to the biologists for an open house this fall and is looking at mailing them instead.
- Mac reported our Societies Act registration is in process, as he has a couple more items to submit, after which it will take approximately one to two months to receive.
- The Range Work Bee on June 2nd was a success, with help and equipment from Big Country and Top Gun. A few ruts may have to be smoothed over, and eventually we may have to remove the hard coal chunks that are surfacing at the range as we build up the backstops.
- ***Mac Anderson moved, Donna Martin seconded, and it was passed to put a Thank You notice in the paper to the companies who donated their time and equipment to our range clean-up.***
- The next "Kids Can Catch" event will be held on July 9th at the Brooks Aqueduct pond. Our Association will be providing water bottles for the event and anyone who would like to help would be greatly appreciated. To date, Dan Buell, Pete and Patty Green, Rick and Donna Martin and Joyce Maitland have volunteered.
- The AFGA antelope fencing near Patricia has been moved ahead to July 16/17th. Mac Anderson has said he will try to coordinate something with them.
- Donna Martin has called Superior Propane regarding the tank and they have told her they would come and look at it, with the hopes of moving it right away if it doesn't have much propane in it.
- September 20, 2016, is tentatively our next meeting date.
- ***Mac Anderson moved, Wes Schuett seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.***

Addendums:

Via email on July 6, 2016 - *Patty Green moved, Chad Williams seconded, and it was passed to spend up to \$250.00 on food and non-alcoholic drinks for either lunch or supper for the antelope fencing project volunteers at the Patricia site.*

Via email on July 24, 2016 – *Cori Forseth moved, Chad Williams seconded, and it was passed to spend \$250.00 at GasLamp to enable us to create a dynamic Minutes and Reports page on our BFGA website.*