Lethbridge Fish & Game Association

November 25th, 2025, General Meeting Minutes

Doors opened at 6:00pm for Registration and Meeting Started and adjourned — 7:14pm to 10:37pm

German Canadian Club (902-6th Street North, Lethbridge)

Chair: President Rick Blakeley

Executive Present: President Rick Blakelely, Vice President Jeff Dueschle, Treasurer Leah Brown, Secretary Darcey Stoutjesdyk

Board of Governors Joel Rigby, Andy Cumming, Jay Mackenzie

Quorum was met. 134 voting members

Note - for minute taking purposes this meeting was recorded.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, who acknowledged the complexity of recent procedural and governance matters. Opening remarks emphasized the importance of following established Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Point of Order:

- Scott Suschinsky/Layne Whipple - Online Voting and Executive Validity was raised challenging the legitimacy of previous elections conducted with online voting, citing Bylaw 4.3 (voting must be in person). Elected positions appear to be invalid.
- The President accepted the Point of Order. The challenge was discussed extensively, with references to COVID-era exceptions and subsequent changes in provincial legislation.
- An appeal to the chair's ruling was lodged by Joel Rigby, seconded by Marc Henderson, and subjected to a formal vote.
- Discussion was held: Against the action by Joel Rigby, Sheila Ferguson, Deb Clarke, Eric Trudel and Andrew Prokop
- **Vote** against the point of order declared the **current Board is valid. CARRIED**

1) Adoption of Agenda – Steven Osmond/Brett Ficiur

Point of Order: Ryan Cook

- Regarding the inclusion of the budget, referencing Bylaw section 8.6.2, which stipulates that the budget must be approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March, not during the November meeting.
- President in favor of the ruling as the new Executive should be elected first
- Discussion: Andy Cumming noted need to determine membership fees, citing Bylaw 4.1.
- President ruled to remove all budgetary items including fees from agenda unless an appeal made
- Appealing the ruling – Darcey Stoutjesdyk, Jay Mackenzie
- Need for membership fees to be set, funds allocated, and GST

Point of Order: John Kerber

- Board of Governors to change date of AGM if any budgetary items including fees discussed tonight
- Jay Mackenzie stressed the unusual situation we find ourselves in and the budgetary importance of tax implications and profit currently.

    a. **MOTION 112525.1** TO approve the amended agenda with the presentation of the budget to be approved at the AGM as per Bylaws and to set membership fees and discuss GST – Jack Stewart/ Steve Osmond **CARRIED**

    b. **MOTION 112525.2** TO approve the agenda as amended – Jessie Amos/Jim Thompson **CARRIED**

2) Approval of Minutes from Previous General Meeting - September 30, 2025

    a. **MOTION 112525.3** THAT September 30, 2025, General meeting minutes be approved – Darcey Stoutjesdyk/ Jay Mackenzie **CARRIED**

3) Business Arising from the Minutes

    a. Shot-Card Funding Discrepancy – $4000 in missing funds were accounted for. Two shotguns were traded for shot cards. No receipts or accounting was kept, and no information was submitted to Treasurer when this was done. This has been corrected. Moving forward, further transactions of this nature must be recorded and submitted to the Treasurer in a timely manner, for accounting, transparency, and GST purposes

    b. Credit Card Update – the Treasurer finally has access to the LFGA credit card that the President uses after 6 months of asking and an Executive motion in July. She has also just been issued an LFGA Credit Card as of last week. The Presidents Credit

Card limit has been reduced to $10,000 from $25,000. This is to be used primarily for repairs on the range since he currently is also the Range Operator.

4) Correspondence

- Point of Order – Deb Clarke – all correspondence must be read

    a. Canadian Firearms Office (CFO) Letter – Jay Mackenzie

    b. Facial Recognition – Member's Concern Letter contrary to Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) – Jay Mackenzie

        i. Steve Osmond spoke to the letter he composed. Facial recognition is governed by both provincial and federal legislation. As it stands LFGA is in violation with liability up to $100,000. Having facial recognition in place is a huge violation of privacy information and legislation, especially if information was shared with the police or other third party. Discussion ensued regarding legal concerns.

        ii. Joel Rigby noted that a motion passed at last Executive meeting to turn off facial recognition until due diligence is performed

        iii. **MOTION 112525.4** To suspend facial biometric use immediately until legal ramifications are discussed, proper policies and procedures developed, and its use approved by the Association members – Steve Osmond/Marilyn Peterson **CARRIED**

    c. Electronic Voting - Contrary to Bylaws Member's Concern - Jay Mackenzie

5) Treasurer's Report (attached) – Treasurer Leah Brown

    a. Tax and GST Update

        i. The Treasurer led a slide presentation highlighting the general concerns during the General Meeting on September 30. Refer to documentation provided. Sustainability Savings Account, Range Operating Account, Potential Tax Liabilities, Capital Expenditures, Compliance and Transparency, Visa Card Transactions, and Range Budget.

        ii. Explanation of tax implications regarding profit from rental agreements. Non-profits could have to pay tax on profit over 10%.

        iii. GST will need to be applied for and filed moving forward.

iv. Because of the tax requirements, there is a greater need to be diligent and transparent with receipts and expenditures. Everything needs to be accounted for, therefore everyone, needs to turn in all receipts in a timely manner.

b. Financial Report

i. **MOTION 112525.5** TO pass the Treasurer's Report as presented – Leah Brown/Darcey Stoutjesdyk **CARRIED** 2 Opposed

ii. Discussion regarding purpose of Sustainability Savings Account. Jay Mackenzie emphasised the need and responsibility to maintain detailed records, citing Bylaw 6.9.

6) New Business

a. 2026 Membership Dues Structure (see attachment)

i. The Executive is recommending that the LFGA membership dues increase. The proposal is to add $10 to each membership type this amount will be added to the range allocation portion.

ii. The amount of the membership dues allocated to the Sustainability account is proposed to be reduced from $60 to $40. This $20 will be added to the range allocation portion.

iii. GST will be applied to all membership dues.

iv. In summary, the membership dues will increase by $10. The Sustainability fund allocation will reduce by $20. Both the increase in dues ($10) and the $20 from the Sustainability fund allocation will be put towards the range allocation. This will mean that the range allocation almost doubles from its current $33 per member allocation to $63 per member allocation. GST will also be applied to membership dues. Doing this will negate the need for the range to regularly use money from the Sustainability fund.

v. Discussion turned to the day pass, suggestions were made. Perhaps $25 (GST included) if accompanied by a member who is an RO, and $100 for day passes where an RO needs to be provided (George Fairs)

1. **MOTION 112525.6** TO AMEND the Day Pass amount and consider it separately. - George Fairs/Jessie Amos (Leah accepts the amendment) **CARRIED**

vi. **MOTION 112525.7** TO accept the new Membership fees as presented – Leah Brown, Darcey Stoutjesdyk **CARRIED**

b. Proposed 2026 LFGA Budgets – Moved to March AGM

c. Sustainability Fund

i. Whereas the LFGA Sustainability account was originally started to generate a fund to help the range relocate should it be required to move from its existing location, and

Whereas the LFGA range were allowed limited access to this fund, and

Whereas the LFGA range has accessed and used significant amounts of money from the LFGA Sustainability account for a variety of projects some of which would be best described as operational or ongoing repairs and maintenance, and

Whereas the members contributed to the Sustainability fund ($60 for one Range membership and $120 per 2 Range memberships) in the amount of $113,551 in 2025, and

Whereas the Range Operator expensed $94,183 of those funds for Security expenses for which no budget was submitted, and

Whereas the Range Operation account has received transfers of over $358,038 from the Sustainability account during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2024 (approx. $89,557 per year) for which no budget was submitted, and

Whereas LFGA members have contributed over $437,191 since January 1, 2022, and there is a balance in the account of $102,077.79 as of November 14, 2025, while the balance was $82,709.54 January 1, 2025, leaving $19,368.25 remaining from 2025 contributions of $113,551, and

Whereas the LFGA Sustainability Savings fund ...4549 has not increased by any significant amount for the several years due to these withdrawals, and

Whereas the Membership have approved the reallocation of membership dues to essentially double the amount allocated to the range and reduce the amount allocated to the Sustainability Fund

1. **Be it resolved** to **rescind** motion 6.1 approved at the LFGA General Meeting on August 26, 2024

"THAT from January 1, 2023, all costs related to the security, safety and camera systems as well as the IT infrastructure that is used to sustain the Shooting Sports Facility in the current physical location shall paid out of the Sustainability Fund."

2. **And rescind** any other previously approved motion or amendment that allows use of funds from the Sustainability Fund by the LFGA range.

3. **And replace** these with:

    a. **MOTION 112525.8** THAT all member fees allocated to the Sustainability Fund be deposited to the Sustainability Savings account, and no expenses or withdrawals for any purpose be made from that fund or account, without authorization by the LFGA Executive and approval by the LFGA membership at a general meeting. – Andy Cumming/Rob Mackenzie **CARRIED**

d. **MOTION 112525.9** TO extend the meeting until 10:30 – Joel Rigby/Rob Mackenzie **CARRIED**

e. Elections

    i. Elections and Election Overview by Board of Governor – Joel Rigby

    ii. Voting Procedure

        1. Candidates given three minutes to speak
        2. Secret ballots collected
        3. Collection and tabulation of votes.
        4. Ballots destroyed after counted
        5. **MOTION 112525.10** THAT all ballots be destroyed post-election – Deb Clarke/Joel Rigby **CARRIED**

    iii. Presentation of candidates nominated for the following vacant positions. Note no nominations from the floor.

        1. President (1-year term)
            a. Incumbent - President Rick Blakeley
            b. Ken Peterson - Board Recommended

        2. Vice President (1-year term)
            a. Incumbent – Vice President Jeff Deucshle

b. Doug Mickey - Board Recommended

3. Treasurer (1-year term)
    a. Incumbent – Treasurer Leah Brown - Board Recommended
    b. Ryan Cook – Withdrew

4. Secretary (1-year term)
    a. Incumbent – Secretary Darcey Stoutjesdyk - Board Recommended

5. Board of Governor (3-year term)
    a. Dan Chapman – Board Recommended
    b. Kevin Cudmore

iv. **Announcement of Results**

1. **Ken Peterson – Elected President**
2. **Doug Mickey – Elected Vice President**
3. **Leah Brown – Elected Treasurer**
4. **Darcey Stoutjesdyk – Elected Secretary**
5. **Dan Chapman – Elected Board of Governors (1st year)**

f. **MOTION 112525.11** TO extend the meeting until 11:00pm – Brian Dingreville/Ken Peterson **CARRIED**

7. Chair Reports – given while ballots were being counted due to time constraint

a. Banquet (Deb Clarke) – likely March 2026
b. Big Game (Justin Roszell)
c. Bird (Vic Stasiuk)
d. Board of Governors – Award Nominations – not given
e. Casino (Darren Vucurevich) – February 2026, expect $30,000 in proceeds
f. Community Relations (Scott Sweetman)
g. Fish (Wayne Waddell) - per Leah Brown
h. Habitat (Mike Uichikura) – per Darcey Stoutjesdyk
i. Hut (Tedd Walcott) - per Leah Brown
j. Membership (Pippa Goodfellow) – 2122 members
k. Photography (Michelle Kennedy) – as per Michelle Sylvester, photo submission deadline January 5, 2026
l. Range (Rick Blakeley)
m. AWF Firearms & Range Strategic Caucus (Rick Blakeley)

8. Adjournment

    a. Meeting was adjourned at 10:37pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Darcey Stoutjesdyk

LFGA Secretary

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Andy Cumming

Board of Governors