

Brooks Fish and Game Association
Meeting Minutes
December 21st, 2021

Attendees: Jordan Johnson, Alisha Johnson, Dan Buell, Brian Peers, Rod Opperman, Lester Janke, Rod Rosland, Sally Bartman, Tom Anderson

Jordan Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:12pm

The agenda was moved by Rod Rosland and seconded by Lester Janke and approved.

Minutes from October 19th, 2021, were moved by Dan Buell and seconded by Sally Bartman and all approved.

Treasurer- Brian Petersen, absent

-Pat Brown donated \$150 to the club for stamps and other miscellaneous admin costs.

Membership Chair-Brian Peers,

-Membership numbers are Regular 239, Family 96, Dependents 168, and youth 8. Total 508.

-New Membership books are out at Sports Side, Brooks Home Building and Busse's.

-Brian has started working on the membership mailout.

Trophy Chair- Rod Opperman,

-Rod has scored a lot of birds but not a lot of big game.

Pheasant Festival Committee- Lester Janke,

-Lester hired someone to till at the Sproul property. The cost of \$1000 was taken out of the ACA grant.

Gun Show Committee- Dan Buell,

-900 people attended over the 2 days.

-The Gun Raffle sold out, 600 tickets.

-Vendors were pleased with the sales.

-The Gun Show grossed \$16000. After expenses we were left with \$7000

Hunter Education- Alisha Johnson,

-Waiting to see what our options will be closer to Jan/Feb. Nothing new to report currently.

Firearms Chair- Tom Anderson,

-The house is back sitting and as far as Tom is aware it doesn't look like firearms are the topic.

-The OIC amending prohibited firearms is at a standstill as it is held up in the courts. Tom expects a possible extension to the amnesty period.

Rifle Range Chair-Dan Buell,

-Dan has had the gongs touched up. Verizon helped build stabilizers for the gong houses.

-Backstops have been dugout.

- Expanding the range has been brought up, however the city is not interested in leasing out the land to East at this point.
- Dan will change the gate lock in early January.
- Dan will start working on the range approval for the new skeet addition. **Sally Bartman made a motion to add Skeet and Restricted to the range approval, Rod Opperman seconded and all in favor.**
- Dan will have the most up to date insurance options for the AGM.
- Fish and Wildlife Officers are looking for a corporate rate for range memberships. There are only 2 officers at this time that would utilize the range. **Dan Proposes an annual membership fee of \$200, Lester seconds and all in favor.**
- Rod Rosland suggested a corporate rate fee schedule be created. This would be added to the AGM agenda.
- There is a North Silva ammo recall, Tom suggests posting a couple signs out at the range with a picture of the prohibited projectiles for awareness.

Awards night committee- Lester Janke,

- Lester would like to plan a BBQ in the summer if the Awards Night can't happen.

Archery Chair- Chris Hermann, absent

Fishing Chair- Shaun Veroba, absent

- Rod Rosland added that Jason Nixon is visions to create a new fisheries management program for fishing in Alberta.
- 5000 new fish were released into the Aquaduct on September 30th and October 1st.

Hunting Chair- Carsen McCormick, absent

Rod Rosland added:

- All Elk farm hunts have been cancelled.
- Alberta's Turkey Management Plan will be bringing in new turkey species for release.
- ACA did a landowner survey were over 2000 landowners surveyed.

Public Relations Chair- Rod Opperman,

- Rod would like to set up an online Membership link as well as a donation option on the website.
- Rod Rosland's Daughter has offered help with the website.

Firearms education Chair- position not filled

New Business:

- The Brooks Aquaduct Enhancement Project has made progress with confirming partners and applying for grants. The Eid have given us \$10000. The Brooks and District Elks Club have become partners in the project and are donating \$10000. The County of Newell as a partner for this project has just committed to supplying equipment and labor and their experience to help us complete the prep work and plant the 12,000 scrubs and trees.
- Many other applications have been sent out. Those include, Fortis Alberta, UFA, ACA, and AFGA.

-Sponsorship letters have been sent to Tree Canada, Canadian Natural Resources along with Calgary Pheasants forever.

-Sally and Lester have come up with the idea of an online auction through Annett Auctions to raise money for the Aquaduct Enhancement Project. The club will be looking for donations to put into the auction. **Lester made a motion to spend \$5000 to purchase items for the auction in April, Tom Anderson seconded and all in favor.**

-Rod Rosland had an idea to make a volunteer ACA Pheasant survey into a club fundraiser. The survey starts in the middle of August and runs until the end of September.

-Jordan Johnson would like to see an up-to-date inventory of all the club's assets put into a spreadsheet.

- The results of the survey were inconclusive as there was an issue with the survey website.

Unfortunately, Survey Monkey requires more money for the full results and the Executive Members agreed that the unforeseen total was not worth it. What we were able to see was half the results. Taking this into consideration the results we did see were 3/4 use the membership for range usage only and 2/3 were open to dissolving affiliation with the AFGA.

Old Business

-Membership fee increases.

-Skeet shooting station.

-Fundraising Cash Raffle. Alisha and Jordan will set up the raffle license. \$10000 raffle. \$10/ticket. 1000 tickets printed. Prizes \$2000, 2x \$500 was discussed.

Next meeting AGM January 18th, 2022. JBS Center at 7:00pm, Flex Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm