



Meeting held at Bertel's, called to order by A/President Mark Anderson at 7:05 p.m. 11 people in attendance.

Mark provided highlights of the 2017 AFGA Conference in February.

Reminder of the Wildlife talk on March 30 at 7:00 at the Crystal Shores Beach House. We are co-hosting with the High River club. Members were urged to come.

Upcoming Events:

- Garage Sale May Long Weekend Saturday May 20. Will be held at Bertels. Volunteers are needed! We'll have to start 2 days earlier with organizing donations and pricing them. Then, lots of help on sale day is good. Put it on your calendar. Motion by Dave / seconded by Glen that we put an ad in the paper at whatever it costs. Carried.
- Organized fishing days? We can look at formal or informal days, where people just get together on short notice. The informal is sometimes best. We'll look at a day maybe in July.

Increasing membership numbers. Suggestions included putting a pamphlet in the Welcome Wagon package, maybe ads in the Western Wheel newspaper, more promotion by members. It's important we promote the club and the good things we do. Maybe more community involvement. Suggestions to create a ODFGA Facebook page.

Website: New content is needed. Informational articles, recipes, etc. Email Mark to have him post information.

Club merchandise is still on the back burner. Camo is difficult to get for a good price due to copyright camo patterns. It might be easiest for members to buy their camo when on sale and then apply the club logo at a later date? More info to come.

Discussed Okotoks Air Ranch wildlife survey. They asked for ODFGA assistance in getting bird and big game counts on the Okotoks airport. Mark to followup with them for more detail.

Hunting Award:

- After various stories from members about cougars near deer stands, bow hunting deer in the fog, and deer donated to the food bank, the Hunter of the Year Award was presented to Mike Olfert for his stories about the success he had calling in deer with doe bleat calls while hunting with his daughter and a successful season with a mule deer doe and a small buck. Congratulations Mike!

Fishing Award:

- It didn't seem to be a very good year for many members as far as fishing in Alberta went last year. There were many stories and pictures passed around about fish caught in recent years outside Alberta and much talk about some members abilities with cameras to make their catch look really good. After all the stories, the Fisherman of the Year Award went to Matt Zazula for his success catching a 68 cm walleye on Lake Newell. Congratulations Matt!

It was mentioned the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors Association hunter ed training center on Elbow Drive is a great place to visit because of their extensive bird and big game taxidermy collection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00, with coffee, tea and sweets served by Frank and Gisela.