

**Ponoka Fish and Game Association
November 6th, 2015**

David Abt
Tom Simpson
Jim Sebry
Dale Jess
Ken Sheehan

Sherry Thoreson
Beth Sykes
Tova Christensen
Leonard Davis

Tim Thoreson
Dick Sykes
Christine Frandsen
Ray Abt

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

Introductions Completed

1. Tom Simpson moved the October 1st meeting minutes correct. Tim Thoreson seconded. CARRIED.

2. Agenda moved correct with additions by Tom Simpson, seconded by Sherry Thoreson. CARRIED.

3. Reports:

a. Archery- Nothing to report.

b. Banquet- The banquet will be February 6th, 2016. Leonard would like to have a meeting to create the "What to do white boards" for the banquet.

There was discussion regarding entertainment and it was decided to continue booking the same DJ.

c. Casino- we have a casino in the last quarter of 2016. We will be given a date around April/May of 2016. Dave has 6 or 7 people that would like to volunteer for it.

d. Big Game- December 6th- horn measuring.

Dave reported his experience on opening day at the Suffield Elk hunt.

Leonard reviewed his email on poached Big Horn Sheep.

e. Membership- Tova reported our membership totals are currently at:

Regular - 364,

Family - 157,

Dependent - 329

Grand total of 850 memberships.

There was discussion on putting an explanation of the new rules on the website to cover any questions that may come up.

Tova will go over how to fill out forms at the next meeting. They will also be added to the website.

Everyone who has membership booklets please remember to bring to our next meeting to exchange for the new stamped ones.

A Sympathy card was filled out and signed by all present for Harold Dootson

f. Bird/Fish- Dale Jess bought extra filters for the aerators.

Our Insurance contact recommended shutting down the water aerators for the winter. After some discussion it was agreed to shut them off.

g. Environment- Nothing to report.

h. Grants- Nothing to report.

i. Predator- Tim Thoreson brought in an article from CBC news on the bounties on coyotes and wolves over the past 5 years. 25,000 coyotes and 1,400 wolves have been harvested.

Check out MyWildAlberta website.

Ernie Westling from the county will be taking care of the beavers in the spring. He would like to bring in a hoe and open up the dams down below. (Shane no longer works there.)

j. Property- Nothing to report.

k. Rental – We have two renters in November, one in December and one in January.

l. Past President- Nothing to report.

- m. Property (Glen Eden) – Chris is going this weekend to pick up the lawnmower. He will get it serviced and bring it to store at Pofianga.
- n. Publicity- Nothing to Report.
- o. Treasurer- Beth Sykes presented monthly income and expense reports for October.
Beth and Tova would like to present the monthly income and expense reports according to the statement cycle and Tova's software program. We need to see an example and those individual transactions have explanations included on reports (eg: what were cheques written for).
Beth Spoke to the Dootson family to see what they would like the club to do in Harold's memory. She was told Harold had prepared another knife and the family would like to donate it to the club for the banquet.
Tova recommended etching a memorial to Harold on it and Leonard recommended auctioning it at the banquet.
- p. Range- October 25th clean up went well. 15 people showed up to help.
The berm got finished and seeded. The water run was not disturbed. Half of the seed was donated by Ponoka Fertilizer.
Jim Sebry ran the loader all day as Galloway brought dirt in. Galloway donated all of the dirt, their hauling and manpower.
We need to measure the height and pick rocks. We may need to put a fence on the top.
We may need to install a chain link fence and a gate.
The dead fall was cleared out by the driveway.
The wood was stocked up.
Docks were pulled out.
They worked from 10am to 3pm.
- q. Rifleman's Rodeo- Nothing to report.
- r. Trap- The pallet of White Flyer pigeons were \$100 cheaper than the other brand. It just takes a little longer to get them in.
The last two trap nights no one else showed up.
- s. Youth Camp- Tyler Young donated a confiscated fishing rod, and will have more donations.
The kids winter camp is slated for December 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2015 (Monday to Thursday).
Christine needs more volunteers to make it work. Evelyne and Cody are available. Please contact Christine if you would like to volunteer.
- t. President- The 4-H will not take on the highway clean up.
Leonard Davis made a motion to discontinue doing the highway clean up. Jim Sebrey seconded. CARRIED!
-The meeting on the Reno's for the Alberta Fish and Game was uninformative. No information on a budget, on leasing or exactly how much has been saved already for this project. There was a vote taken and was passed allowing the Alberta Fish and Game to spend 1 million dollars.
-Zone 3 meeting- the above was discussed.
-5 slaughtered Big Horn Sheep and the fines given to the persons responsible were discussed.
-The aerators to be shut off.
-Harold Dootson discussed above.
-guidelines for memorials to be reviewed next meeting.
-Chain Lakes and Friends of Chain Lakes discussion.
- u. Secretary- Nothing to report.
- v. Pistol- Information on how birds migrate.
NATO wants to come up with a worldwide gun law.
Ken mentioned we really do not need a pistol chair at this time.

w. Property (Gull Lake) – Dave brought a signed copy of the Gull Lake Lease agreement.

4. Old Business

- a. Dave Abt, Evelyne Huseby and their spouses will be attending the conference in February 2016.
- b. Tabled Oil leases until the next meeting.
- c. Tom presented pricing from Strand on the calendars.

Tom Simpson made a motion to raise the sponsorship amount to \$200 and to order 400 calendars from Strand. Tim Thoreson seconded, Carried!

5. New Business

- a. Topics listed here on the agenda were discussed under the presidents section above.
- b. The insurance assessor requires an itemized list of inventory from all positions/chairs that have club inventory. Lists are to be provided by the December meeting and we should include the new stove.

Correspondence:

The friends of Chain lakes letter on water quality reviewed.

Leonard Davis made a motion that in the future regarding Friends of Chain Lakes we support the efforts to improve environmental issues. Tim Thoreson seconded. Carried!

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.