

March 18th, 2019 General Meeting

Number in attendance: 29

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm

General Meeting Agenda

Previous meetings minutes.

- a. Minutes of Minutes on website for January, approved by consensus.

Amendments to minutes:

- ❖ Carried

- b. **Business from these minutes**

- a. None

- c. **Correspondence**

- a. None.

- d. **Treasurer's Report**

- i. **General Financials were presented by Madeline Balla (available upon request) 2018.**

Discussion from General Financials: The LFGA Banquet 2019 had a profit of about \$13,000.

- ii. Madeline Balla presented financials up to date and will continue to report every General meeting we have.

Fleur Sweetman moved to approve report as read, it was seconded by

- ❖ Carried

- e. **Unfinished Business**

- i. **Sheila Ferguson** spoke about the LFGA 95 project. She noted that inventory will be housed in the LFGA Hut. There is a clean-up scheduled for 1:00pm on Sunday 24th, we need volunteers to help clean out the building and organize it for about 2 hrs. If anyone has any archival material, photographs etc from the LFGA please contact Sheila, we are doing a full history project. Please also let Sheila know about current projects. Range project "Home on the Range" club activities as positive image. The locks on the office door will be changed to house the archival material, only a few people will be given a key.

ii. **Jessie Tealin**, a digital communication student from Lethbridge College offered to be involved in any media campaign, she has 4-H experience and television production experience. Michelle Sylvestre and White Night Media offered to work with Jessie and provided contact information to her.

f. New Business

- i. Allan Friesen spoke about the 2019 online membership system. For 2019, LFGA decided to accommodate some members by arranging with Marksmen Guns to sell memberships as a special situation. This separate system has created loads of work for White Night Media and Chair positions, mainly Madaline Balla as Treasurer. Going forward it will only be online. George Roth, our Membership Chair, will be volunteering on nights to accommodate people with their 2020 membership purchase.
- ii. Allan Friesen presented Tedd Walcott with a certificate of merit for his work with the Mentored Hunt Program.
- iii. Selestia Jackson had questions about the website, for example how to acknowledge the Community Partners etc.
- iv. **Rick Blakeley motioned to give Selestia and Scott permission to update the website in whatever way they see fit.**
Marilyn Peterson seconded.
❖CARRIED.

Discussion: What are the guidelines to who is considered Community Partners? The range has a project which is being added to signs. These are considered community Partners, Marilyn mentioned that we have a lot of community Partners.

Chair Reports

b. Community Relations (Scott Sweetman):

- i. Michelle Sylvestre presented the Community Relations Report from Scott Sweetman.

c. Fish (Joel Rigby) –

- i. Joel presented on the programs he facilitated. **Fly Tying 101 – Kids Discovery Day March 12th, 2018**, this will be first of many. 5 students attended with a 2/3 split female to male ratio. Pictures will be released once release forms are signed. ACA grant money was used to buy a variety of fishing equipment required for this workshop. 10 Vices were purchased. Joel will be creating a full report for the ACA grant funding money.

Thank-you to Joel for all the work, he is a new Fish Chair and has jumped right in.

d. Bird (Kurt Parks). – None.

e. Big Game – (Tedd Walcott)

i. The LFGA is the go to club for hunting in Southern Alberta. Tedd – mentored 13 first time and 18 novice hunters. Next week Tedd will be offering a course on Draws and Draw Strategies, teach new hunters how it works. Access Program after that – around April 10th. Another Hunter Ed course as well. Sheila Ferguson noted that Casino Zone 1 money could be added to support the course.

f. Habitat and Environment (Mike Uchikura)

i. There is a clean up being organized at CPR Lake. It is being coordinated through ACA, Mike will notify LFGA when it is organized. Mike explained his work at ACA and LFGA for new members to understand what roles he plays. Expanding project east and west of the St. Mary Reservoir all the way to Medicine Hat. This is one of the biggest projects making on the ground change.

ii. Mike will be presenting in April on the habitat conservation projects he and the LFGA is involved with and the pheasant program.

g. Range (Rick Blakeley)

i. Range Financial Statements presented by Allan Friesen/Rick Blakeley (Upon Request).

Discussion from these reports: Tedd Walcott asked about insurance issues related to the lightning strike, Rick Blakeley has not filed a claim yet, he is trying to figure out what can be claimed, it is done by building so there is some complexity since the cameras are external to the buildings. Allan mentioned there is a time limit, it was noted as a 2 year limit.

Discussion from balance sheet: Steven Osmond correction increase by \$103,000 for the HSBC Sustainability Account, the total should read \$189,253.

ii. **Range update** – In regard to the SAFE classroom, Allan Friesen has had to apply for many permits to allow for this project to happen. Thank-you to Colter Bates and David Jackson for volunteering their time to support this project. The Hot Shots have been using this space already and are very happy. There is a lot of work still to do, dirt, cement etc.

iii. **Range 8** – this range will be an enclosed range on west side of shotgun field. Precon has donated 50 cement blocks and maybe 50 more will be on the way. Gilmore Crane moved them over free of charge. Levi Friesen, Vacuum Truck Badger Daylighting, and Country Landscape have donated time and equipment. Thank-you to all who support us.

iv. Joel Rigby spoke about the Rimfire Precision Series, there was a good turn out, about 20 people even though it was the coldest day of the year.

v. Sight-In Clinics will be Sept. 14 and Oct. 19th, the dates are up on the range calendar. Reloading clinics will also be offered.

h. Casino (Allan Friesen)

Funds:

i. Hall (Madeline Balla)

i. None.

j. Membership (George Roth)

i. George Roth – been supporting membership, just over 1,500 people. George has helped people with RPAL and PAL, printing membership. George is happy to host a times at the hut to help people sign up online.

k. Banquet (Carrie and John Kerber, Madeline and Doug Balla)

i. Jonn Kerber reported that the 2019 Banquet was incredible and made about a \$15,000 profit. The SAFARI was a great addition, thank-you to everyone who donated meat and prizes.

g. AFGA

i. AFGA – Zone 1 meeting April 7th, it would be great to have someone from LFGA as a representative.

h. Photography

i. Jonn Kerber said Michelle Kennedy can put them in online now, remember to take more pictures.

Adjourned at 8:19pm