

Ponoka Fish and Game Association

Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024

Aaron Arndt	David Abt	Tim Thoreson	Tegan Drader
Ben Hellervik	Ken Bond	Ray Abt	Christine Frandsen
Richard Graves	Brandon Bolin	Jacqueline Powell	Candace Rosenke
Mel S			

Meeting called to order 7:31PM

Approval of minutes from January – Ray Approves Christine Seconds. All in Favor Additions to Agenda – Loader - Dave Approves Ray Seconds. All in Favor

Archery – When does archery start? April/May
Nothing to Report

Banquet – Banquet report presented, total profit \$3973.15. Awards purchased for next 5 years.
Raise table amounts for next year to reflect increased food costs.

Casino – Nothing to Report

Big Game - Trophys bought for next 5 years, will include one year of interclub.
Calf Moose found in Wizard Lake area dead infested with ticks.

Membership -

For beginning of 2024 season Total members 196
Family Members 50, Regular Member 64, Dependents 82
New Members 29, Renewed Members 167
2023 total members 471

AFGA asked for roster, Highlight changes and you need full DOB for all members (new this year) for insurance reasons. New database does not match old database. Letters and emails sent for past members from the past 3 years to see if they want to renew.

Ray makes motion to make individual youth membership for under the age of 18. Which includes use of range to be accompanied by active adult member, youth 16 and over allowed to vote at meeting @ cost of \$30. Dave Second. All in Favor.

We will develop membership.

Bird/Fish – Dave seen 2 bald eagles fighting on Sunday outside his window.
Ben joined Alberta Birds on FB - 12 bald eagles sitting in tree out by Lacombe.
Ray – at conference Walleye stocking program stocked lakes. Trying to get back to stocking 30 million fish a year.

Environment – at conference presentation on wildfires- Indigenous people handled fires better than we do today.

Predator - there was a cougar attack In Banff Park on Feb 12 on Rocky Mountain Lake Trail.
There have been a few coyote attacks In the city and 6 Cougar seen at Pigeon Lake

Property Pofianga – Waxed floors. Thistles on the back how do we control these?
Slow speed high clearance and spray. 100 acers needs to be sprayed
Oil company – lease renewal has come due. They want us to slow down if there is any workers out there, they want to reclaim that lease site.

Rentals – AB sherrifs rented for 6 days in January - Paid

Past President – Nothing to Report

Glen Eden – Nothing to Report

Publicity – on last meeting we had a publicity chair, however he withdrew his position

Treasurer - Produced Account Balances
Balance sheet produced and banking summary will no longer include transactions going forward
Trap in red, there was a Cheque cashed in January as was 0 in January.

Range – it's shot up bad, uprights need to be replaced.

Rifleman's Rodeo – Nothing to Report

Trap – Got quite a few new faces showing up, income \$885 Jan-Feb, about 3 weeks ago - Issue with trap machine someone stuck 7 wet targets in there and they got stuck

Youth Program – getting geared up for paperwork in April – will accept applications May 1. Talked last meeting about Wifi. Will talk to strand. 4 or 5 leaders wanting to come back from last year.
Week of July 15. New Fish and Wildlife officer in Ponoka will come.
Tegan has some new speakers that we could be interested in coming to speak.

President - Presented Conference report. Have AWF declaration to be signed. Presented proofs for pins for the lifetime members. Going with color pin, Will order 50. Called Epcor about bills, we were on a variable rate, current rate for fixed is 11.49Cpkwh. Guaranteed for 5 years. Tegan went ahead and changed to fixed rate. Ray will get Glen Eden bill for Tegan to check price, Ray and Scott? For epcor site contact.

Secretary – Nothing

Gull Lake Property - Nothing

Old Business

- Bill C-21 – to deal with the Pistols
- ENS going to build a single story building for youth hostel/Group Home

New Business

- Loader – Kyle is aware that bead is busted. Need tire fixed, Ray will call tomorrow.
Will only plug in an hour before using it. Will need to get charger booster/trickle charger.
Ray will look into this

Adjourned by Ray 9:19 PM