

Ponoka Fish and Game Association

Meeting minutes February 12th, 2017

Evelyne Huseby	David Abt	Peter Witchell
Christine Frandsen	Wayne Waldbauer	Scotty Rarick
Tyler Sebry	Phil Derksen	Al Mossip
Tim Thoreson	Ray Abt	Sherry Thoreson
Leonard Davis	Dale Jess	Andy Drader
Philip Arndt	Tegan Drader	Aaron Arndt
Justin Davis	Tom Simpson	Todd Nabozniak
Karl Wolsiffer	KenSheehan	Greg White
Dick Sykes	Beth Sikes	Jim Sebry
Robert Greene	Steve Tattrie	Herb McDonald

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of January's minutes by Al Mossip. Seconded by Todd Nabozniak. Carried!

Agenda approved by Al Mossip. Seconded by Tim Thoreson. Carried!

Archery -Scott has a couple price lists from vendors on targets. One vendor is \$20 cheaper per Target, so we will most likely go with them. There will be a meeting of the boys to go over the order. They will be doing the target repairs soon

Banquet-we need Friday night volunteers for set up. Saturday morning volunteers (if anyone wants breakfast you must let Leonard know ahead) 2:30 p.m. is the main time we need volunteers.

-We need a Vanna for the dice game. Tegan Drader has volunteered to be our Vanna.

-Any other donations for the silent auction must get brought in the ASAP.

-If coming to peel potatoes bring your own peeler. Ray and Leonard or setting up stage tomorrow afternoon.

-Grace will be taken care of by Evelyne.

-DJ is covered.

-The pop has to go to town tonight.

Casino -nothing to report.

Big game -34 award recipients this year 15 are from Ponoka area and 5 are from elsewhere.

The stage stuff came from a Free Spirit Taxidermy for the banquet display.

Memberships- we had a total of 870 memberships in 2016.

So far in 2017 we have 230 memberships.

86 are dependent

44 are family

100 are regular

Christine has safely put some memberships elsewhere so is working with Beth off the deposits for memberships to get those paid with no membership sorted out. They are very busy with membership processing 20 to 30 per week.

Bird / fish - Insects news Rusty spotted bumble bee endangered list and us and here the breed of Neo nickitoid that affects the bee's nervous system. It is a chemical used on crops. The use of chemicals banned in Ontario. There are 19,500 bees in the world.

Environment- Castle Parks meeting WMU 400 is February 7th 2017. Proposed bans for no fishing / hunting / quading / etc. Evelyn will be attending and reporting back on it

Predator -pellets not a high price. Tim has talked to a couple fellas and in August. They were paid 20 - \$25 per hide.

Cougar spotting's on the rise. Two sightings reported, one at Battle Lake and one at Stony Plain.

Property- Armstrong Tile ordered. It's the same that will match ours and will be replacing where needed. Jesse will fix/change the cracked urinal.

Rentals - 10,649 and expenses for the year of 2016 and 11,100 income.

Leonard can still access the calendar at this time and the last Saturday in March is the birdhouse building. So that is March 25th, 2017.

Past President- 2022 RCMP fallen through- is out.

The Brick is the warranty on our appliances.

Big Brothers donation-

Leonard Davis made a motion that the Ponoka Fish and Game donate \$200 to the Big Brothers bowl-a-thon. Scott Rarick seconds. Carried!

Dale mentioned that we could give the money to Lorraine Weir from FCSS.

Publicity- article shown in the paper has Ray's picture on it from the horn measuring.

Treasurer- profit loss report was presented. Copies will be available at the next meeting.

We have been holding on to membership money until we get the casino cheque.

We have to pay a minimum of 20 memberships before the conference. Beth will send in some money earmarked for memberships.

\$895 has been sent for the new website.

Range- The range is in good shape. Not used much. Work Bee will be on May 6th, 2017.

Rodeo -Nothing new to report.

Howard Johnson has been actively asking about the rodeo. He has gotten Todd invited to the Wise Foundation banquet. Todd will report back on how that event went.

Trap - Ready and waiting to get going again, as soon as weather permits.

Youth- Nothing to report

Secretary- Nothing to report.

Thank you to Evelynne and Christine for taking minutes at the two previous meetings for me.

Gull Lake

~~Glen Eden~~ - We have acquired the final paperwork on the lease of land at ~~Glen Eden~~.

Gull Lake

We have increased from 33.69 acres to 55.08 acres. The lease is for 25 years and expires in 2032. The original copy will go to Evelyne to keep in a safe place.

A lock for the gate was given tonight to Steve from Leonard.

The property will be fenced in a three wire fence the same as the rest. The new piece will be foot access only... no quads, only a walking path made.

Old Business

a) The conference is on Thursday. Seven are going. It is being held at the Four Point Sheraton

b) Third and last call for elections

c) Website Evelyne/Leonard sent info to the new guy so when they do training session they will have items to work with.

Chimp-mail will be added so people can subscribe or unsubscribe to the website or newsletter.

Leonard said it looks really good so far. Base camp is for the executive that needs to be on it to be able to make changes.

There was discussion on applications for kid's camps being accessible.

There will be access to the company for help at a cost if needed down the line. We are keeping the current domain at this time but there is a plan B if needed.

New business

New Signs on Range- A binary explosive used at the hundred yard place on Range and exploded a Target on the Range. The damage was insignificant at this time. The perpetrator sent an email explaining the error in Judgment. At this time we are asking them to come to help at work bee to make the issue better.

New signs up. See Evelyne note as to keep the executive safe to cover us. Could have flooded us out and breached our dam.

Al will contact the person and let them know when the work bee is. He will send a letter and Evelyne will be cc'd on it.

Correspondence

Donations are being asked for youth program \$200 to \$500 for the AFGA youth conference. To be used for entrance fees for youth to conference from Lethbridge Fish and Game.

There was discussion on how to get youth more involved with our club.

A Hunter Mentor program was done by another club. They found properties and mentors to help the kids hunt.

Other suggestions were a Fish Derby and Archery.

Birds- flax straw used in Duck tunnels. Ian Stewart has square bales available for this. Ian has

a materials list if anyone is interested.

Ken found something in last month's minutes we need to do an amendment. We need to add Lake before trout in the sentence "Predator trout do not spawn".

Elections third round.

Dave Abt made a motion to refund memberships to the executive that have been voted in. Scott Rarick seconded. Carried!

David Abt made a motion to change the signing authority to the new executive. Seconded by Tyler Sebry. Carried!

*Anyone needing a refund check with Beth.

Meeting adjourned 9:21 p.m.