



Regular Meeting March 20, 2018

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

1. ODFGA Merchandise

Pat brought in the articles of clothing embroidered with the ODFGA logo to Fly's Etc. Camo hats with ODFGA logo were available for purchase for \$15 and a few sold at the meeting. A motion was raised by Pat to purchase a hat for Frank for hosting the meetings at his house, which was seconded by Glen and carried.

2. 2018 AFGA Annual Conference Recap

Mark and Matt attended the annual AFGA conference in Edmonton in February. Here are some highlights from the conference:

- The Alberta Environment Minister Shannon Philips announced they will NOT close the Eastern Slopes Fisheries to angling in 2018. A \$100,000 Grant was also given to AFGA from the Alberta Government.
- The AFGA Environmental Chair spoke about an Alberta Caribou Protection Plan required to prevent a Federal enforcement order that could turn the entire province into a Park to save the Caribou.
- Chronic Wasting Disease continues to spread north and west along streams and river valleys. In the past it appeared to affect mostly Mulie Bucks but now more cases have been reported in does and White Tail deer. Studies on monkeys now show the disease can be spread to primates by eating contaminated meat and there is a warning not to consume an infected animal.
- The Cold Lake Fish Hatchery gave a presentation and stated that they can grow 5 sub species of Rainbow Trout quickly for restocking lakes and steams. The provincial hatchery is free of Whirling disease. Lakes are being restocked. He also stated that Tiger Trout are being stocked in a few Alberta Lakes but noted that they are not a recognized game fish and hence do not carry a limit. He stated that they can grow lots of Walleye but the province has not ordered any.
- The Wildlife Trust Fund has purchased/received more land in 2017.
- Congratulations to Mark in volunteering to be AFGA Provincial Programs Chair for 2018.

3. 2019 AFGA Conference

Next Year's AFGA annual conference will be in Calgary and Zone 2 is looking for clubs to volunteer their members and donations to make. This will also get the volunteers into the conference to observe the Association in action.

4. Okotoks Birdhouse Project

Dave Osmars can no longer continue running this project and we need a new volunteer to coordinate with the town of Okotoks to install the bird houses in the town. Glen and Patrick will build the club bird houses. Darren and Patrick will install them in the spring.

5. National Firearms Association

Jack handed out a National Firearms Association information in relation to the Liberals efforts with bill C-71 to recreate a vendor driven gun registry. Jack suggest the ODFGA become affiliated with the NFA for \$5/member/year. A motion was made by Laurie to join the NFA on a Club level. Jack seconded the motion and it was carried.

6. Mission Statement

Discussed whether the ODFGA needed a mission statement or if we should copy the AFGA's vision.

7. Online ODFGA Membership Sales

Some discussion around accepting online membership purchases through Paypal or e-transfers on the website. Mark will pursue with Siegfried.

8. Garage Sale

The Garage Sale will be held in May. Date to coincide with Town Garage Sale Day. We need a volunteer to organize it and a place to host the sale. Donations will be required as this is a major fundraiser for our club.

9. Our next meeting will be held April 17th at 7PM at Frank's house.