

**Brooks Fish and Game Association
Meeting Minutes
October 20th, 2015**

Attendees - Dan Buell, Mac Anderson, Donna Martin, Lester Janke, Hans Kiefaber,
Joyce Maitland

- Dan Buell, President, called the meeting and distributed copies of the proposed agenda.
- ***Donna Martin moved, Lester Janke seconded, and the agenda was approved.***
- Copies of the September 15th, 2015 minutes, which had been emailed to the membership, were available. ***Donna Martin moved, Lester Janke seconded, and the minutes were approved.***
- Mac Anderson reported that the current bank balance amounts were approximately the same as stated in his previous Treasurer's Report, with the BFGA bank balance roughly \$1,500.00 higher. He presented a brief outline on the annual costs of maintaining the membership and the range, and how much is covered by current membership fees after the AFGA is paid their share. For 2016, he estimated that the excess of revenues over expenses would be approx. \$700.00.
- Donna Martin reported a total of 525 members, with 297 regular, 73 family, 149 dependents and 6 youth to date.
- Donna Martin said she would have a sign up sheet at the upcoming Gun Show for anyone interested in the next Hunter Education course to leave their names and contact info.
- Dan gave a brief report on the Gun Range, saying that he will change out the 200 yard gong and add angled deflectors to avoid damage to the brackets.
- Gun Show - Dan reported that the show is sold out, with 108 vendor tables and 4 tables for our association, and that he has enough volunteers to help.

New Business

- Planning our guest speakers for 2016 was discussed, with general consensus to invite Fisheries biologists in the spring, the fall to be focused around hunting, i.e. Jim Clark for turkey calling, and winter on gun maintenance, Suffield elk hunt, Conservation Officers, etc. ***Lester Janke moved, Donna Martin seconded, and it was passed for the BFGA to pay for any room costs arising for out of town guest speakers.***
- Mac discussed his recommendation to raise membership fees in 2017 by \$20.00 across the board, as there have been quite a few costs associated with improvements to the gun range these past couple of years. Also needing to be factored in is what the AFGA is planning for their portion, as it may be increasing. Any increase to our membership fees would have to be done as a motion at our AGM and would take effect the following year. Mac will draft up a resolution to be brought forth at the next AGM.

- Our three year commitment to the EID for the Partners in Habitat Development program has now ended. Dan, who is the Land Administrator – Wildlife, Habitat & Access at the EID, will evaluate the program before asking for further funding in the future. Covering the cost for seeding corn for pheasant habitat at Rolling Hills will be deferred until the December meeting to research the matter further, after hearing what recommendations the ACA brings forward.
- The Awards Night banquet was discussed, with the Tilley hall now booked for February 6, 2016. A three person committee was struck, consisting of Mac Anderson, Lester Janke, and Donna Martin. Lester will co-ordinate the donors list, Donna will be in charge of activities and wild game donations, and Mac will take care of meal quotations and circulate what was spent last year on prizes.
- The AFGA Conference will be held in Edmonton from February 18-20, 2016, and we will be eligible to send six delegates. It is much cheaper to register before December 15th, so anyone interested in attending should contact Dan before that date.

Old Business

- We still don't have a PR chair to manage our web page, so Donna was going to ask around to see if any members she knows would be interested.
- There will be no meeting in November, so the next scheduled meeting will be December 15th.

Donna Martin moved, Lester Janke seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.