

# March 20th, 2023 General Meeting

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Quorum 5 Executive and 8 General Meeting

Number in attendance: 23

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

## General Meeting

1. Agenda Accepted: Michelle Motioned. Marilyn Peterson Seconded.  
❖ CARRIED.
2. **Reading of the previous meetings minutes.**

**Michelle Sylvestre moved that the minutes be adopted as presented, it was accepted by consensus. Doug Balla Seconded.**  
❖ CARRIED.

### 3. Business from these minutes

3.1 AGFA Conference Reports (Michelle Sylvestre) – will be posted on the website.

3.2 National Range Day (George Fairs) – Organize National Range June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meeting is March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM.

3.3 LFGA Banquet (Joel Rigby) – Tickets will be \$55.00 for adults and \$35.00 for youth. Our Life Members will get a free banquet ticket. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Joel spoke about the silent auction and has a letter that members can approach businesses with to ask for donations. Discussion: will our sponsors get free tickets? Rick Blakeley answered that this is a fundraiser so giving out too many free tickets will go against that.

What are you looking for the silent auction? Items that are of quality to help raise funds. The funds go towards our projects as a club: conservation, hunting, fishing, range etc. CPR Lake, SMMRID. The banquet will be held at the Coast Hotel.

3.4 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Michelle Sylvestre)

Discussion: Executive Swag

**Brett Featherer moved that this year's Elected Executive and Chairs receive 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jackets with the new logo out of the General Account, each item will be under \$100.00 to a maximum of \$1,500. Seconded Jared Wacotte.**

Discussion: Madeline Balla does everyone this year get one even if they received one in 2018? Rick Blakeley answered yes.

4 opposed.

Rick and Michelle abstained.

❖ CARRIED.

3.5 Vic Stasiuk Hunter of the Year Awards: What is happening with the “Hunter of the Year” Awards, there was no combined Bird Award. LFGA is keeping them.

#### **4. Correspondence**

a. None.

#### **5. Treasurer’s Report (Madeline Balla)**

- a. Shooting Sports Facility \$2639
- Casino - \$26,800
- Range Sustainability \$138,829 (above)
- Range Account CIP \$50,178
- General \$17,000
- Membership \$20,521.02
- GIC’s \$416,576

Discussion: Where do these funds come from? Range gets used by Service people ie. RCMP, Lethbridge Police, also Membership fees get divided into a few accounts. Grants from the City and Provincial government.

Will the city ever sell LFGA the Land? No, both the hut and the range land will always have to be leased. Lease has 23 years left on it.

5.2 The Range requires more funds to complete the security system, Fibre Optic Project,

Michelle Sylvestre moved that up to \$50,000 from the Range Sustainability account, the excess revenue in the CIP payback account for 2023 of up to \$30,000 to complete the Fibre Optic Construction, and complete Security Project including installing a Generator and gravel.  
Seconded by Jeff Deuschle

❖CARRIED.

Michelle Sylvestre moved that Casino Funds be used for Range programming expenses including youth activities.

Seconded by Joel Rigby

Discussion: Deb Clarke – more specific – amendment was made.

❖CARRIED

#### **6. Unfinished Business**

a. None.

#### **7. New Business**

7.1 100th Anniversary Seminars (George Fairs) - The thought is that a 1/2 day seminar would be charged at \$5 per person a full day seminar would be charged at \$10 per person. This fee would cover soft drinks, water and snacks. Any funds left over would go to the LFGA for upkeep and maintenance of the hut and classroom (or other facilities as

required). Should lunch be offered that would increase the per person charge.

Through wild apricot the funds would be collected and directed to LFGA. The operator of the seminar would then bill LFGA for their costs. What we would like to do if possible is to store any leftover drinks and snacks at the hut to be used by the next seminar. That way we reduce wastage and possibly increase the LFGA "take".

7.2 Avian Flu (Vic Stasiuk): Not a lot out there, it has reduced in the last few months. The domestic goose population took a hit. Can birds come across the border: Rick answered that it takes longer but it should be fine.

7.3 Plaques at Hut (Vic Stasiuk): Need to be updated. Board of Gov. and Vic will work on it. Michelle Kennedy has them.

7.4 4-H Pheasant Program (Vic) – LFGA voted to purchase \$5,000 worth of female pheasant to release from the 4-H club.

7.5 Dean Wager was invited to join the National Team – Representing Canada in France this summer.

### **Chair Reports**

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

a. Report. Read and available upon request.

#### **b. Fish (Joel Rigby)**

a. None

#### **c. Bird (Vic Stasiuk)**

a. None.

#### **d. Big Game – (George Fairs)**

a. None.

#### **e. Habitat and Environment (Mike Uchikura)**

i. CPR Lake Habitat is complete.

#### **f. Range (Rick Blakeley)**

a. Women Who Shoot has 42 Members

b. Rick Blakeley spoke about the rental program Rifle, pistol, and shotgun rental. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact Rick Blakeley.

c. Send a thank-you to volunteers for the Measuring Day? Rick Blakeley?

#### **g. Casino (Allan Friesen)**

Funds:

**h. Hall (Madeline Balla)**

a. None.

**i. Membership (Nadine)**

a. 2062 Memberships (May 30<sup>th</sup> 2023) 296 are new Memberships!

**j. Banquet (Joel Rigby)**

a. See "Business from these minutes"

**8. AFGA**

**a.** Wayne Lowry presented his Conference Report from the AFGA Conference. Financial Statements and Resolutions. Elections AFGA: Report posted to the LFGA.club website. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is Rick Blakeley. Program Chair will be eliminated.

**b.** LFGA won many AFGA Awards over the past few years: JB Cunningham Award for 3 years.

**9. Photography**

Michelle Kennedy received many entries, Chris Yannick will judge.

**9. Membership** – None.

Adjourned at 8:27 PM.