

November 21st, 2022 General Meeting

Quorum 5 Executive and 8 General Meeting

Number in attendance: 22

Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm

General Meeting Agenda

1. **Reading of the previous meetings minutes on the website.**
 - a. Minutes of September 20th 2022 were presented.
Amendments to minutes:

Michelle Sylvestre moved that the minutes be adopted as presented on the website. Seconded by George Fairs.
❖ CARRIED.
2. **Business from these minutes**
 - a. None.
3. **Correspondence**
 - a. Andy Vonbusse passed away.
4. **Treasurer's Report (Madeline Balla)**
 - a. No Report.
Discussion: Rick said we are in good shape.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. CCP Safety Fibre Grant: electrical and digital network. Electrical lines are being put in this stage.
 - b. Changing insurers to Shwarz which are brokers for Intact.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Chair Budgets:** \$10,000 expenditure towards the 100th Anniversary. \$6,500 of the Bird Chair. Fish Chair \$500 for education programs in 2023.
Rick Blakeley asked if anyone was interested in being involved as a Big Game Chair? Sheila Ferguson gave a summary of the job description, if someone is interested they can get it from her. We are a volunteer organization so chairs can call on anyone to help out with the position it is encouraged to include others.
We need a banquet chair. Banquet will be booked for April 15th, 2023 which gives time to recruit someone. Special Service Awards may still occur at the banquet.

Awards/Competition will be presented at a separate event.

- b. Service Awards and Competitions will be open soon. Email will be sent out.
- c. AFGA Wildlife Trust Fund: Sheila Ferguson moves to donate \$5,000 from the General Account to the AFGA Wildlife Trust Fund.
Joel Rigby seconded.
❖ **CARRIED.**
- d. Sheila Ferguson moved to support AFGA's General Operation with \$5,000 from the General Account.
Joel Rigby seconded.
❖ **CARRIED.**

Chair Reports

- e. **Community Relations (Scott Sweetman)**
 - a. Website Review in 2023.
- f. **Fish (Joel Rigby) –**
 - a. Fishing Identification Course: LFGA purchased books on Fish identification. All Alberta fish.
 - b. AFGA: University of Alberta questionnaire for research. Please contact Joel Rigby for the survey to fill out if you have caught any fish this year.
- g. **Bird – (Vic Stasiuk)**
 - i. Vic Stasiuk has agreed to be Bird Chair moving forward. Pheasant release went well. LFGA has supported the Wild Turkey release in Alberta.
- h. **Big Game –**
 - a. None
- i. **Habitat and Environment (Mike Uchikura)**

Rick Blakeley read Mike's report: No updates. A huge thank-you for another successful pheasant release season from ACA and Mike Uchikura.
- j. **Range (Rick Blakeley) –**
 - i. CCP Safety Fibre Grant, facilities and upgrades that make LFGA a world class range.
 - ii. Thanks also to our Community Partners for their work and help.
- k. **Casino (Madeline Balla)**
 - i. None.
- l. **Hall (Madeline Balla)**

i. January 25th, 2022 – lease is up at the end of the year. In September we asked for the lease by our November meeting. Received at 11:00am this morning for an extension. City wants us to keep track of people using it and why it is being used. Sign the lease but the amendment will be omitted.

m. Membership

a. Closed Oct. 31 – we have 2299 memberships. New Membership Chair. Nadine Grand Maison. Dec. 1st open again. Michelle and Scott will sell memberships at Marksmen on Dec. 3, 10, 17 and January 7th. Range cards will be turned off January 2nd midnight. Members paying after January 2nd will have to contact Rick to get their cards activated again.

n. Banquet

None.

7. AFGA

- a. AFGA Zone Meeting (Zoom) and Conference (Zoom and in person). LFGA has 10 delegate spaces open. December 3rd. Resolutions to vote on, bylaws etc. Many changes are being discussed and voted on.
1. Sheila Ferguson volunteers.
 2. George Faire
 3. Rick Blakeley
 4. Joel Rigby
 5. Robert Rigby

8. **Zone:** Sheila Ferguson mentioned that there are funds available for education from the Zone. Need a Big Game Chair.

9. Photography

None.

- 10. Volunteer**– We have a lot of dedicated volunteers helping out at the Range and in other areas. Rick Blakeley said thank-you to all the volunteers that helped in 2022.

Sheila Ferguson moved to suspend the meeting while elections occur.

Elections: Sheila Ferguson called for nominations.

Election results as follows:
President: Rick Blakeley
Vice President: Jeff Deuschle
Treasurer: Madeline Balla

Secretary: Michelle Sylvestre
Board of Governors: 1st Year: George Fairs
2nd Year: Marilyn Peterson
3rd: Michelle Kennedy

Sheila moved to resume the meeting. George Fairs seconded.

Sheila Ferguson moved to provide honorariums for \$499.00 for the Treasurer and Secretary. Seconded by Doug Mickey.

❖ **CARRIED.**

Abstained: Madeline Balla and Michelle Sylvestre

Gerry Pittman overwhelmed with the good work that LFGA is doing.

Adjourned at 8:08PM