



### **Annual General Meeting March 19, 2019**

Meeting held at Frank Bertel's, called to order at 7:05 p.m

1. The 2019 AFGA Conference was held at the Glenmore Inn in Calgary Feb 21 to 23, 2019. Mark, Matt, Dan, and Shawn attended the conference. Matt was elected as the second Vice President at the AFGA provincial level and Mark continued on as the AFGA Programs Chair. The Okotoks resolution requesting clarification of youth fishing regulations passed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in a 5 year period and is now a position of the AFGA. A number of Fish and Wildlife and Alberta Environment and Parks attended the conference but couldn't share much with the imminent provincial election.

The PSE compound bow we donated was raffled off at the AFGA conference.

2. The Horn Scoring Event on February 28, 2019 was well attended and we had 13 heads to score, with the largest being an elk. We signed up 3 new members and handed out flyers to a few others. We ran a little over time and couldn't score all of the heads; next time we'll book a little longer time.
3. Everyone in attendance shared stories about their hunting and fishing experiences last year. After nominations and voting Darren Banasch took home the annual ODFGA Fishing award for his excellent bull trout experience and Dan Robley received the big game award for his archery white tail buck and solo bull elk.
4. There is a Quotabuster Membership drive this year with the AFGA to add new members. Matt asked everyone to get the word out and recruit new members as best we can. Frank's neighbor Liam attended the meeting and joined the club.
5. Darren volunteered to take the remaining 14 birdboxes we built last year from Glen's garage and install them along the bluebird trail program near Okotoks before nesting season starts in April. Mark handed off the ODFGA stencil and spray paint. If you'd like to help Darren install them, please contact him at [hookhack@telus.net](mailto:hookhack@telus.net)

6. Pat installed the 2 remaining duck nests in Jim Graham Park last week and they look great. Thanks Pat!
7. There was some discussion around fundraising opportunities and organizing volunteers for a casino. These funds would have to be attributed to future conservation and education projects.
8. The Okotoks parade of garage sales will be on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> on the long weekend. There was some discussion of skipping it this year but there was interest in continuing it. Frank can't host it this year, so we need to find a new location with decent foot traffic to have it.
9. We discussed moving future meetings out of Frank's basement over to Crystal Shores Beach House or Shawn's car wash boardroom. There were mixed feelings around the social vs. formal atmosphere and the added cost of moving to a new location.
10. Darren has offered to host a fly-fishing course over the summer for our members. More details to come as we get closer to summer.

Our next meeting will be held April 16, 2019 at Frank's House at 7pm.