

Ponoka Fish and Game Association

Meeting Minutes July 4, 2024

Aaron Arndt	Tim Thoreson	Christine Frandsen	Leonard Davis	Richard Graves
Brandon Bolin	Dale Jess	David Abt	Ray Abt	
Tom Simpson	Herb MacDonald	Tanner Simpson		

Approval of June Minutes Tim, Tom Seconded all in favor

Archery – no shooting yet – been cleaning out the range and making a smaller loop down in the bottom of the range.

Banquet – Nothing to Report

Casino – nothing to Report

Big Game- Leonard and Ray attended Boone and Crocket & Pope and Young course in Regina. If a set of horns have been measured, they do not need to be remeasured, especially if they have already measured by an official measurer. The course was long and lots of intense information. Tests were long and intense, but both passed and learnt a lot.

Membership- Still have the odd membership trickling in. Will have an updated membership list in August.

Bird/Fish – Richard seeing Hungarian chicks a flock of up to 21 one day

Environment – Nothing to report

Predator – Female grizzly killed in a park in BC her 2 cubs were hit and killed, motor vehicle incident, before her, she was a white grizzly. Had moved her but continually made it back to her home.

Hikers were attacked in Waterton National Park, bear not found.

Hayes Junction, Yukon 3 bears killed looking for a 4th bear, due to an attack.

Property POFFIANGA – Kyle's, grounds keeper, boss donating par 3 to tackle the dandelions. Discussion had to have it applied just before frost 3rd week in Sept to October to spray the dandelions that will minimize spring outburst of plants. Tyler George is the donator.

Dale purchased some smaller life jackets.

Rentals – Grounds rented most of the month. All renters are paid up.

Past President - nothing to report

Glen Eden - need mowing and firewood cut. Other than that, is looking great down there.

Publicity nothing to report

Treasurer - please see financials as attached. Finally got paid for our advisor fee from the casino we did.

Range – more targets put out. Not a single piece of brass in the bucket down there. Brass is still disappearing. Signage will have to go up stating that if the brass is not left behind there will be no target backdrops made, and members will be on their own. Posted a new memo on FB about brass disappearing. Consider putting camera in the shooting shack

Firearms business license has arrived

Internet, we have a pole we just need power. Looking to see which pole will work better for the internet.

Rodeo buckles ordered today; prizes are at Tim's. Working with camera to fine tune them for the shoot day. Looking to link the cameras to the TV so that spectators can watch the shots. Couple of donations in already as well. Tim working on junior belt buckles for youth, and battleship tournament.

Trap - ladies camp was very appreciative of the facilities and use of the grounds. They shot till they ran out of ammo. Would like to host 2 more camps.

Regular Trap group has had the weather against them \$435.00 turned in for shooting in the past month. Guns are cleaned and back in the safe.

Youth Program – all is gearing up for camp. We moved Shotguns to Tuesday and rifles to Monday. We do not have Ron on Monday/Tuesday, Jim will be there to help with rifles Monday. Alison from AWF is coming to help teach about Fire Starting, Paracord bracelet building, and shelters. She wants to give back for using the grounds for the Women's Weekend. Dale will be around on Monday and Tuesday.

President – nothing to report

Secretary – nothing to report

Gull Lake – mowed the grass, moose deer and the grass that needed to be cut has all been cut off by the animals. Still cut the grass but might look like it. The grounds are quite wet.

Dave received an email from the neighbor to the east noting that Fish & Game are trespassing over to the neighbor's property and no one was there on the long weekend.

Dave will let neighbor know that POFI is not responsible for all OHV that come down that direction. Threatening to sue Ponoka Fish & Game personal. There are no tracks on our property, so they are not our problem. We fenced according to crown land, and everything was surveyed properly and is legit. No tire tracks on any of our property. The onus is on the neighbor to get the license number and information and report it to RCMP to have the person charged. Dave to reply to the email

Dale shared that the stampede association is looking for chuckwagon finals help volunteers if anyone is available. This is in August

OLD BUSINESS

Spraying – going to spray right after kid's camp – thistles are not good but are thick. Water for the second shot Leonard has arranged the fire department to help us out with a second load of water. Ray has the quote for the spraying. A copy of the quote will go to insurance. This will give us about \$3000.00 for trees. Rule of thumb with grazeonis to stay out about 45 feet away to not kill the trees. Richard will do his best

Life Membership All president past should be life members. Steve Tattre should have been noted as a life member. All in agreement to pass Steve through that he is a lifetime member as he was a president for 3 years and we will contact Steve and let him know that he is going to be recognized. Will recognize him at the banquet in 2025

Camp Kitchen – at POFI grounds. Brandon, Ron have been repairing the kitchen, fixing soffit, kicked the birds out. The siding on the building is done and poor and needs to be replaced. Considering to side or tin it to clean it up. The sq footage is 40 x 20. Will close off the windows. Installing the siding and about 4-5 thousand to do it. Tin the building to preserve it for storage. Proposal brought forward that we spend 11,000.00 for materials and labor to put tin on that building.

Dave made the motion that we tin the camp kitchen. So that we can save the building to a maximum of 10 thousand. Tom seconded All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Alarms- alarms are going off too often we are going to change the fire alarm from a smoke alarm to a heat detector. Every renter sets it off the alarms. Will not get as many calls. Phase 3 booked to do this change over

Meeting adjourned at 2111

