

Ponoka Fish and Game Association

Meeting Minutes September 7, 2023

Tim Thoreson	Ray Abt	Ben Hellervik
Christine Frandsen	Leonard Davis	Sherry Thoreson
George Ward	Tom Simpson	Aaron Arndt
Dale Jess	Tanner Simpson	Kelly Kijewski
Herb MacDonald	Ron Rarick	Tegan Drader
David Abt	Jim Sebry	

Meeting called to order at 730 pm.

Approval of August minutes by Ray Abt. Seconded by Tom Simpson. Carried!

Add to new business- Kelly Kijewski NASP program & keys for gun locker.

Approval of agenda with additions by Ray Abt. Seconded by Tim Thoreson. Carried!

Archery- Ron, Brandon and Scott got together to get all the targets priced out, are working on it. Pulled the course last Wednesday. Tim handed over belt buckles for archery.

Banquet- Will approach the stampede association again this year if they can come close to the price we will consider staying in Ponoka.

Casino- Its done! Dave would like to thank the volunteers.

Big Game- Hunting season is upon us. Will need a list of members from August 25.

Membership-

Regular	63
Family	44
Dependents	74
Total	181

Need a way to get more members out to volunteer, we have the same 8 volunteers. We are going to have to increase the membership fees to cover the cost of upkeeping the property. Tabled.

Bird/Fish- Bashaw had their kids camp, we have put out about 50 bird houses this year.

Environment- Nothing to Report

Predator- Black bear 2 miles this side Holmglen hall. Hay river 160 people evacuated from a camp because of a grizzly bear.

Property Pofianga- Nothing to Report

Rentals- Weekend rentals are almost done, 17 days in sept-oct rented to different police services. Renters have all been good this year.

Past President- The fence has been done; the total bill was just over \$13,000. The brush mower that we rented cost \$700 more than it should have because the operator pinched two hoses.

Leonard made a motion to get quotes for a replacement gate and use a portion of the remaining \$12,000 to purchase a new gate for the front. Jim Seconded. Carried!

Firearms instructor licensing has changed, if you want to become an instructor you need to have specific qualifications. Ben is the only person qualified to become an instructor; he must become a proctor first.

Property Glen Eden- Last weekend Chris put fire guards on a bunch of the fire pits. Grass is looking good; the lake is low and green. There were 7 trailers for the long weekend.

Publicity- Tim put an article in the Ponoka paper and pipestone flyer for the rodeo two weeks prior to Rodeo, a bill will come.

Treasurer- Presented August Income/Expense

Range- Fixed the bridge on the one side. Will have the CFO out. Everything is starting to grow, looking good.

Rifleman's Rodeo- Pretty good rodeo, weather was pretty good, a little wind a little rain and some smoke. Some hiccups with the cameras were running out of power after 8 hrs. of use, will look at spare batteries or getting another camera.

Total Income \$6488 - Expenses - \$3930.99 not including advertising. 311 entries sold.

New 22 event – battleship splatter targets, a lot of interest. The number of juniors involved is becoming lower and lower. Sunday night super went over very well, it was very tasty.

Christine found a pit crew last minute and he was outstanding.

Trap- Nothing to Report

Youth- Presented numbers for this year's camp. Expenses- \$4514.22 Profit of \$485.78. 3 kids signed up to come back as leaders next year.

President- Nothing to Report

Secretary- Monthly Joke

Property Gull Lake- Nothing to Report

New Business- Kelly; huge thank you from the NASP archery club for our support, 8 tournaments this year. Thank you for the donation from the club for the archers to go to South Africa.

Looking to have the Canadian nationals in Wetaskiwin.

Keys for the safe (Tim)- Ran into a problem, didn't have any keys for the safe. Keys will be redistributed.

Tim Thoreson Made a motion get quotes for the to purchase another safe to store the rifleman's rodeo rifles/supplies. Ben Hellervik Seconded. 1 Opposed. Carried!

First nominations next month, notices to be posted asap.

Ray moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 929pm