

**Okotoks and District Fish and Game Association (ODFGA)  
Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes**

**January 21, 2026**

Date	January 21, 2026
Time	7:05 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location	Beach House (Okotoks)
Attendance	10 members in attendance (including Executive).

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Zazula at 7:05 p.m. The Executive for the past year was introduced:

- Matt Zazula - President
- James Oancia - Treasurer
- James Litwin - Secretary
- Peter Varga - Vice President

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Addition: Wildlife Chair Report was added to the agenda.

**MOTION:** To adopt the agenda as amended.

Moved by Joe B; Seconded by Peter V. Carried.

## **3. Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM (January 29, 2025)**

The minutes of the previous AGM were reviewed. No omissions or errors were identified.

**MOTION:** To adopt the minutes of the previous AGM (January 29, 2025).

Moved by Glenn D; Seconded by Mark A. Carried.

## **4. Reports**

### **4.1 President's Report (2025)**

The President's Report for 2025 was presented. Highlights included:

- Wild Game Banquet & Fundraiser - successful event; profit supported club activities (tickets did not fully sell out).
- Horn Scoring Event (2025) at Hub Town Brewing - well attended; local media coverage.
- Kids Can Catch / fishing events - successful participation; thanks provided to volunteers.
- Family Day BBQ at Crystal Shores Lake (July 2025) - 26 members and guests attended.
- Fundraising raffle (July 2025) - 274 tickets sold (of 1,000 printed); raffle generated a profit for the club.
- Club meetings held in January, May, September and December (Beach House).
- Membership decreased in 2025 to under 100 members; intention to rebuild membership.
- Club communications - Facebook page maintained and updated.

**MOTION:** To accept the President's Report as presented.

Moved by Matt Zazula; Seconded by Glenn D. Carried.

#### **4.2 Treasurer's Report (2025)**

The Treasurer's Report for 2025 was presented, including the following financial highlights:

- Wild Game Banquet gross revenue: \$18,158; net profit: \$4,969.94.
- Fundraising raffle net profit: \$1,224.
- General (deposit) account: opened at approximately \$22,000 and closed at approximately \$20,000.
- Raffle account: opened at \$3,368 and closed at \$1,142 (funds used for donations and conference-related expenses consistent with raffle guidelines).
- Total cash position: approximately \$26,168 at start of year and \$21,581 at year-end.
- Discussion item: explore placing a portion of funds into a short-term GIC to improve interest earned.

**MOTION:** To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Moved by James Oancia; Seconded by Peter V. Carried.

### **5. Selection of Auditors for the 2026 Financial Year**

In accordance with the bylaws, the Association appointed auditors for the next financial year.

**MOTION:** That Glenn Matheson and Paige Oancia conduct the audit of the 2026 finances.

Moved by Glenn D; Seconded by Joe B. Carried.

## **6. Membership Fee Review and Structure**

The Association reviewed membership categories and fees:

- Regular Membership: \$55
- Family Membership: \$75
- No increase to existing fees was proposed.
- Associate Membership (new): for individuals or families who are already members of another Alberta Wildlife Federation (AWF) affiliated club and have paid AWF affiliation through that club. Associate Members have full participation and voting rights within ODFGA.

**MOTION:** That ODFGA implement an Associate Membership category open to individuals and families who are already members of an AWF-affiliated club, and that the annual fee for such membership be \$20.

Moved by Peter V; Seconded by Glenn D. Carried.

## **7. Donation to the Alberta Wildlife Federation Annual Conference (February 2026)**

The Association discussed supporting the Alberta Wildlife Federation through the annual conference donation program.

**MOTION:** That ODFGA donate \$1,000 to the Alberta Wildlife Federation at their annual conference in February 2026, earmarked for the Alberta Habitat Fund.

Moved by Joe B; Seconded by Peter V. Carried.

## **8. Donation to the ACA / AWF Wild Turkey Trap and Relocation Project**

The Association discussed supporting the Wild Turkey Trap and Relocation Project, including the benefits of the program and past involvement.

**MOTION:** That ODFGA donate \$1,000 to the Wild Turkey Trap and Relocation Project.

Moved by Glenn D; Seconded by James A. Carried.

## 9. Bylaw Review Recommendations

It was noted that the current bylaws do not include the Vice President as a signing authority. A bylaw amendment was proposed to add the Vice President as signing authority to the Association's accounts. As this is a bylaw change, it required a Special Resolution (minimum 75% vote in favor).

Special Resolution: Bylaws Part 3.09 would be amended to include the following sentence at the end of the section:

“The Vice President shall be signing authority to the accounts of the Association.”

**MOTION:** That the Special Resolution to amend Bylaws Part 3.09 as described be accepted.

Moved by Joe B; Seconded by Glenn D. Carried unanimously (100% in favor).

A discussion took place regarding a potential Association name change to align with the Alberta Wildlife Federation branding (e.g., “Okotoks Wildlife Federation”). This was deferred for further consideration at a future AGM.

## 10. 2026 Banquet and Fundraiser Status

Preliminary planning for a 2026 banquet has begun. Key discussion points included:

- The Ridge is no longer considered viable due to major cost increases (including meal cost, tent-related costs, and additional fees).
- The prior chef indicated they are no longer available to cater offsite.
- Alternative venues and catering options (including local halls) will be explored; capacity and cost were discussed.
- Members were asked to volunteer for the banquet planning committee and to assist with sourcing donations of wild game and other items.

## 11. Upcoming Events

- Horn Scoring Event: Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Hub Town Brewing (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.).
- Kids Can Catch Ice Fishing Event: Saturday, February 14, 2026 at Chain Lakes (volunteers still needed; anglers must sign up).

## 12. Ideas for 2026 Events and Activities

Ideas discussed included a Family BBQ, fundraising raffle, and guest speakers. It was decided to operate another fundraising raffle in 2026

following the same format as previous years, with a draw date planned for July. A family BBQ will also be planned.

### **13. Wildlife Chair Report**

Joe Baranyay, Wildlife Chair for ODFGA and Alberta Wildlife Federation Zone 2, provided an update including:

- No results yet from the WMU 212 elk issue.
- The Ministers Advisory Committee on Hunting (MACH) is considering options for vetted hunters from clubs to assist with problem wildlife.
- The AWF Firearms and Range Strategy Caucus is operational and growing.

### **14. Annual Elections**

Elections were held for the four Executive positions. Three calls for nominations were made for each position. Results:

- President: Matt Zazula (acclaimed).
- Vice President: Mark Anderson (acclaimed).
- Secretary: James Litwin (acclaimed).
- Treasurer: James Oancia (acclaimed).

Chair roles (appointed/volunteer):

- Wildlife Chair: Joe Baranyay (volunteered to continue).
- Fish Chair: Peter Varga (volunteered).

### **15. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Glenn D; Seconded by Mark A. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.