

**Okotoks and District Fish and Game Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes January 29 2025**

1. The meeting was called to order by president Matt Zazula at 7:00 p.m. 8 people were in attendance. The current executive of the ODFGA were introduced.
  
2. The agenda was circulated.  
Peter Varga moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dieter Foessel. Motion carried.
  
3. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held January 24 2024 have been posted on the website.  
James Oancia moved to accept the minutes of the January 24 2024 Annual General Meeting as posted. Seconded by Dieter Foessel. Motion carried.
  
4. Old Business, there was no old business carried over from the previous meeting.
  
5. New Business:
  - a) President's Report for 2024 was presented by Matt Zazula.  
Matt Zazula moved to accept the President's Report to the 2025 Annual General Meeting. Seconded by Peter Varga. Motion carried.  
A copy of the report will be placed on the website attached to the minutes of this meeting.
  
  - b) Treasurer's Report for 2024 was presented by James Oancia.  
Balances as of the end of 2024 are \$22,202.40 in the general account, \$3,368.69 in the raffle account, and \$597.50 in the float, for a total cash on hand of \$26,168.59. Major fundraising was through the annual wild game banquet and the raffle. Expenditures included those associated with the annual conference and donation, sponsoring a youth member to camp and purchase of supplies and equipment for the Kids Can Catch day. The finances are in a good position. Total Cash on hand 26,168.59  
James Oancia moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for 2024.  
Seconded by Peter Varga. Motion carried.  
  
James Litwin moved that Mark Anderson and Glenn Matheson conduct the audit of 2025 financial reports at year end for submission to the 2026 Annual General Meeting. Seconded by Kyle Paul. Motion carried.

- c) Donations to the Alberta Wildlife Federation conference.  
AWF is looking for donations from organizations, clubs and individuals.  
ODFGA has already committed \$150 to sponsoring a coffee break as part of the Zone 2 clubs.  
Previous years we have donated up to \$500 of merchandise for the silent auction. We have also donated money toward the Alberta Habitat Fund, which purchases land to protect it for future generations while allowing recreational access.
- Peter Varga moved that the Okotoks and District Fish and Game Association donates \$1,000 to the Alberta Habitat Fund at the Annual Conference.  
Seconded by James Oancia. Motion carried.
- d) Bylaw Submissions. As this is the Annual General Meeting, this is the time we review changes to our club bylaws. There have been submissions for changes submitted this year.
- e) February 15 Kids Can Catch day at Chain Lakes.  
Mark Anderson is heading this up. We need volunteers to help with set-up, drilling holes, cooking hot dogs, handing out rods and bait, and on ice mentorship. We're expecting 250 people, so lots of help would be great. Volunteers to show up at the lake by 9:30 AM. Check the website for info and for Mark's contact info to sign up.
- f) 2025 Annual Wild Game Banquet and Fundraiser.  
Scheduled for Saturday June 7, at the Ridge Event Center. The committee is just about to start meeting. We have room for many people on the committee, and are in particular need of a committee chair. We need people to help with planning, with meat donations, with soliciting donations for the silent auction, with set-up on the day, and with general ideas on how to make it even better. Meat donations are particularly needed to make it a success. If you have any game to spare, please let us know and watch your email for donation information. If you would like to be on the committee, email the ODFGA and you will be added to the committee.
- g) Review of any AWF Resolutions and Recommendations  
The resolution process for the Alberta Wildlife Federation Annual Conference was explained. Delegates attending from the ODFGA would like some indication of how to vote on the various resolutions being discussed. A couple of resolutions were talked about to illustrate the process. Any members with feedback on any of the resolutions should contact the ODFGA by email and share their thoughts.

h) Additions to the agenda...

Sunday February 2 was chosen for the club fun ice fishing day. The weather is forecast to be too cold. An alternate date will be circulated before January 31, possible using February 8 instead.

6. Elections of Club Executive were held.

For the position of President, Peter Varga nominated Matt Zazula. The nomination was accepted. After 3 calls for nominations, Matt Zazula was acclaimed as President.

For the position of Vice-President, Matt Zazula nominated Peter Varga. The nomination was accepted. After 3 calls for nominations, Peter Varga was acclaimed as Vice-President.

For the position of Secretary, Matt Zazula nominated James Litwin. The nomination was accepted. After 3 calls for nominations, James Litwin was acclaimed as Secretary.

For the position of Treasurer, Matt Zazula nominated James Oancia. The nomination was accepted. After 3 calls for nominations, James Oancia was acclaimed as Treasurer.

Congratulations to the following as the Executive of the ODFGA for 2025:

Matt Zazula – President

Peter Varga – Vice-President

James Litwin – Secretary

James Oancia - Treasurer

7. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn by Mark Williams. Seconded by Dieter Foessel.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..