

**Ponoka Fish and Game Association**

**October 1st, 2015**

Evelyne Huseby

Scott Rarick

Al Mossip

Tom Simpson

Beth Sykes

Dick Sykes

Barbara Thoreson

Sherry Thoreson

Jim Sebry

Steve Tattrie

Tova Christensen

Robert Greene

Christine Frandsen

Dale Jess

Les Oberst

Brice Heidt

Todd Nabozniak

**Please remember to sign the sign in sheet and print legibly. Thank you!**

**Meeting called to order at 7:31pm**

**Introductions Completed**

**1. Dick Sykes moved the September 3rd meeting minutes correct. Al Mossip seconded. CARRIED.**

**2. Agenda moved correct with additions by Tom Simpson, seconded by Al Mossip. CARRIED.**

**3. Reports:**

a. Archery- Nothing to report.

b. Banquet- Nothing to report.

c. Casino- Nothing to report.

d. Big Game- Nothing to report.

- Dale Jess saw a moose swimming in the water across the road from Pofianga.

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

Regular - 360,

Family - 156,

Dependent – 326

Grand total of 842 memberships.

f. Bird/Fish- River Watch Group bus out 18 person rafts. They carry test kits and do testing along the rafting route. Andrew Shep is the contact. They take children's groups and charge \$10 per youth.

g. Environment- Nothing to report.

h. Grants- Nothing to report.

i. Predator- Tim Thoreson brought in an article on a Grizzly attack.

j. Property- We received 6 free loads of dirt so far for the building of the berm. We require approximately 12 more loads.

k. Rental – We have had 3 renters since Leonard has been away.

l. Past President- Nothing to report.

m. Property (Glen Eden) – Nothing to report.

n. Publicity- The paper contacted Todd Nabozniak regarding the Rifleman's Rodeo.

Robert Greene submitted a general update and it should be in the next paper.

o. Treasurer- Beth Sykes presented monthly income and expense reports for September.

p. Range- Range Rules Sheets provided. The new rules will be in force as of January 1st, 2016.

- need to add restricted information to the back of the memberships.

- get Strand to build a stamp to put on the back of memberships for easier filling in of information.

- remember to add PAL# to the memberships.

- need to put a sheet in the sign in booth for guest information.

- guest sign in sheet is to be filled out and put in the ballot box in the sign in area.

- member sign in book form.

- yellow card must be on hand when on Pofianga property (card must be presented upon request).

- Tom Simpson will make 550 copies of the membership form for Tova.
  - Range Rules to be sent out with the memberships with a tear off portion to return with membership signed off on by the member.
  - the primary member is going to be responsible for all family members that fall under their membership.
  - A cover letter will be created by Evelyne to send out with the memberships.
  - Al Mossip has more brass for Tim Thoreson.
  - Tim Thoreson donated more plywood for the range.
- q. Rifleman's Rodeo- Good turn out even though it was wet and cold. Todd provided an expense report and it was reviewed. We had lower numbers in attendance but had a steady flow of shooters. The weather was the real challenge.
- r. Trap- we are getting a pallet of White Flags pigeons in this week.
- s. Youth Camp- Flash drives have been sent out to all who have requested them. The cost of the drives will be included in next year's costs.  
Some of the parents have given feedback that the kids are still talking about camp.  
Less food was bought as there was more meat donated this year.
- t. President- Rae is having problems with the website. She cannot get things to up load.  
Evelyne will contact Brent to see if he can get his contact to help fix the issue.  
Christine suggested getting a Kids Camp Icon with forms attached installed.  
Tom Simpson will run the November meeting if needed. Evelyne will check with Dave to see if he is available.
- u. Secretary- Nothing to report.
- v. Pistol- Nothing to report.
- w. Property (Gull Lake) – Robert Greene and Steve Tattrie met with Teresa Ochitwa and Robert Shorten on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Robert and Steve reported that Robert Shorten is satisfied with the plans as presented for the Gull Lake property. Robert will go out and survey the property. The property lease is good until 2018. The new lease will last for 25 years on 33 acres; replacing things that used to be there years ago; One more gate is required for on the south end; Robert and Steve have asked to extend the lease to include the 25 to 30 acres on the south end of the property:
- Robert needs to check if there has been a survey done on the south piece as they were informed by Robert Shorten that the neighbor does not own it.
  - Robert Shorten had no problems with the fencing.
  - Outhouses have been painted and still need siding.
  - One Outhouse was full of water. They need to dig down and figure out what the cause is.
  - Garnets Trucking donated a Barbeque.
  - Steve reviewed a list of what was donated, time, materials and hours. Steve will provide a copy of his expense report to Evelyne to be added to the meeting minutes once he has finished editing it. Or he will provide copies at the next meeting.
  - the boat launch is cleaned up.
  - removed beaver dam.
  - working on a raffle.
  - someone was shooting in the area. A person complained to Steve thinking it had been on the Gull Lake property, but it was not.
  - cleaned up brush piles.
  - roughed in campsite.
  - cannot gravel pads for camping.
  - can gravel past camp kitchen.

- Dale found his truck hitch.
- multiple campsites are in the works. They will be transplanting the small trees out of the areas that can be used as sites.
- need to look into getting more picnic tables.
- There is one common group campsite with a fire pit now.
- Steve and Dave get paperwork from SRD on the Gull Lake property.

#### 4. Old Business

- a. There is an email from the Red Deer River Water Shed that Evelyne will forward to Tom.
- b. Tabled Oil leases until the next meeting.

#### 5. New Business

- a. Winter Kids Camp 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Need volunteers by November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Calendars...do we still want to do them?  
It was decided that we will do 400 calendars this coming year. Tom will get a quote from Strand as well. There was also discussion on raising the sponsorship from \$200 to \$250. Christine will send Tom a pic from Kids Camp.
- c. **Robert Greene made a motion that anyone that comes to a meeting under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave. If they come back a second time their membership will be revoked.**  
**Tom Simpson seconded. Carried!**
- d. We lost a member. Douglas Alan McLeod passed away.  
Donations can be made to the Ponoka Fish & Game Association or the Rimbey Hospital and Care Center.  
**Dale Jess made a motion to donate \$100 to the Rimbey Hospital and Care Centre. Jim Seby seconded. Carried!**  
A future option would be to donate a subscription to the Alberta Fish and Game magazine.
- e. Conference February 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We need to discuss at our next meeting. November 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.  
**Correspondence:**
- f. Both water tests came back as satisfactory.
- g. Still waiting to hear back from the 4-H on the highway clean up.
- h. A.F.G.A. letter on borrowing funds up to a max of 1 million dollars to relocate their building. The Executive from A.F. G.A. has been exploring their options. We can send 7 voters to their special general meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10 am Spruce avenue Hall 10240-115 Ave. Evelyne will contact Leonard on Monday to see if he is available.
- i. Gain letter for casinos. Regarding Information on sitting in on their sessions.

**Steve Tattrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherry Thoreson seconded. CARRIED!**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.**