Lethbridge Fish & Game Association
Monday, October 26th, 2026
General Meeting Minutes at the Hut
7pm-9pm

Location – LFGA Hut 7pm – 9p
Meeting called to order at 7pm
Chair – Ken Petersen – President
Executive Present – Vice President Doug Mickey, Treasurer Leah Brown, Secretary Darcey Watt
Board of Governors – Jay Mackenzie, Andy Cumming, Dan Chapman
Sign in sheet available
Quorum was met – 31 members present

1) Approval of Agenda

   a) **MOTION 20261026.01** THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed – Greg Bird/Sheila Ferguson – **CARRIED**

2) Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2026.

   a) **MOTION 20261026.02** THAT the minutes from the previous general meeting September 14, 2026, be adopted as emailed – Darla Cooke/Andy Cumming – **CARRIED**

3) Correspondence

   a) Erika Yee
      i) President Ken Peterson summed up the letter, and a standard rate will be used moving forward.

   b) Banquet Chair resignation by Deb Clarke
      i) Deb Clarke has resigned as Banquet Chair.
      ii) Advertisement for a new chair and thanks to Deb for years of service has been sent by email and to the website.
      iii) There may not be a banquet this year if a chair is not found soon.

4) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Leah Brown

   a) **MOTION 20261026.03** THAT the Treasurer's report be approved as presented to the General Membership on October 26, 2026 – Leah Brown/Marilyn Peterson – **CARRIED**

   b) Bank accounts have all been updated/closed as per **MOTION 20260615.04.**
      i) 5 GIC's – we now have more investments than cash – this needs to be addressed for tax reasons or we may have to pay taxes.
      ii) Clays were less money than expected.

c) The City of Lethbridge has sent the lease agreements to the club and the current amendments. We can renegotiate for a longer date. Lease date is currently until Dec 31, 2041.

d) Due to the disruption of range activities caused by repairs to Range 2S, we may request that the annual $20,000 fee be waived or, at minimum, reduced under the force majeure clause added to the Agreement as Article 28 – Force Majeure.

5) Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Range 2S Update
   i) Work is Proceeding – 2S remains closed until repairs are finished.
   ii) Rods are complete and cladding will be installed this week.
   iii) This also affects Range 2 when work is being done - closure while working on 2S.
   iv) Continue to check the calendar for updates.

b) Membership Chair – George Roth
   i) George Roth has agreed to take on the Membership Chair Position – thank you George.

c) Community Capital Projects Grant – Sidney Shapiro (report on file)
   i) We have received approval for the grant.
   ii) Financials have been sent to the City of Lethbridge.
   iii) Thank you to Tom Hopkins, Jeff Deuschle and Sidney Shapiro.

6) New Business

a) Designation of Reserved Funds held in GIC(s) and Savings Account for CRA, that need to be recorded in the minutes.
   i) A report needs to be filed with CRA due to our income being over $200,000.
   ii) We need to name what we have it set aside for and why.
   iii) A committee is meeting to handle this.
   iv) Jay Mackenzie expanded on the CRA report regarding investments.
      (1) We need an explanation for all assets and investments, and a Motion needs to be recorded in the minutes.
      (2) **MOTION 20261026.04** TO use savings and GICs for potential range relocation and building infrastructure upgrades – Jay Mackenzie/Greg Bird - **CARRIED**

b) New Trap Machine
   i) $6000 was paid to Mossleigh Trap club who failed to deliver the trap machine.
   ii) Money has been returned.
   iii) Due to clay costs being lower than expected, and with the returned $6,000; $10,000 will be added to the November budget for a new trap machine.

c) Upcoming Meetings
   i) Executive meeting – Thursday, November 19th – Range Classroom – 6 pm
   ii) Election General Meeting - German Canadian Club - Monday, November 23rd – 7 pm

(1) **MOTION 20261026.05** TO have our election meeting at the Canadian German Canadian Club and to buy one beverage per member after the meeting up to $1500. – Andy Cumming/Sheila Ferguson - **CARRIED**

d) Raffle
   i) We have purchased a Tikka .308 Rifle from Alberta Firearms.
   ii) Sheila Ferguson is in charge of ticket sales, logging the sale of tickets and sending out tickets purchased online.
   iii) Tickets have been professionally printed (375 tickets available @$20/ticket).
   iv) Joel Rigby suggested the advertising of the raffle be put on the front page of the website.

e) Alberta Wildlife 2027 Annual Conference – February 18-20, 2027- Nisku, AB
   i) **MOTION 20261026.06** TO help members cover expenses up to $1350 with receipts and reports provided – Sheila Ferguson/ Andy Cumming – **CARRIED**
   ii) Contact Secretary Darcey Watt to attend. Open to the executive first and then to members.

f) Veteran's Association - Sheila Ferguson
   i) the Veteran's Association has issued a public plea for blood. Please contact Red Cross Website to give.

g) Pheasant Festival and Pumpkin Shoot
   i) Pheasant Festival
      (1) Vic Stasiuk, Deb Clarke and Miranda Wingate attended the Hound and Harvest Market.
      (2) 25 vendors attended, we had a table and sold 12 raffle tickets.
      (3) We had LFGA brochures available but promotion of all disciplines we offer would be beneficial.
   ii) Pumpkin Shoot
      (1) Huge success, even with long wait times, the general consensus was it was a fun and positive event.
      (2) Molnar's and Holtman's donated 250 pumpkins.
      (3) 18 volunteers, 30 raffle tickets sold, $60 in pop and chips sold.

7) Chair Reports

a) Banquet
   i) With no banquet chair there has been suggestions to have a smaller event.
   ii) Announce the need for a banquet chair at the November GM.

b) Bird (Vic Stasiuk)
   i) Bird release is in motion.
   ii) A release location near Fort Macleod has been closed due to damage.

c) Board of Governors – Award Nominations
   i) Have received a few; open to more.

d) Membership (Pippa Goodfellow/George Roth)
   i) George needs access to Wild Apricot.

e) Range (Jeff Dueschle)

i) Positive report, membership increases – 7 new members in September.
ii) Sight in clinic was very successful – 70+ people (only 17 officially registered).
iii) With advertising events we need to be prepared for big numbers.
iv) 2 more workdays on 2S, range 2 will need to be closed.
v) CQB has been approved by CFO.
vi) Budget is in the works with possible expansion and upgrades.
vii) Taking bookings for November.
viii) Handgun has been donated, and we have possession of .357 Magnum.
ix) Canadian Tire South has donated a shotgun for a raffle.
x) No approval for Range 8, use as storage and equipment storage.
xi) Chinook Country Shooters is willing to invest money into Range 7 for upgrades and expansion.
xii) Would like to see an IPSC match return to the range, CFO is involved and there are preliminary talks with the City of Lethbridge.
xiii) Thanks was expressed to Jeff Deuschle and the LFGA for knowledge, advice and experience from the Claresholm club.

f) Range Safety Report (Nick Burnham)
i) Over 160 new range officers in 2026; 8 courses plus one for the game wardens.
ii) New Instructors: Rich, Tom, Jim, Miranda, Monique
iii) Access to creating website events has been invaluable and has taken a significant amount of work away.
iv) In the future:
(1) New PowerPoint
(2) Emergency response plan for fire, ambulance, police.
(3) AED, Extinguisher and first aid kit checks. Can AED stay in the freezing cold?

g) AWF Firearms & Range Strategic Caucus (Jay Mackenzie)
i) There have been no scheduled meetings.
ii) Many questions with few answers from the Federal Government.

h) Volunteer Coordinator (Miranda Wingate)
i) Volunteer hours were sent to ACA; a reply was received and they were grateful for the information and thrilled with what the club has been doing.
ii) Completing information and events checklist with monthly compilations.
iii) Need regular pricing for events, invoicing and forms.
iv) Gun show is Family Day weekend. If we want a table, we need to request it. Miranda will handle it.

8) Adjournment 8:21pm

Respectfully recorded by:

Secretary Darcey Watt