

**Ponoka Fish and Game Association  
September 3rd, 2015**

Evelyne Huseby	Brent Nabozniak	Ken Sheehan
Scott Rarick	Phil Donnelly	Al Mossip
Phyllis Walcheske	Tom Simpson	Leonard Davis
Robert Politeski	Beth Sykes	Dick Sykes
Chris Lyle	Tyler Sebry	Rick Kuss
Tim Thoreson	Sherry Thoreson	Wayne Gardner
Victor Rawley	Jim Sebry	David Abt
Steve Tattrie	Tova Christensen	Robert Greene

\*There is one signature I cannot read so that person is not added to the list. This is a reminder to please print names legibly on the sign in sheet. Thank you!

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

**Introductions Completed**

1. **Brent Nabozniak moved the August 6th meeting minutes correct with one admendment required. There were 3 shooters on the range during kids camp. Al Mossip seconded. CARRIED.**
2. **Agenda moved correct with additions by Tim Thoreson, seconded by Brent Nabozniak. CARRIED.**
3. **Reports:**
  - a. Archery- Scott reviewed an Income/expense summary sheet. Income earned will be given to our treasurer, Beth Sykes, to deposit.
    - We had 180 shooters in 22 weeks.
    - New foam is required for the targets.
  - b. Banquet- Nothing to report.
    - Evelyne has brought in chaffing dishes fuel and grill bricks.
  - c. Casino- No Casino for another year.
  - d. Big Game- Nothing to report.
  - e. Membership- Tova reported our membership totals are currently at:
    - Regular - 347,
    - Family - 156,
    - Dependent – 326
    - Grand total of 829 memberships.At our next meeting we will need to go over what will go into the membership renewal envelopes.
    - I.e. Range Rules
    - Area covered for memberships needs to be reviewed. Some members are asking what our zone is and if they are out of it will their memberships be dropped? Or can they be grandfathered in if they continue to renew their memberships?**Robert Greene made a motion that there be no restrictions on memberships for where the member comes from. Dave Abt seconded. CARRIED.**
  - f. Bird/Fish- 29 Blue heron carcasses in the oil sands. Syncrude may be fined for this. They were fined in 2008 for the death of 1600 ducks.
  - g. Environment- On August 19, 2015 the government backed away from land sales through the Cariboo lands.
  - h. Grants- Nothing to report.
  - i. Predator- Tim Thoreson provided a "Cougars at Risk" handout. Tim mentioned a current Outdoor Life article on "How to protect yourself from wildlife attacks". There was discussion on the latest bear attacks and that one of the reasons they were able to survive was because they had pepper spray hanging from their

necks for easier access, and they were both fortunate enough to be able to use theirs.

- j. Property- We have three separate charges at the UFA. Two are for the Gull Lake property and one is for the roof repair at the clubhouse.
  - Contact Dale Jess if you know where the trailer hitch is. It is missing or misplaced from the Gull Lake trip.
  - Water samples have been taken into the Wetoka Health Unit. One was taken from the cattle water supply and the other was taken from the pump-jack.
  - Two weeks ago the water hose was cut that supply's the cattle across the road. It was repaired as soon as possible. (Within a couple hours of it happening)
  - There was a suggestion to have a work bee to discuss possible ways to have it out of the way in the lawn mowing area so that it does not get cut again.
- k. Rental – we are now booking into 2019. The boardroom rental is \$150.00 per day.
- l. Past President- Nothing to report.
- m. Property (Glen Eden) – The year is coming to an end. Thanks to everyone who has helped this year!  
It is really appreciated!
  - Chris mowed the grass again last week.
  - The woodshed is restocked.
  - The grass is coming in good where the stumps were.
  - Chris would like to spray for clover if possible.
  - There has been no vandalism this year.
  - There are a few issues with the swisher mower. It needs the belt repaired or replaced.
- n. Publicity- Robert has a letter into the newspaper and will put in an update from the Rifleman's Rodeo.
  - Robert reported that the disapproval of hunting by the public eye is at a 20 year low. 88% out of 5500 people approved of hunting in a poll done across the country.
  - Information for the next conference will be brought to the next meeting. It can be found in the Outdoor Ed book. The conference will be held in Edmonton at the Ramada Inn from February 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- o. Treasurer- Beth Sykes presented monthly income and expense reports for July and August.
  - Recently paid bills will affect the totals in the accounts.
  - Received Society return from the government.
  - Received a cheque for buckles from Galloways.
  - Brent has a buckle receipt for Beth.
- p. Range- Our paperwork has been sent into the Chief Firearms Officer for review. He is okay with what we have written and said that our executives need to go over and approve it.
  - We need to build the berm up on the west side of the range.
  - Wade from Galloway Construction would like to challenge the firearms course in exchange for bringing the dirt for the berm. It will be approximately 200 yards of dirt.

**Leonard Davis made a motion to move ahead with the berm project with Galloway Construction Group without having a cost/quote. Al Mossip seconded. CARRIED!**

  - Al Mossip traded out some of the target bases. And will trade out the rest after the Rifleman's Rodeo.
  - Tim Thoreson has been sorting out some of the brass Al Mossip has cleaned up off the range. Tim has been able to sell some as once shot brass and has made more money that way then by selling as scrap metal.
  - Brent Nabozniak has some brass he would like to donate to the range.
- q. Rifleman's Rodeo- Big Country has donated two lounge chairs that will be used as prizes in the raffle.
  - There was a donation for the seniors buckle in memory of Art Walcheske and Russ Nabozniak.
  - Phylis Walcheske has three buckles left to collect the donations on.

- The Ponoka Fish & Game have items to donate for door prizes.
- There are a few more Rifleman's Rodeo caps available to sell yet at the Rodeo.
- Cal Nash would like a picture of the junior trophy he donated in memory of his son.
- r. Trap- we need another pallet of pigeons.
  - We have \$1600 in the bank. White flyers are the type they would like to purchase. Dick will contact Dale at Sportsman Den about getting them.
  - The attendance has been good on trap night.
  - general discussion on trap times and renters.
- s. Youth Camp- Tyler from Ponoka Fish & Game has 15 fish to donate for next year's youth camp.
- t. President- Nothing to report.
- u. Secretary- My email and phone number are still incorrect on our website. I will contact Rae again about it. If someone needs to contact me or has been trying to send me something my number is 780-405-2212. My email is sherrythoreson69@gmail.com
- v. Pistol- the R.C.M.P. approved our paperwork and say we need to develop a plan to implement.
- w. Property (Gull Lake) – the cisterns are in and just need to be sided.
  - The gates are installed.
  - The fencing is complete on the north, south and west sides. The east fence is still in progress.
  - The ESRD lease is NOT renewed yet on the property. Robert Greene said we have a verbal agreement on the lease at this point.
  - The survey was completed.
  - The fire pit is installed.
  - The road is finished.
  - The campsite has been mowed.
  - There are bills for the club for the materials from the Co-op and UFA.
  - There is left over food and refreshments.
  - There has been three fire pits donated to Ponoka Fish & Game (2 - from Almita, 1- from Big Country).
  - The fence is looking good, boat launch is open, come out and have a look.
  - The club would like a list of the volunteers and donators.
  - Steve Tattrie mentioned we need a camp kitchen.
  - Thompson Ditching bought the toilets.
  - We are over budget by \$2700 on the property. Tom Simpson made a suggestion to run a raffle to offset the costs.
  - At our next meeting we will review the project and recoup options. Steve is to bring back a project analysis.
  - We need the lease in place.

#### 4. Old Business

- a. Duties of executive
- b. Gull Lake- Steve Tattrie has receipts for additional out of pocket expenses of \$420.00.
- c. Pofianga Kitchen Reno's – Ray Abt is waiting to hear on when the stove is available. The owners said the stove is ours as soon as they get their new one delivered.
 

**Leonard Davis would like to make a motion to use the general account funds on the Kitchen Reno's until the term deposit comes due. The motion is tabled until Leonard has quotes.**
- d. Highway clean-up will no longer be done by the Girl Guides. Tova will check with the 4-H club to see if they will do it. The area to clean is on Highway #2 starting from the Meniak overpass township road #422 to the next overpass to the south township road #435.
- e. the oil leases are tabled until next month's meeting.

- f. the sidewalks are designed to be cut out and replace damaged/cracked pieces. Leonard inspected the sidewalk and the cracks we have are still level and not lifted. We would be wasting our time caulking as it will cause a trip hazard when it does ~~shift~~ <sup>shift</sup> and lift.

**5. New Business**

- a. Thank you to the clean-up crew that came and helped at the work bee!  
We need firewood. Bad popular trees need to be cleared. Trees with dead tops can be cut down. If any trees are considered a safety issue they should be cut down. All cleared can then be bucked up for firewood.
- b. The boardroom table Brent Nabozniak brought up and assembled needs to be moved to accommodate the wedding next weekend. It can then be reset up and the club can determine if they would like to keep it or sell it.
- c. We have received our food handling permit. No grilling inside until renovations are completed and approved.

**Ken Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Thoreson seconded. CARRIED!**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.**