



Meeting held at Bertel's, called to order by President Mark Anderson at 7:00 p.m.
9 people in attendance.

1. **Presidents Report** submitted by Mark Anderson
It was a very successful year for the club in 2017. Memorable events and meetings included the Horn Scoring night, garage sale, Wildlife Survey for the Okotoks Air Ranch, fishing at Pine Coulee, and pounding posts for fencing and Mallard nests at Jim Graham Park. We held more activity focused meetings in 2017, which were well received. Our website is up and going and we had a good turnout for our Christmas Dinner.
2. **Vice Presidents Report** submitted by Matt Zazula
We had a roster of 37 members for 2017, which is down slightly from the previous year. Most of our memberships are family and we have 20 paid memberships so far for 2018. Increasing membership numbers will be one of our main focuses for 2018.
3. **Treasurers Report** submitted by Siegfried Honsek
We had a balance of \$6,190 on December 1st 2017 in our bank account. It took \$2,538.83 to run our club last year and we managed to meet all of our expenses and put an additional \$310 in our bank account. Our garage sale raised \$366.50, our Christmas dinner \$960.00, two \$250 Donations and our membership fees rounded out our fundraising events. It is important for members to attend and participate in our events to keep us going.

Glen made the motion, with Darren seconding the motion for the above reports to be accepted as information.

4. **Election of new Executive**

The Executive resigned their positions. New elections were held and Mark Anderson was elected as President, Matt Zazula - Vice President, Siegfried Honsek- Treasurer and Patrick McKnight-Secretary. Darren made the motion with Glen seconding it after each elected position. Motions passed unanimously. The Hunting Chair and Fishing Chair positions remain vacant if anyone is interested.

5. **2018 AFGA Conference** will be held in Edmonton February 22 to 24 2018. No one else expressed an interest in attending so Mark will attend again this year.

6. The **2019 AFGA Conference** will be held in Calgary and Zone 2 will need volunteers to coordinate the conference. Think about volunteering and contact Deb Clarke or Matt Zazula, our Zone 2 representatives if you can help out.

7. **2019 AFGE Membership Fees**

It is expected that the AFGA will increase membership dues in 2019. Matt made the motion that our club fees be increased in 2019 by the same amount as the AFGA fee increase, rounded up to the nearest \$5 increment. Glen seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

8. **Okotoks Birdbox Project**

On March 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 our club will host a Bird House Building workshop in conjunction with Home Depot in Okotoks. We will need to advertise the night in the Western Wheel. The children attending will take their bird houses home at the end of the night. Derrick, Matt, Darren, Mike and Patrick will assist the children on March 7th. More volunteers are welcome.

Dave Osmars will continue to coordinate with the Town of Okotoks to install birdhouses on Town property to help address the mosquito population and promote conservation within the Town limits. Glen and Patrick will build the club bird houses. Darren and Patrick will install them in the spring.

9. **ODFGA Merchandise**

The club will purchase 12 camo hats with ODFGA logos to be sold to members for \$15. If you want to ensure you get a hat contact patrick.mcknight@telus.net by February 1st.

Mark made the motion that club funds be used for EACH MEMBER ATTENDING THE FEBRUARY 20th MEETING to have our CLUB LOGO stitched onto one article of clothing of their choice that they bring to the meeting. You must attend the meeting to access club funds. Additional articles of clothing will cost an estimated \$17 for further logos to be installed by Flys Etc in High River.

10. New Business

- Our Club Bylaws will remain the same.
- Encourage the AFGA to include a map outlining where each Zone is in the Province.
- In reference to a proposed AFGA resolution, Members expressed a concern about the number and procedure how Landowner Mule deer tags are allocated needs improvement. Is it to limit or compensate for crop damage or a landowner incentive for allowing hunter access?
- Chronic wasting Disease is spreading further west into Alberta and there were a higher percentage of does being affected this year than in the past. More whitetails also were affected this year than in the past. No elk or moose were reported to be affected this year. There was some discussion about the consumption of CWD infected meat and the disease being transferred to humans.
- Dave will continue to investigate our club assisting with the Crystal shores Fishing Derby. Matt will assist in the planning as required.
- Matt and Patrick attended the Walleye/Northern Pike presentation. It looks like the Alberta Government Wildlife Biologists will be recommending that the number of lakes where you will be allowed to keep fish will be reduced. It is easier and cheaper for the Government to control fishermen than improve fish numbers through habitat restoration/enhancement or stocking programs. Please remember that Government representatives are only doing their jobs and it is the politicians and Managers that we need to call. Be respectful to the messengers.
- The 2018 Horn Scoring event will be booked for February 15th from 7-9PM at the Crystal Shores Clubhouse. Matt will be coordinating this so keep tuned to further emails. Laurie, Matt, Darren and Jerry will be volunteering. Others are welcome to attend.
- Our summer BBQ will be tentatively held at Siegfried and Gerta's on August 12th in the afternoon.
- The 2018 Christmas Dinner will be booked for December 8th from 5:30 to 9:30 again at the Crystal Shores Beach house. Matt is organizing the bookings.
- Membership fees are due if you haven't paid yet.

11. **Our next meeting will be held February 20th at 7PM** at Frank's house.



Mark and Siegfried had a successful day pike fishing out at Twin Valley Reservoir in January.