



Meeting held at Bertel's, called to order by A/President Mark Anderson at 7:00 p.m. 8 people in attendance.

1. **Wildlife Meeting Review**

Good information was shared by Brett Boukall Senior Wildlife Biologist. It is important that people are honest and submit their **Hunter Harvest Survey** each year as it assists ESRD and AEP in managing wildlife populations. With limited funding available for flying wildlife surveys they rely on the Hunter Harvest surveys for some of their information. It appears that wildlife numbers are up in WMU surrounding Calgary. We look forward to the next meeting. Habitat and landowner permissions still appear to be the major areas of concern.

2. **Okotoks Air Ranch Wildlife Survey**

On Thursday April 20th our club will be assisting the Okotoks Air Ranch by conducting a wildlife survey. They will be donating \$250 to our club for our efforts. **We will be meeting at 5:30pm at #2 Winters Way to start.** If you are interested in volunteering please show up at that time.

3. **Upcoming events**

May 20th is our Garage Sale at Frank and Giesla's home at #49 Downey Road. Okotoks, 830am to 4pm. Mike volunteered to put our name on the parade of garage sale list and he'll examine the benefits of placing an ad in the Western Wheel. **We need volunteers to make the garage sale successful.** Remember it is one of our best fundraising events and brought in approximately \$600 last year. Items to be donated can be dropped off at Franks as early as May 16th at our next meeting. Table will also be required. We will need help pricing items before the sale and help on the day of the sale.

The Summer BBQ and our Christmas Dinner will be organized at later meetings.

4. **Advertising and Community Events**

- July Family Fishing Event?
- Okotoks Parade day booth?
- Putting logo on bird and bat houses in community
- Could we volunteer to help Crystal Shores with their Ice Fishing Derby , by showing others how to fish and drilling holes?
- Would the Town of Okotoks allow us to place Duck Nest at town ponds to help reduce mosquito numbers

We need to complete the fencing at Jim Graham Park

We need to install the DU mallard nests in our ponds

5. **Fish and Game merchandise**

We are looking at hats, pins, hoodies and shirts

6. **Website Content**

Articles required for our web site to get our information out there. If you have some information or ideas please forward to Mark.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Next meeting May 16th at 7PM at Franks House.

GARAGE SALE MAY 20th 8:30 to 4PM Your help is required