



General Meeting Nov 15, 2023

1. In-person meeting called to order at 7:10PM with approximately 10 members in attendance
2. At the Oct 22 Zone 2 meeting a number of items were discussed including:
 - AFGA rebranding to Alberta Wildlife Federation (AWF) and creating a new logo in order to better align with other conservation organizations in Canada and to revitalize the organization. No changes are required at the club level.
 - The AWF is ramping up more provincial level programs including women and youth camps. Initially these are focused in Edmonton but should expand to southern Alberta next year.
 - Zone 2 would like to have a membership draw awarding a prize to a randomly drawn AWF in zone 2. Mark moved and Dan seconded to donate \$100 to the draw, which passed unanimously.
3. The ODFGA has approximately 130 members in 2023, with some new members queued up for Jan 1 2024. Keep an eye out for a renewal reminder email in December. The ODFGA will randomly select one prize winner from the members that renew or sign up before January 1, 2024.
4. The 2024 wild game banquet will be on June 8, 2024. If you were able to harvest wild game this year, please consider saving 5 or more pounds for us to serve at the banquet. The banquet committee has kicked off and is already planning the event.
5. The ACA and AWF volunteers are seeking donations for the 2024 turkey relocation program, moving BC and Manitoba turkeys into Alberta to bolster local flocks and hunting opportunities. Mark moved and Dan seconded to donate \$1000 to the turkey relocation project, which passed. This covers the cost of roughly one turkey.
6. Trent Jones gave a great presentation of his time spent at the Narrow Lake AFGA youth camp in July. The ODFGA sponsored his attendance to the camp. He

shared some of his experiences taking hunters education, shooting, and boating at the camp.

7. The 2024 AFGA conference will be Feb 22-24, 2024 in Lethbridge. Mark, James, and one more delegate will attend on behalf of the club as ODFGA delegates. A motion was raised and carried to cover their registration, travel, and accommodation expenses. Another motion was raised by Dan and seconded by Tim to donate up to \$500 for a silent auction or raffle item at Conference, which passed.
8. We're going to run the Kids can Catch Ice fishing event again in 2024 on the Family Day Fishing weekend Feb 17-18, 2024 at Chain Lakes. Anyone is welcome to attend and try their hand at ice fishing. We will need some volunteers to make this event a success, so let us know if you're able to help out.
9. Mark did a presentation on Alternative Uses for Big Game Harvests including:
 - Alternative cuts of meat: shanks, ribs, organs
 - Hide tanning and Buckskin leather
 - Soap-making
 - Art projects
10. Our next club meeting will be and Annual General Meeting in January.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.