

**Ponoka Fish and Game Association**  
**Meeting Minutes August 1, 2019**

Evelyne Huseby  
Ray Abt  
Tom Simpson  
Leonard Davis  
Ron Rarick  
Jim Sebry

Scott Rarick  
Tim Thoreson  
Brent Nabozniak  
Herb Macdonald  
Robert Greene  
Beth Sykes

Dick Sykes  
David Abt  
Christine Frandsen  
Dale Jess  
Philip Arndt  
Phylis Walcheski

1. CTO at 7:30pm by Evelyne Huseby
2. Roll call completed
3. Approval of Minutes with correction in attendance to spell 'Davis' not 'David'. Minutes approved by Jim, seconded by Scott. Carried.
4. Approval of agenda with addition of Millet canoe trip and Ag Society Wetaskiwin-Seacan. Agenda approved by Tom, seconded by Christine. Carried.
  - A) archery- Scott reports there has been a lot of rain, only one shoot in July, only 75 shooters this year, last shoot is August 21
  - B) banquet- nothing
  - C) casino- cheques given to Beth for the weekend, all volunteers will be called to confirm
  - D) big game- licenses now available, under subscribed are as well; in Ponoka, the registries office is doing fishing and hunting license; app can be downloaded so no paper is needed to carry (Alberta RELM app)
  - E) memberships- cannot upload as of this week, Christine will contact Edmonton to see what is going on; Ray needs a copy of current members as of August 25 for trophies
  - F) bird/fish- Dale passed around an article about grassland birds and conservation efforts that are working for waterfowl and not so much for the grassland birds
  - G) environment-nothing
  - H) predator- in Conklin-shooting wolves to cut down pack size from a helicopter (caribou protection area), this happened last winter; need to speak up more to contradict PETA and other groups like this in order for the public to get both sides of the story
  - I) property-Tom Webber called-need to dam inspected, may need to remove trees, road needs grading and/or gravel, Inland will donate the gravel, should be done next week; Dale ordered 2 spare kits for the pumps at \$159 each
  - J) rentals- booked solid until September and October this year
  - K) Past President- nothing
  - L) Glen Eden property- looking good, wood box half full
  - M) publicity- week or so until the next article is ready
  - N) treasurer- last month a term deposit matured and was put into the general account by the bank, October 2019 other term deposit comes due, we need to decide whether to combine them both or wait and if we are moving them to another type of interest bearing account, interest on current savings accounts is minimal and there are better options out there, WTF account has substantial funds and earns little; need to have our money earn better rates; Leonard has been tasked with finding out if our non profit society has restrictions on interest earning accounts and how it should be recorded and

handled; online banking is ready to go; he will decide when we are ready to contact Edge Designs to upgrade our website for payment online of memberships

O) range- looks good

P) Rifleman's Rodeo- trophies and buckles are ordered, 2 scout groups offered to be pit crews but no one has returned his calls, maybe kids camp leaders? might want to help, cannot run the rodeo without a pit crew, weekend before rodeo is cleanup work bee starting at 9am August 25 and we need volunteers

Q) trap- 5-7 shooters every Tuesday, 2 pallets of pigeons in, turkey shoot last weekend in September (September 28), limit of 60 for supper (pig roast), Scott suggests Family Meats in Ponoka for the pig

R) youth- camp was awesome!; leaders did most of the meals and really stepped up this year as a group; photos done up for sponsors-Sommers Home Hardware, Blaine Caulkins, Ducks Unlimited, Subway Crestomere; Ponoka Oils sponsorship (George Stewart memorial)- 2 campers were chosen for reimbursement of fees- most improved camper chosen by the camp leaders and the most inspiring camper chosen by the campers

-turned away 8 for campers and 2 camp leaders; looking at having the camp leader form online in an application style so we can have a steady stream of veteran leaders and new leaders

- sponsors included AB Laser, Strand, Jim Bows Edmonton, Sportsman's Den, Crestomere store- Subway, Campers Village, Blaine Caulkins, AB Fisheries, Sommers Home Hardware

- St A's school- leaders get school credit for attending

S) President- amazing donation from one of her clients, client husband passed away and he had a lot of survival supplies including gear, meal packs, ammunition and the wife had no home for it all so she donated it to the Kids Youth Camp at Pofianga for us to use as we see fit

T) secretary- not in attendance but reports that no motion was found in the last 2 years of minutes for the camp kitchen at Gull Lake; Red asks that she go back one more year and President will pass the message on to her

U) Gull Lake property- nothing

## Old Business

1) Millet canoe trip-Drayton Valley

-Millet club has donated another 15.5 foot canoe to the club-very generous

- trailer needs a spare tire- we will take care of it 225/75 R15-5 bolt?, Pofianga will pick up a tire and rim

- canoe straps- lock tight on connector links, they were found on the ground beside the trailer, just need straps away from the ratchets

-17 people were scheduled and 15 went; one kayak with kids on the rapids and rocks-a little concerning but the kids had proper training already, wind created a lot of work in the middle of the trip but it was good in the beginning and the end

Dale mentioned the Paddle Canada course-he will have to take it to keep instructing at kids camp, Ashlynn is interested in taking it as well

Motion: Tim- send Millet a thank you card for the donation of the canoe. Seconded by Tom. Carried.

## New Business

1) Medicine River birdhouses- all the ones at Pofianga are numbered and a map has been made for

Medicine River to use, Judy Boyd does the rehiring of birds for them, she has GPS for the boxes, if we add any we just need to let her know and update the map; Medicine River is struggling to find homes for Mule Deer fawns

2) Ag Society Wetaskiwin seacan- Christine's sister is with the Society and she mentioned that the Moose Hall in Edmonton was selling everything, they paid \$2500 for the entire contents of the seacan; once they have inventoried it, they will let us know so we can consider any of the items for purchase possibly

#### Correspondence

-Smoky trout farm flier

-AFGA newsletter updates-2020 conference needs volunteer coordinators, chronic wasting disease report and presentation from 2019 conference is at [www.ofah.org/ccac](http://www.ofah.org/ccac).

-4th edition of Alberta Wildlife Records book is available for order by September 15, 2019

-Honda Canada is an AFGA sponsor

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm by Ray.