

Brooks Fish and Game Association
Annual General Meeting
January 18, 2022

Attendees: Jordan Johnson, Alisha Johnson, Rick Martin, Donna Martin, Patty Green, Pete Green, Dan Buell, Rod Rosland, Rod Opperman, Carson McCormick, Sally Bartman, Brian Peers, Lester Janke, Brian Petersen,

Jordan Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Copies of the proposed agenda were sent out via email and distributed at the meeting. **The agenda was moved by Sally Bartman, seconded by Lester Janke and approved.**

The January 19th, 2021 AGM minutes were distributed via email. **The minutes were moved by Lester Janke, seconded by Tom Anderson and approved.**

The meeting was surrendered to Rick Martin for the 2022 Elections:

Executive:

President- Jordan Johnson was nominated by Sally Bartman, Jordan Excepted.

Vice President- Rod Opperman was nominated by Jordan Johnson, Rod Excepted.

Treasurer- Brian Petersen was nominated by Lester Janke, Brian Excepted.

Secretary- Alisha Johnson was nominated by Jordan Johnson, Alisha excepted.

Chair Positions:

Membership Chair- Brian Peers agreed to stay on.

Trophy Chair- Rod Opperman agreed to stay on.

Habitat Chair- Lester Janke agreed to stay on.

Hunter Ed Chair- Alisha Johnson agreed to stay on.

Archery Chair- Chris Hermann agreed to stay on.

Fish Chair- Shaun Veroba agreed to stay on.

Gun Chair- Dan Buell agreed to stay on.

Hunting Chair- Carsen McCormick agreed to stay on.

Public Relations Chair- Rod Opperman agreed to stay on.

Awards night committee- Lester Janke agreed to stay on.

Firearms Chair- Tom Anderson agreed to stay on.

Rifle Range Chair- Dan Buell agreed to stay on.

Firearms Education Chair- Open

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Brian Petersen

- \$50,000 Chequing, \$10,000 Habitat Project \$160,000 Pheasant Festival, \$7,500 Contingency, \$5000 Savings.
- **Brian Petersen made a motion to move \$2500 into the contingency account, Lester Janke seconded and approved.**
- All the financial reports are up to date and filed accordingly.
- Please see attached Income statement for reference.

Membership: Brian Peers

- 239 regular, 85 family, 168 dependants, 8 youth. 500 in total.
- Membership mailouts were sent out at the beginning of January.

Trophy Chair: Rod Opperman

- Entries are way down this year with bird entries being the highest.
- Awarded with be 4 family memberships and 20 Plaques.
- **Rod Opperman made a motion to spend \$1000 on Plaques, Record books and a Brooks Bulletin Ad, Jordan Johnson seconded and all approved.**

Pheasant Festival: Lester Janke

Lester's year in review report:

Sproule Property Rolling Hills-

Irrigated the hay crop land once this summer. A generous donation of a check was added to help get water down to the SE corner to water all the old willow and cotton woods along the way. Lloyd Cook was a huge help at Sproule in 2021, building an Olympic sized swimming pool while watering the trees, along with great breakfasts at the Rolling Hills Golf Course! DU cleaned out the main ditch that feeds two ponds. The water was not getting there as the grass and weeds had taken over.

Worked with the ACA and moved the tree planting at Sproule to 2022, Covid-19 was the main factor in this decision. The area for tree planting was worked up with a roto spike unit by Top Gun Well Service, cost of \$1023 (ACA grant money) at a reduced hourly rate and hours were cut as well. Trees were ordered and a down payment was given of \$1092.00. The area for trees is 200ft long by 100ft wide. Worked with Tyler Johns at Sproule, breaking up a piece of land for the tree planting. Tyler plans on trying to cut the hay in 2022 as it's choking out and not growing properly.

Potuik/Wester property Tilly-

Received a phone call from EID engineer that a pipeline will be added to the SE corner of the property and will be installed in the winter of 2022. Tried to irrigate the NE corner again but the main ditch leaked, and water was shut off. There is no other way to get water to the NE corner. The trees were planted back in the late 90's and there is no new growth, and the trees are suffering. The slough is pretty well all dried up as no water has been added through irrigation.

Long Pump Property-

Winter of 2021 EID added a huge water pipeline through the property and added a 10 inch turn out for watering. The site was reclaimed, and hay/grass mix was seeded by the EID. With the dry summer the club built sprinkler heads on wheels and watered the reclaimed area. There was good growth with adding seeding of mixed corn, clover, and other grasses. This was a labor-intensive watering project as the sprinklers had to be hand moved along with all the hoses. The main group of trees were watered about three times in 2021. Spring of 2021, Todd Green from the County of Newell approached the club about planting trees with a grant from the TD Tree Program. Kevin Barath and Jonathan Neilsen worked up the property with Jonathan's equipment. This was a four day project, all done in the evenings. A main ditch was pulled close to the turn out to SW corner of the property. Now we can water a greater amount of property. September of 2021, we planted about 220 of 2-3 gallon potted trees and bushes. Trees included were, Saskatoon, Choke Cherry, Elder Berry, Rose Bush, and Flame Amur Maple. The Volunteer planting group included 18 people both from the club and non-members. The Brooks Bulletin was on site and did interviews with some of the members. Due to the enthusiasm of the group, all the trees were planted in 2 hours and the trees were watered. The trees were watered 3 times after and hopefully they will start to grow in the spring. A generous donation of 600ft 1¼ inch black plastic hose was donated to set up a drip irrigation system on the eastern part of the tree plot. This will be set up in the spring/summer of 2022.

Lester's Operating Habitat Budget for 2022

- Hose Replacement- \$880.00
- Engine Maintenance, fuel/ oil for water pump \$240.00
- Pump replacement if needed \$550.00
- New sprinkler heads if needed \$450.00
- New canvas for irrigating \$200.00

Lester made a motion to spend \$2320 for the habitat maintenance mentioned above, Rod Rosland seconded, all approved.

Hunter Ed: Alisha Johnson

- Alisha called the College to inquire about renting the auditorium and the college is not taking bookings at this time due to covid restrictions.
- We would like to find a shop or something big to accommodate up to 30 people. We would like to see a course happen this year as there are quite a few people interested and likely a bunch of students back logged over the last couple years.

Firearms Chair: Tom Anderson

- Marco Mendicino is the new Minister of Public Safety.
- The Alberta Justice Minister Kaycee Madu says they will sue the Federal Government if necessary if a handgun ban is proposed.
- An Ontario court ordered the disclosure of all information on the RCMP algorithm invented for Prime Minister Trudeau's gun ban back in May 2020.

Rifle Range: Dan Buell

- The gravel held up good all year.
- Gong maintenance was more than usual this past year.
- Dan had the back of the backstops dug out.
- Braces were welded onto the gong houses.
- The new code has been changed on the gate lock for 2022.
- The range recertification paperwork will be started right away.
- Scott Briggs would like to see an annual budget for the range. It was discussed and the executive were in favor, not only for the range but for all elements of the club. Dan and Brian Petersen would get together to put a budget together for the range.

Archery Range: Absent**Fishing Chair: Absent**

- Carson McCormick spoke on the Pheasants Forever website featuring the Aquaduct Enhancement project. See link: <https://www.pfcalgary.ca/brooks-aquaduct/>
- Carson also spoke about the southern Alberta Sport Fisheries Management engagement. There was a webinar on January 12th explaining the proposals and an online survey until February 7th. See link: <https://www.alberta.ca/2022-23-sportfishing-regulations-engagement.aspx>

Hunting Chair: Carson McCormick

- Holders of Special License's for the 2021 hunting season must complete their Harvest reports by February 15, 2020. Late season Licences are due March 15th, 2022.
- Alberta Minister's Bighorn Sheep hunt auction went for \$224,000 and most of that money will go back into conservation.

Gun Show: Dan Buell

- All the raffle tickets were sold out.
- The attendance was around 900 people all weekend.
- Han's is stepping away for a couple years. Dan is looking for some volunteers to step into Han's role.
- The Fieldhouse is booked for October 29-30th, 2022 for the next Gun Show.

Public Relations: Rod Opperman

- Rod Rosland's daughter has offered to help with the Website and has been in touch with Rod Opperman. There will be a few people with access to the website once all the kinks are out.

Awards night: Lester Janke

- Due to the Covid-19 restrictions for banquets and group indoor gatherings the awards banquet will be cancelled again for the second year.
- Lester would like to plan an event later in the year, hopefully April or May depending on restrictions could be indoor or outdoor.

New Business:

- **Jordan Johnson made a motion to name Rod Rosland Chair of Aquaduct Habitat Enhancement Lester seconded and all approved.**
- See attached the insurance options Dan Buell presented. It was discussed that the AFGA would be beneficial to keep for the Aquaduct Enhancement project.
- Tyler Johns from the ACA would like to join a BFGA meeting.
- Sally Bartman and Lester Janke volunteered for the South Zone Casino in December.
- **Dan Buell made a motion to approve the Corporate Range membership prices, Carsen seconded and all approved.** See attachment proposal.
 - 1-3 Members \$200/year
 - 4-10 Members \$400/year
 - 11-20 Members \$600/year
 - 21-40 Members \$1000/year
 - 61+ Members TBD by BFGA as needed.

Old Business:

- Looking for new ideas to recruit volunteers.
- Water rights at Potuik.
- Inventory in the spring.

Next AGM will be held January 17, 2023

Next Monthly Meeting will be held February 22, 2022.

Motion to Adjourn was Dan Buell, seconded Brian Peers @ 9:00pm