

**Ponoka Fish and Game Association
November 3rd, 2016**

Evelyne Huseby
Christine Frandsen
Beth Sykes
Herb McDonald
Tom Simpson
Ray Abt

Tim Thoreson
David Abt
Robert Green
Steve Tattrie
Tyler Sebry
Ken Sheehan

Sherry Thoreson
Dick Sykes
Dale Jess
George Ward
Les Oberst

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Introductions Completed

1. Christine Frandsen moved the October 5th meeting minutes approved. Steve Tattrie seconded. CARRIED.
2. Agenda moved approved with additions by Christine Frandsen. Tom Simpson seconded. CARRIED.
3. **Reports:**

- a. Archery- It's time to put down your bows and pick up your boom-sticks ☺
- b. Banquet- Leonard is checking into warming ovens.
- c. Casino- The last group that worked did not count the boxes so Dave and the Advisor had to stay to count them.

The next Casino will be in the first quarter of 2020.

- d. Big Game- Ray stated the Suffield Elk hunt is a joke!

Ray will need a membership list.

Game On is supplying the knives for the horn measuring prizes.

Ray needs measurers and people watching the table.

Snacks provided

May sell beverages

May have door prize

Selling memberships

- e. Membership- all books need to come in. Christine has books and keys available.

Our membership totals are currently at:

Regular – 383

Family – 164

Dependent – 314

Grand total of 861 memberships.

Review of infractions on the sign in sheets.

Discussion followed on what to do about it.

A letter is to go out with renewals on breaking the rules and how the infractions will be dealt with.

Shotguns have been used on the range and targets have been shot up.

Everyone so far has been great with the new price of memberships.

- f. Bird/Fish- Whirling disease is in Alberta. It affect's salmon and trout. Infected fish are safe for human consumption. The fisheries have been closed. Two have since been opened.

Transferred by birds eating infected fish and defecating in a new water source.

It can be transferred on boots as well. Please be sure to clean foot wear between streams.

Whirling disease originated in 1954 from Europe.

Biologists are working to reintroduce the Western Cutthroat trout in southern Alberta. They are going to try to remove all other types of trout and reintroduce the western cutthroat in the Chinook Lake. They will

have a moratorium of 5 years.

g. Environment- Nothing to report.

h. Predator- cottagelife.com "13 things you didn't know about Coyotes"

i. Property- New toilet has been installed.

We need to descale the hot water heater.

The gun shed needs more than just tin. Estimate is for \$460 for tin \$120 for edgings plus cost of misc.

Should be approximately \$800

Dale Jess made a motion to buy materials to fix up the shooting shack for up to \$800. Tom Simpson seconded. Carried!

The shed containing targets still needs to be assessed for repairs.

Dale is to go ahead and replace the rest of the recessed lights in the clubhouse.

Trees were planted around the clubhouse and lake front by Tim and Sherry Thoreson. The work on the ramp area to lay down landscape fabric and ground cover will be finished in 2017.

j. Rental – the first Saturday in December is rented out.

k. Past President- Nothing to report.

l. Property (Glen Eden) – some benches and grass seed are missing. Please let Tom know if it was repurposed or there may have been a theft and we should get some camera's up.

m. Publicity- Robert has a letter to submit next week. Robert spoke to Glen McKay about instructor's course. It should be set up for the first part of December.

Robert asked for a template for scoring the Firearms course.

n. Treasurer- Monthly report reviewed

o. Range- Al was wondering if Tim had sold any brass yet as he would to purchase 2x4's.

p. Rifleman's Rodeo- Nothing to report.

q. Trap- \$1977 for 2 pallets of pigeons. Need to track boxes used.

Dick mentioned he knows about a deal on large orders of shotgun shells delivered.

r. Youth Programs- Flash drives and score sheets were sent out to all the participants.

Better ventilation is needed in the cabins. Dale will check into it.

Winter camp is not happening this year.

s. President- Zone 3 meeting was October 25, 2016 in Leduc. We did not receive notice of the meeting.

Evelyne was informed that the spring meeting will be held at Pofianga on April 9th. Leonard needs to be contacted to confirm if that date is available.

The meal at the meeting is normally covered by the hosting club.

t. Secretary- Nothing to Report.

u. Property (Gull Lake) – Signs need to be put up. Steve doing rules sign up.

We should have signs made for both campsite properties.

Robert is still working on getting answers on the lease application.

Steve will not be at the next meeting.

Evelyne would like pictures of the property for the website.

4. Old Business

a. Review of special meeting outcome. Evelyne explained what was decided and that a copy of the meeting minutes will be kept on file.

b. website: Dale gave information from his son on who he uses in India for his website design. It cost around \$2000.

Evelyne is sitting down with Edge designs to talk price point compared to last year's quote.

 Tabs needed: Kids Camp

 Rifleman's Rodeo

Horn Measuring
Memberships
Calendar
Contacts
Gallery
Birdhouse building
Rules/Procedures
Meeting Minutes
Rentals

- c. Membership insurance: American income life death and disability benefit may be dropped. There has been many complaints because of the harassing sales phone.
The club insurance is not affected.
Some clubs are now pulling their memberships from the Alberta Fish and Game due to these issues.
There is other range insurance out there but is very expensive.
- d. Calendars- need pics tonight. Tom will be submitting by next Friday.
Slide show for Banquet.

5. New Business

- a. Kevin Wingert is giving the club \$1000 to use towards something web related or computer.
He is sending out a form to Evelyne.
Discussion on how this donation is to be received.
We would like to use it towards our web design.
- b. Conference is February 23, 24, 25 2017 at the Edmonton at the 4 points Sheraton. We will discuss at December's meeting.

Correspondence- Nothing to report.

Ray Abt adjourned the meeting at 9:11pm.