

Ponoka Fish and Game Association

May 5th, 2016

Evelyne Huseby

David Abt

Beth Sykes

Scott Rarick

Phil Derksen

Don Solodiuk

Christine Frandsen

Sherry Thoreson

Dick Sykes

Robert Greene

Robert Politeski

Leonard Davis

Tim Thoreson

Chris Lyle

Tom Simpson

Jim Sebry

Dale Jess - Name added to sign up sheet. Please remember to sign in. Thank you!

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Introductions Completed

1. Phil Derksen moved the March meeting minutes approved. Tim Thoreson seconded. CARRIED.

2. Agenda moved approved with additions by Tim Thoreson. Jim Sebry seconded. CARRIED.

3. Reports:

a. Archery- It has been good month. 16 to 18 people attending. 30 new participants.

They will be shooting the course this week.

Evelyne asked if shooting a crossbow is allowed.

Yes, crossbows are allowed but MUST use target tips only.

Scott Rarick made a motion to purchase new archery foam repair kits up to \$1000. Tom Simpson seconded. Carried!

b. Banquet- Nothing to Report.

Beth is working on the transfer.

Evelyne gave information on units Reese suggested using at the banquet to Dave and Leonard.

c. Casino- Nothing to report.

d. Big Game- The award boards are done.

There are some calls to make on trophies yet.

The Executive list is not updated yet on the website.

Dale will take care of the lighting for the awards boards.

e. Membership- our membership totals are currently at:

Regular - 266,

Family - 128,

Dependent - 250

Grand total of 644 memberships.

f. Bird/Fish- dale mentioned getting oversized screws for the roof.

Tree swallows are back.

He fixed the birdhouses.

g. Environment- Province wide fire ban. Air quality is poor.

h. Grants- Edmonton land trust pamphlet came in the mail.

i. Predator- Falcon webcams are up and running.

j. Property- Dennis Jones and Ted Dillian from the Fire Department will be out next week to do the fire inspection.

Discussion on playground equipment available soon. Do we want any of it? We need to figure out the locations and what is required/needed.

- k. Rental – Ducks unlimited middle of July. It is the same week as kid's camp. It is right after ours. It is a 3 day rental and charging \$900. They are looking for 20 gauge. They have 12 gauge. The money will go towards bird house building.  
-Cleaning check list for Shelby.
- l. Past President- Kitchen renovations cost discussion.  
**Leonard made a motion to sell the new commercial stove for a reasonable cost/value so that we can continue with the kitchen renovations. Dave seconded. Carried!**  
Next weekend is the volunteer appreciation day! Leonard needs lists of the volunteers to invite.  
It is on May 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 am.
- m. Property (Glen Eden) – Pofianga lawnmowers- cub cadet is fixed. Zero turn battery charging failed so a new battery has been picked up.  
Chris has changed oil in both lawnmowers. New belts on the pull-behind and blades sharpened.  
May need a new battery it is charging now.  
Post has been put in.  
The place looks the same as the last time before the youth school winter camp was there.  
The camp kitchen floor splits and heaves. It has approximately a 3 inch gap. It should settle down.
- n. Publicity- Robert gave a Wildlife Awards Banquet report. Robert and Phylis went and brought back brochures.  
Dale Jess brought in a copy of an old newsletter posted for the club. There was general discussion on the clubs history and fundraising.
- o. Treasurer- The previous bounced cheque has been made good now.  
Beth gave monthly financial report.  
The Society's report is done.  
Beth is working on the casino report. We should know a date by next meeting.  
Robert Greene mentioned Jerry Fink is in poor health. Jerry is a lifetime member.
- p. Range- Discussion on a letter about the range numbers. We have 2 range numbers.  
One is for the Rifle / Handgun range (AB206R) and the other is for the Trap Range (AB205R).
- q. Rifleman's Rodeo- Nothing to report
- r. Trap- First Trap night was a good turnout. Second night was wet.  
**Dick Sykes made a motion to donate 10 boxes of pigeons to the Red Deer Fish & Game Youth Pheasant Shoot. Dale Jess seconded. Carried!**  
The Red Deer Clubs contact is Kevin Wingert.  
Dick is looking for a volunteer for trap to cover for his days off.
- s. Youth Programs- 15 youth so far. Isabelle and Ashley will not be here this year.  
There will be a new Fish and Wildlife officer for this camp.  
Kayla is teaching the First Aid again.  
Tom and Scott will be teaching Archery.  
Dick will be teaching Trap.  
Medicine River Wildlife Center will be bringing an owl.  
Sandra from Game on Outdoors will come out one afternoon.  
Leonard will pick up the furs from AHEIA and return them. Christine will book it.
- t. President- Evelyne reviewed her list and confirmed all items had been covered.
- u. Secretary- Sherry brought up the club donating to the Fort McMurray disaster. She suggested we donate her positions \$500 budget to a local group such as Christine Frandsen's Brother and the other family's they have taken in, instead of the Red Cross.  
There was group discussion.

**Dale Jess made a motion to donate \$500 to help with relief for Fort McMurray survivors that Christine Frandsen and her family have taken in. Dick Sykes seconded. Carried!**

- v. Property (Gull Lake) – Robert brought maps in of the Gull Lake property and the lease land available. Robert has the application for leasing and has been dealing with Robert Shorten. Discussion on property and fees/costs/deposits pertaining to the lease.
- Lease for \$25 per year for 25 years.
  - deposit required up to approximately \$5000.
  - disposition fee of \$400.
  - mapping fee of \$50.
  - survey required approximately \$1200.

**Dale Jess made a motion to apply for leasing the new 80 plus acres of Gull Lake property for up to \$2500 for the purpose of habitat only. Dave seconded. Carried!**

#### 4. Old Business

- a. Bylaw amendments are approved. Leonard will get the new ones written up by our next meeting.
- b. Ducks Unlimited are looking for volunteers. Evelyne and Christine are helping with information on food amounts for the number of youth they have. They are bringing their own pigeons. Contact Blaine Burns [huntermentor@duck.ca](mailto:huntermentor@duck.ca) if interested in volunteering.
- c. Ernie Westling talked to Tom about the beaver dams down in the bottom. The county has said it is up to us to remove beaver dams at our cost. Ernie charges approximately \$75 per hour to dig them out.

**Tom Simpson made a motion to have Ernie dig out the beaver dam on the Pofianga property, up to 10 hours or \$750 plus gst. Tim Thoreson seconded. Carried!**

d. Zone 3 update

- June 4 is kid's fish day at the Lacombe pond.
- July/August 2018 casino
- a committee has been formed to decide how Zone 3 money is to be spent.
- discussion on lake lease east of Innisfail

**Dale Jess made a motion to donate \$200 to Central Alberta Fish& Game to gravel the road into lake.**

**Dave Abt seconded. Defeated!**

#### 5. New Business

- a. Tyler Sebry would like to sign a renewal lease for a 3 year period. Evelyne suggested a 2 year lease.
- b. Clean up is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 am start. Leonard is supplying lunch.
- c. Correspondence from Howie Johnston. He would like half a dozen posters for the 2016 Rifleman's Rodeo. It is not the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

**Jim Sebry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Thoreson seconded. CARRIED!**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.**