

Jan 20th, 2020 General Meeting

Quorum 5 Executive and 8 General Meeting

Number in attendance: 25

Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm

General Meeting Agenda

1. **Reading of the previous meetings minutes.**
 - a. Minutes of November 18th, 2019 were presented.
Amendments to minutes: 3 amendments
 - i. **Add to “Number in Attendance”**
 - ii. **Correct spelling of Angeline McDonald in 1st Year BOG description**
 - iii. **Correct Youth motion to include “upon presentation of receipts and report for the AFGA Conference.”**

Michelle Sylvestre moved that the minutes be adopted as read upon correction of amendments, it was seconded by Angeline McDonald.

❖ **Carried**

2. **Business from these minutes**
 - a. Angeline McDonald has agreed to be the Bird Game Chair representative.
 - b. Jonn Kerber said banquet ticket sales are slow this year, please come and buy your tickets. In need of items on the silent auction please ask for donations or provide some. African Safari will be there again this year.
 - c. Selestia Jackson noted that the Facebook posts were not going out so they need to be fixed.
 - d. Photography Competition: Michelle Kennedy asked for photographs to be submitted for the slideshow.
 - e. Selestia Jackson is asking for more information on Social Media and Website thanking the donors and at the Banquet. As well as sending out Thank-you notes. Jonn Kerber and Madeline Balla will work on that. Michelle Kennedy and Selestia Jackson will be building the slideshow. Angeline McDonald just created a slideshow with thanks to donors for another organization, also sending letters ahead of time works well.

3. Correspondence

- i. Sheila Ferguson said thank-you for the support from LFGA for Norm McPhail.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Madeline Balla presented the Financial Report for As of December 31st, 2019, the yearly 2019 Financial Report and Profit and Loss by Class 2019. (available upon request)

Madeline Balla moved to approve report as presented, it was seconded by Rick Blakeley.

❖ **Carried**

Discussion: Madeline Balla will be asking for budgets from Chairs.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. **Conference:** AFGA Wildlife Trust Fund is doing well with the AFGA. They are asking for \$2,000 to go towards the building to keep the membership costs down.

Sheila Ferguson moved that LFGA provide \$2,000 to the AFGA building Fund.

Joel Rigby seconded.

❖ **CARRIED.**

Tedd Walcott and Rick Blakeley opposed.

- b. **Sheila Ferguson moved that LFGA provide \$2,000 to the youth program at the 2020 at Conference.**

Seconded by Rick Blakeley.

Discussion: Ken Peterson asked if Casino money can be used for this? Sheila said it is difficult because you have to ask for permission. (Casino can be used for the Fencing Project because it goes to ACA). Rick Blakeley asked if the Casino funds could be used for youth programs. Ken Peterson said the Casino funds could be used for the Fencing ACA.

❖ **Defeated.**

6. New Business

- a. Brent Lloyd – asked what is LFGA and AFGA stance on the gun ban. LFGA is going to share the CCFR mailout. Rick is in conversation to get CCFR memberships stripped of the insurance cost since we get insurance through AFGA. Rick said if the municipal government gets a choice to restrict firearms we are in a good position with our council. Brent said the national debate is the important one to challenge right now. CCFR may help out with representation through membership.

7. Chair Reports

- a. **Community Relations** (Scott Sweetman):
- b. **Fish** (Joel Rigby) –Heinz Plontke mentioned that the Fishing Public Open House is going to propose a lot of changes. There is an online update that can be accessed. Rick mentioned that vices and other equipment is set up in the classroom for classes to be taught. Sheila Ferguson said there is a box downstairs for fishing as well.
- c. **Bird** (Angeline McDonald). – Angeline McDonald noted that some of the categories for the annual awards were filled. Thank-you to Madeline Balla for walking her through the process. Angeline said the sponsors were really great and thank-you to those that entered. Madeline is going to supply information at the banquet of how to submit Fish, Bird, Hunt etc to the competition. Angeline wants a thank-you to go out to the sponsors. Sheila Ferguson will help coordinate the thank-you notes.
- d. **Big Game** –(Tedd Walcott)
 - i. Thank-you to everyone that helped out with the measuring Day. 28 were measured. Historically, winners received plaques but people are tired of them. Visa cards will be given out to 1st, 2nd, 3rd winners at the Banquet. Almost all the sponsors have been contacted. The plaques that get taken home have been changed to the visa system. Heinz Plontke asked if the sponsors need to be notified? Tedd Walcott believes there will be no concern from the sponsors. Sheila Ferguson said Big Game, Fish and Bird letters have been mailed out to the winners.
 - ii. Brent Lloyd thanked Tedd Walcott for the excellent mentored hunts getting provided, it's a phenomenal program. Walcott said 10 new hunters were taken out this year.
- e. **Habitat and Environment** (Mike Uchikura)
 - i. SSMRID – Mike Uchikura – CPR Lake lease agreement. Current agreement expires in about 5 years. SSMRID wants to continue the lease with LFGA and wants to create an amendment to the current lease, extending it for 10 years. Steven Osmond worried about wording in the lease agreement. It would be better if it said that “LFGA first right of refusal in the lease agreement”, it is being amended. Also Steven wanted a monetary value attached to the agreement in the amount that LFGA would be contributing to the fencing project. Mike was thinking \$15,000 to put towards the project. Mike said thank-

you to Zone 1 as they are providing \$5,000. SMIRD has a meeting in January.

Mike Uchikura moved that LFGA Contribute \$15,000 to put towards the CPR Lake Fencing Project.

Discussion: Heinz Plontke thought we had motions already on the books which was approved. It was noted that the motion was deferred in the Sept. meeting. Joel Rigby asked if it is a 5 year extension or a 10 year extension? Mike said it is a 5 year extension on top of our already existing 5 year equaling 10 years in total from Jan. 1st, 2020.

❖ **CARRIED.**

f. Range (Rick Blakeley) –

- i. Finances: Rick Blakeley said this years range finances have been a disaster. \$50,000 was used from the Sustainability Fund. We also didn't get an ACA grant this year, the range built a classroom, built range 8, as well as bought dirt and gravel. The range has been enhanced about 50%. Rick is in conversation over CBSA for using our Range for their National training. We will soon have 2 ranges for occupational use once range 8 is finished. We will be hosting the National Police Association Courses in the Classroom and on the Range from across Canada. Night-time shooting will be happening at the range and they will also be available to answer phone calls or complaints if they occur. Allan Friesen and Rick Blakeley are working on a proposal to make the LFGA a sports destination as more events are starting to happen at the range.

ii. Rick Blakeley moved that alcohol be allowed at the range after shooting events are finished.

Discussion: Selestia and David Jackson said there are ranges that allow alcohol and camping at the range to attract people. Sheila Ferguson asked for clarification from insurance before allowing this to happen. Madeline Balla said she will find that information out. Angeline McDonald said as long as someone has Proserv then alcohol can be served. Rick said it will be safe and regulated.

Deferred until the insurance policy is checked.

- iii. Allan Friesen said 66 people attended the last range officer course. Sheila asked about the classroom and who owns it. The SAFE classroom is a joint ownership between SAFE and LFGA at the moment LFGA is receiving the funds from the rentals, in the future some of this money will be streamed back to SAFE.

iv. Rick completely revamped the Range Officer card system and streamlined it. 382 people out of 1500 range officers haven't renewed to date.

g. Casino (Allan Friesen)

h. Hall (Madeline Balla)

i. Membership (George Roth)

i. George Roth said there were a lot of Saturdays that Madeline, Allan and George were selling memberships at Marksmen. Over 1500 members renewed by January, 1st, 2020.

j. Banquet (Carrie and Jonn Kerber, Madeline and Doug Balla)

k. AFGA (Wayne Lowry)

None.

l. Photography (Michelle Kennedy)

i. Not a lot of entries. 6 entries in total this year. There was a discussion about if photographs are getting submitted to the slideshow they should also be entered into the competition. Also people should be made aware that they can submit any time of year they don't have to wait until December/January to submit.

8. BOG report: None

Adjourned at 8:26 pm