

# Oct 19th, 2020 General Meeting

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Quorum 5 Executive and 8 General Meeting

Number in attendance: 32

Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm

## General Meeting Agenda

**1. Reading of the previous meetings minutes.**

- a. Minutes of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 were presented.

**Amendments to minutes:**

**Michelle Sylvestre moved that the minutes be adopted as presented, it was accepted by consensus.**

❖ Carried

**2. Business from these minutes**

- a. None

**3. Correspondence**

- a. None.

**4. Treasurer's Report (Madeline Balla)**

- a. None.

**5. Unfinished Business**

- a. None.

**6. New Business**

- a. **LFGA Election is November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**A Call for Nominations for Executive Positions was put out.**

Tedd Walcott asked what positions are open?

President open

1<sup>st</sup> year Board of Governors open

Vice President Open

Steven Osmond said if the President stands down the Vice automatically moves up unless there is a nomination. Rick Blakeley is the Vice President at the moment.

Madeline Balla will stand for Treasurer

Michelle Sylvestre will stand for Secretary

Please contact Steven Osmond if there are nominations.

Scott Sweetman noted that Chairs are appointed positions and only the Executive are voted in – Vice, President, Treasurer, Secretary and Board of governors are voted positions.

### **Chair Reports**

#### **b. Community Relations (Scott Sweetman)**

i. Scott spoke of the success of the website and social media. He gave an update on the OIC/Gun Ban and will stay abreast of the situation as it is changing quickly. The website and LFGA social media will be updated as information comes out. Please email Scott if you have any questions.

David Jackson asked if LFGA has donated any money to the CCFR efforts? Scott answered we have been urging our members to take action such as letter writing, sign petitions, donate, become members of the gun lobbyist groups and take action in many different ways. Allan Friesen noted that no one has put a motion forward to donate to the CCFR so if you want to please make a motion.

**ii. David Jackson moved to donate \$3,000 to go to CCFR from LFGA.**

**Steven Osmond seconded.**

Discussion:

David Jackson thinks we need to act now and as a shooting community, pistol guys, rifle guys - we all need to stand together. I agree with educating people but money should also go along with it. Scott Sweetman asked why are we choosing the CCFR? They may not have the best interest of Western Canada. There are also other organizations such as CCSA, NFA, private course cases. Scott just wants clarification. There are 5 Court cases going ahead at the same time and another 3 from businesses and individuals.

Doug and Madeline Balla agree with Scott on other organizations comments. Scott said we should come up with a better plan.

**David Jackson amended his motion:**

**David Jackson moved to donate \$4,000 in total with the specification to NFA, CCFR and CCSA to only donate to the OIC Challenge with all the organizations.**

**Jim Clarke Seconded.**

Discussion:

Joel Rigby agreed with the directed giving only.

Greg Bird asked Scott Sweetman as Community Relations for his advice on the matter. Scott Sweetman replied that he would feel more

comfortable after collecting more information from the LFGA Members before deciding whom to donate to and the dollar amount. Sheila Ferguson asked what AFGA is doing? The AFGA has joined organizations but has not donated any dollar amount. David Jackson added that he has not seen much from the NFA but that the CCFR is on social media.

**Deb Clarke moved that we table the motion to the next meeting  
Ted Walcott seconded.**

❖ **CARRIED.**

**c. Fish (Joel Rigby) –**

Police Lake has been aerated for decades now. A lawsuit came out last year because a snowmobile rider drowned in the lake. This year they can't afford to aerate the lakes because the rules have changed. Organizations are getting together to challenge the government to police the rules that were already in place. Looking for ideas and people to contribute.

Steven Osmond asked if it was the cost of imposing these rules that was too much? Joel said yes.

Jim Clarke noted the project cost \$30,000 a year from ACA. The lawsuit cannot continue to provide this for the lake. There will be partial winterkill, but because of Chinooks etc the natural aeration is sufficient for the lake for the fish habitat to be successful. ACA and AEP are recommending no aeration.

Steven Osmond disagrees that this is sufficient; a couple years back there was bad winterkill. The aeration shut off and a lot of dead fish were on the bank. The Chinook's are hit and miss. It needs to be consistent.

Jim Clarke passed on a message from Heinz Plontke: Most of the fish are stock fish and only live for 5 years.

The information is being put together right now so there is still some time needed to get all the information.

**d. Bird (Angeline McDonald). – None.**

**e. Big Game – (Tedd Walcott)**

A few mentored hunts are scheduled, about 2-3. Some uncontrollable situations occurred, there was hope of 22 mentored hunts this year but we are down to 2-3.

**f. Habitat and Environment (Mike Uchikura)**

None.

- g. Range (Rick Blakeley) –**  
i. We have collected money from members for the City CIP project but we don't know from the City when we need to start paying this fee. It might occur Fall 2021 because of the complicated and slow moving process. This payment was supposed to be over a span a number of years, we are trying to push our lease with the city.

**Rick Blakeley moved to transfer the \$20 collected from the range membership from 2017 – to the end of 2020 to the range.**

**Discussion:**

Sheila Ferguson asked how much was transferred a year ago? In effect we have already transferred \$63,000.

Madeline Balla said about \$27,000 is left from her records. Steven Osmond and Jim Clarke noted that the motion needs to have a dollar amount. Allan Friesen suggested that this motion can be revisited at a later time if the dollar amount needs to be calculated, do we want to postpone this?

Rick Blakeley amended his motion:

**Rick Blakeley moved to transfer \$20,000 from the Sustainability Account to Range General Account.**

**Marilyn Peterson seconded.**

Discussion:

Sheila Ferguson asked why this is necessary. Rick Blakeley said the range has gone over budget this year because many projects have been taken on this year and the Range needs more money to operate. Tedd Walcott opposed.

❖ **CARRIED.**

ii. Sheila Ferguson loves the social media going out from Scott Sweetman boosting the LFGA and the benefits of being a member. But Sheila wants to know what else is happening for comments? Rick Blakeley said there have been a number of comments and asking for refunds. We have talked to all those people. There have been lots of positive comments. Only about 5 negative comments on social media. Rick Blakeley said Scott has been doing a great job on social media keeping it really positive. We have over 2000 members right now, this may go down in the next year but probably not. Scott is promoting the multi-faceted things LFGA does for the Community. Scott requested people use the event form when they want information going out to the membership.

- h. Casino (Allan Friesen)**

None.

**i. Hall (Madeline Balla)**

Not a lot of rentals at this moment because of COVID19.

**j. Membership (George Roth)**

The membership is around 2015 at the moment, which is an increase from last year.

The Resolution and increase in membership fees from AFGA was discussed.

Tedd Walcott asked how many of our members only buy a membership to meet the CFO requirements versus using our club membership. George doesn't know exactly, he stated most actually use the range. Allan Friesen added that those people only wanting to meet the CFO requirements usually search for the cheapest solution possible so most of our members are active members.

Sheila Ferguson noted that many purchase both the CCSC and LFGA membership - Scott may attest to this too. Tedd Walcott asked for clarification, can people buy other memberships living in Lethbridge? David Jackson answered that he is member of multiple ranges, lots of people join to support their local communities. CCSC is also located in Lethbridge. Lots of RO requests come from Calgary.

**Rick Blakeley moved to increase Day Passes from \$25 to \$35.**

**Joel Rigby seconded.**

**Discussion:**

Selestia Jackson said that it is too bad that Day Passes have not been tracked properly. People come from Calgary should be an incentive to follow up with them. Michelle Sylvestre noted that many of the Day Passes are purchased through our online membership system, which keeps track of the purchases and people purchasing them. Allan Friesen stated that \$5,550.00 worth of Day Passes was purchased in 2020 so far from the online Membership System. Rick Blakeley David Jackson is a Range Ambassador, along with some other folks, they can take people down to the range and have the ability to arrange complimentary visits to interested people.

❖ **CARRIED.**

6 opposed.

Rick Blakeley noted that Range Fees will not increase this year.

**ii. George Roth moved to raise the LFGA Individual Membership by \$20, Family by \$30 and Youth by \$5.**

## **Doug Balla seconded**

Discussion:

This is in response to the AFGA recent raise in membership fees. Tim Bouwsema asked if this is common or what has happened in the past. Allan said the membership to AFGA has been stable for 4 years.

❖ **CARRIED.**

### **iii. Membership –**

Memberships will shut down at the end of October/beginning of November and the 2021 memberships will go on sale in beginning of December. There will be an email blast to members with important instructions. For example: do NOT change accounts/open a new account etc. as range cards are linked to the original account. George Roth also wanted to add a reminder about automatic renewals.

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

Selestia Jackson asked if the Banquet had a report. Madeline Balla noted it was reported at the last meeting. Selestia asked what is happening this year, we could do an online auction to get the LFGA name out even if it doesn't raise a lot of funds. Allan Friesen suggested Selestia volunteers to run an online auction event for the 2021 Banquet. Selestia declined.

Steven Osmond still wants antlers measured. Heinz Plontke said he can measure and George Roth said he would help. Steven Osmond said the measurement day will still be a go this year.

## **7. AFGA**

**a.** None.

## **8. Photography**

None.

**Jim Clarke moved to adjourn.**

**Michelle Sylvestre seconded.**

Adjourned at 8:55pm.