

Ponoka Fish and Game Association

August 4th, 2016

Evelyne Huseby

Les Oberst

Jim Sebry

Christine Frandsen

David Abt

Robert Greene

Dale Jess

Herb McDonald

Ron Rarick

Tim Thoreson

Leonard Davis

Beth Sykes

Scott Rarick

Ron Hayner

Ray Abt

Ken Sheehan

Sherry Thoreson

Tyler Sebry

Dick Sykes

Tom Simpson

Phyllis Walcheske

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Introductions Completed

1. Jim Sebry moved the July 7th meeting minutes approved. Christine Frandsen seconded. CARRIED.

2. Agenda moved approved by Tim Thoreson. Tom Simpson seconded. CARRIED.

3. Reports:

a. Archery- Wind up is at 2pm on the 21st of August. We have been getting an average of 10 shooters per night.

b. Banquet- Nothing to Report.

c. Casino- Application is almost ready to submit. We have new advisors and a good list of volunteers. Casino is October 7th and 8th. Dave is just waiting on an email of what the shifts will be and how many volunteers are needed.

d. Big Game- Nothing to report.

e. Membership- our membership totals are currently at:

Regular - 333

Family - 156

Dependent - 299

Grand total of 788 memberships.

Christine has been going over the rules with membership applicants as there were issues again during the kids camp. There is also an issue with a weapon being used on the range that is not allowed. There is video of the infraction and once Evelyne gets hold of it, she will bring the matter back to the club for resolution.

f. Bird/Fish- The lake is really green. Dale has changed the filters. The water is down approximately 5 inches on the lake.

g. Environment- Pigeon lake does not have blue algae yet.

h. Predator- There was a grizzly that was relocated at Cochrane after it killed some chickens in a pen. The grizzly returned and had to be put down.

i. Property- Dale is working on the door closures. Door hangers were requested for the men's washroom shower. The removable ones that just hang over the top of the door were suggested.

j. Rental – We had one cancelation in September but gained one in October.

k. Past President- We need to do something with our website. Do we hire someone to fix it?

Can we put an advertisement in the paper to get quotes on a new site or repairing ours?

Tim Thoreson made a motion to put an advertisement in the local newspapers for proposals to build or maintain the website for the club. Jim Sebry seconded. Carried!

Evelyne will come up with and send it to Robert. It was suggested to advertise in other papers such as Leduc, Wetaskiwin and or Red Deer.

l. Property (Glen Eden) – Tom said they cleaned up there 3 weeks in a row.

They cut the trees in front of the camp kitchen and split the firewood.

They are building a garage for the lawnmower.

The swing set is done.

The cistern is in and the new outhouse is half done.

m. Publicity- The special meeting notice was in the paper.

The advertisement for the Rifleman's Rodeo will be in the newspaper on the 18th of August.

n. Treasurer- Beth gave monthly financial report. Beth listed off which cheques had been received.

o. Range- the range is in good shape. Thanks for fixing the 25 yard berm. The range is being kept clean and the only things being shot up are the targets!

p. Rifleman's Rodeo- Leonard read Todd's email out regarding the Rodeo. All the trophies are ordered. The targets are being built. The pig is ordered for the pig roast. Todd will be here at the clean up on the 27th. Phyllis reported that all the buckles are donated. She has left a message for Todd about it.

Robert will check into getting the rodeo put on the electronic board in Ponoka this year. It costs \$25 to get it done.

q. Trap- there was complaints about the gate lock being awkward to use. Leonard and Dick will look into getting a welder to build a D-ring set up with a pin. Dave will contact Richard and Cathy Bogath who are local welders.

Trap is going good otherwise. The trap shacks are ok.

r. Youth Programs- We had last minute cancellations and would like to know how to deal with them...should they be given a refund?

After discussion the general consensus was to offer to carry forward to the next year. A vote was done by the youth at camp on who was an outstanding student that met the qualities listed by the counselors and \$250 that was donated from the Millet Fish & Game for kid's camp was refunded to the chosen youth. The remaining \$250 will be used at next year's camp.

Three youth did not pass the exam. Two have since re-wrote and passed. One left to rewrite it before the end of the month.

Game-on will be replacing the knife that was donated.

We have lots of 22 targets for future years.

Smoking a turkey on Monday night was a big hit.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, especially Jim Sebry.

We need to set a cutoff date for the age that can participate. Example: Must be 12 years by July 1st of that year.

Christine Frandsen made a motion to donate \$200 to the Medicine River Wildlife group. Tom Simpson seconded. Carried!

Christine told a story about rescuing an owl. Unfortunately it could not be saved so Christine is looking into getting it mounted to use for the youth camp.

s. President- Man Tracker will be at Crownsnest Pass on August 6. Check Hillcrest Fish and Game facebook page if interested.

Evelyne has found a couple projectors. She would like to donate one to the club. We just need to figure out which one would work the best for the firearms course.

t. Secretary- Sherry passed around an article from the August 3rd Leduc- Wetaskiwin County Market newspaper about a fundraising shooting event at the Edmonton Gun Club on August 27th. This is their 6th annual fundraiser. This year they are donating to the Stollery Children's hospital. \$125 to enter and this includes 100 targets, 12 gauge ammunition and BBQ Steak dinner. More info at Edmontongunclub.com

u. Property (Gull Lake) –members have been out camping.

We have sold \$2500 so far in tickets but we need more sellers.

4. Old Business

- a. Casino was covered already.
- b. Chair responsibilities: there are few more that are needed. Evelyne has created a binder that contains all information.
- c. Water Survey Canada would like to build their 6x6 concrete pad on the dam and would like a key to access the unit for regular monitoring.

After discussion the group feels it is too active a place to be putting up a monitoring station on a gun range.

5. New Business

- a. The boat shed is here and set in place. Just needs to be bolted together and roof put on.
- b. Membership fees need to go up to cover costs and make current.

Leonard Davis made a motion to increase membership fees from \$60 for Single to \$100 and from \$80 for family to \$125 in effect for 2017 memberships. Dick Sykes seconded. 2 against. Carried!

Correspondence- AGFA card 2 complaints on the person/s that came to their house for signature trying to pressure into purchasing more insurance.

It has been confirmed that the cards are not required to be sent in, the coverage is automatic. They do not need to come to your home. Please take names of the solicitors and let AGFA know.

The range/campground is open at Hoadley. Check out Blackmooreshootingsports.com for more information.

Game-on outdoors is selling all their guns and ammo and will be changing their name to Alberta Layer Engraving. They will be focusing more on family focused outdoor store for camping.

Christine bought a large amount of splatter targets and got bore cleaning kits for the club.

Ray Abt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherry Thoreson seconded. Carried!

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.