

## Regular Meeting September 22, 2020

Meeting held at the Crystal Shores Beach House in Okotoks and called to order at 7:12p.m. 14 members + 2 AFGA guests in attendance. Meetings were cancelled over the summer and due to COVID restrictions. This was the first meeting since February 2020.

 AFGA update from Zone 2 President Deb Clarke regarding the recently announced AFGA special general meeting called for October 15, 2020 to increase membership fees by 60%. This increase is needed to balance a barebones 2021 budget and ensure the continuation of the AFGA and the benefits it provides. A detailed information packaged will be e-mailed to members next week.

The ODFGA gets two votes for the special resolution. Mark Anderson and Dan Robley volunteered as the two delegates to cast votes on the resolution. An email survey will be sent to ODFGA members to get feedback on how we'll vote.

If the resolution passes, ODFGA membership fees will be increased commensurate with the AFGA membership fee increase. This will be voted on separately at our club after the AFGA special general meeting.

- 2. Mark, Dan, and Matt briefly recounted notable parts of the 2020 AFGA conference held in March 2020 in Edmonton.
- 3. Shawn gave us an update on the Okotoks deer task force. Not much has progressed due to COVID. They are doing another deer count this year to compare with previous years.
- 4. Our Wild Game Dinner held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> was moderately well attended. The hope was moving it to March would alleviate Christmas conflicts, but participation was similar. The food and logistics were great. There may be concerns going forward with the continued spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and the long testing times. Thank you Siegfried for organizing!

- 5. In the spring we sold the boat that Dieter donated to the club and raised \$2500 for the club. Thanks for the donation Dieter and Mark for finding a buyer.
- 6. Despite COVID cramping sales, the 50/50 raffle was a success and raised \$1420 for the ODFGA. The winner was Daniel out of Rimbey, likely from a ticket sold at Conference. The funds raised are restricted per Alberta Gaming requirements and will be used for ODFGA community projects. Thanks Matt for organizing and members for helping with sales.
- 7. Dan Robley was successful (again) in getting a volunteer grant from his employer Petronas, providing a \$1750 donation to the ODFGA. Great job Dan!

  As a reminder to members, check if your employee has a volunteer or community grant program that might apply to us!

Our next regular meeting will be on Oct 20, 2020 at the Crystal Shores Beach House.