

Brooks Fish and Game Association
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021

Attendees: Jordan Johnson, Alisha Johnson, Dan Buell, Brian Petersen, Brian Peers, Rod Rosland, Carson McCormick, Rod Opperman

Jordan Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

The agenda was moved by Dan Buell and seconded by Rod Rosland and approved.

Minutes from March 2021 were moved by Dan Buell and seconded by Brian Peers all approved.

Treasurer- Brian Petersen,

-Year end at the end of May. No bank statements are in yet.

Membership Chair-Brian Peers,

-115 Regular, 56 family, 106 dependants, 6 youth with a total of 283 total.

Trophy Chair- Rod Opperman,

-nothing to report

Pheasant Festival Committee- Lester Janke, absent

Email report:

Received a grant for \$4000.00 from ACA to plant trees and berry bushes at Sproule property at Rolling Hills. Contacted Amy from ACA to see if we could put this off to 2022 due to COVID. She had no issues with this plan. Trees will be ordered in August of this year. I will order 250 each are choke cherry, wolf willow, buffalo berry, Elder Berry, is Red Hawthorn and Saskatoon. There will be other work happening at Sproule before the trees get planted, such as prepping the area where the trees will be planted.

Checked out Long Pump and talked with Brent on where they are at on clean up on our site. Still lots of work to do such as cleaning out the north/south ditch, installing a culvert, and general clean up.

Contacted Dan at the EID to see if they could plant some trees and bushes on both side of the pipeline right way. If they can this would add to what we have there now. We need to find a ditch plow and plow a ditch 12 to 16 deep to plant the trees into so they can get water.

Contacted Tyler Johns from ACA on possibly picking up some land in the NW corner of Long Pump. The land use to be part of Lake Side and was sold to MCF Holdings which is part of the Green Prairie Hay plant near Lethbridge. There is 15 acres that would fit in with what we have. Tyler called them and they seemed interested but are in the middle of getting organized. The contact is John, 403-634-0316.

I will keep you posted once we hear more.

Still working on the Potiuk Property at Tilley. Need to contact Rick Martian to see what options we have.

Gun Show Committee- Dan Buell,
-Han's will start working on the applications after Easter.
-Dan to put out save the date ads in the coming month.

Hunter Education- Alisha Johnson,
-Nothing to report

Firearms Chair- Tom Anderson, ABSENT

Email report:

It has been a crazy year in the world of firearms and gun politics! Today marks one year since the tragic Nova Scotia shooting, which was unfortunately utilized by the Liberal Party to criminalize a significant portion of the law-abiding firearms community in Canada. As many of you know Justin Trudeau, with the help of his Public Safety Minister, Bill Blair enacted an order in council (OIC) which as of May 1st, 2020 immediately prohibited over 1500 models of legally acquired and possessed firearms. Since that day, a number of passionate individuals, advocacy groups, provincial and municipal governments have stepped up to push back against the overreach of the federal government. I'm proud to say that Alberta in particular has spearheaded much of the fight against the Trudeau Liberals gun ban. Two official parliamentary E-Petitions were put forward and both produced record setting numbers. E-Petition 2341 initiated by Bradley Manysiak (A CCFR Field Officer from Medicine Hat) sponsored by MP Glen Motz (Medicine hat-Cardston-Warner) garnered 175,310 signatures, and E-Petition 2574 initiated by Jesse Faszer and sponsored by MP Michelle Rempel Garner (Calgary Nose Hill) collected a staggering 230,905 signatures. A number of lawsuits were also launched against the government in response to the OIC, the largest and most notable being the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR), which announced its intent to pursue legal action on May 6th, 2020. This lawsuit has since been filed and is working its way through the legal system.

2021 News and Recent Legislation:

Bill C-21 was tabled by Minister of Public Safety Bill Blair and went for first reading on February 16th, 2021. This Bill seeks to actually establish the May 1st OIC as federal law, as well as give individual municipalities the jurisdiction to ban handguns within their city limits. The Bill would also create stiffer penalties for firearm related offences, potentially ban anything that resembles a firearm (Like airsoft rifles) and wrap firearms ownership in another layer of red tape.

Bill C-22 was tabled by the Department of Justice and went for first reading on February 18th, 2021. This Bill does not directly affect law abiding firearms owners, however I believe it is important to observe it seeing as it repeals mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for a number of serious crimes, and in particular a number of firearms related crimes. So, while targeting law abiding firearms owners with C-21 the federal government greases the bearings of its revolving door justice system!

Private Members Bill 211 has passed third reading and is off for royal assent. Finally, some good news out of the government! This Bill was put forward by our own MLA Michaela Glasgo (Brooks-Medicine Hat), and essentially would block federal Bill C-21 from allowing municipalities in Alberta from banning handguns. As many of you are likely already aware, MLA Glasgo is also chair of Alberta's Firearm Advisory Committee. The result of this committee was Alberta moving to remove the federally appointed CFO and appoint its own Chief Firearms Officer, another road block for federal overreach.

This last year and even just the past couple months have been so eventful it is hard to summarize it all in one brief letter, I hope to provide a more detailed month by month update at future meetings. I encourage

everyone to like the CCFRs Facebook page, sign up for their weekly e-newsletter, listen to their monthly podcast, and if you feel so inclined buy a membership! We can win this fight!

Rifle Range Chair-Dan Buell,

- Gray Graphics made a sign to cover the bullet holes in the c-can.
- Dan is going out to spread some gravel and do small maintenance tomorrow.
- During the last inspection it was noted the bales on the back side of the range should be replaced.

Awards night committee- Lester Janke,

- Cancelled for the 2020 awards due to Covid restrictions.

Archery Chair- Chris Hermann, absent

Fishing Chair- Shaun Veroba, absent

- Walleye tags due April 21st.
- Carp can only be harvested legally by hand. No fishing with a net.

Hunting Chair- Carsen McCormick,

- Snow goose season is still open the season ends June 15th.

Public Relations Chair- Rod Opperman

- nothing to report

Firearms education Chair- position not filled

New Business:

- AFGA email sent out the new executive list.
- **Rod Rosland made a motion to spend up to \$100 on flowers for Graham's family at Sportside. Dan Buell seconds and all agrees.**
- Dan will look into making maps for the range to have at a few locations around Brooks.
- Rod Rosland suggested making signs to put on the fence posts south and north of the entrance to the range. In hopes it is easier to see the entrance on approach. **Rod Rosland made a motion to spend up to \$500 on two signs. Brian Peers seconded and all approved.**

Old Business

- Rod Rosland will meet with Dan Buell next week to discuss skeet range options.
- Dan Buell will know by the end of May if there are any trees available for the range.
- Membership fee increases.
- Fundraising Cash Raffle needs to be organized. Alisha and Jordan will set up the raffle license. \$10000 raffle. \$10/ticket. 1000 tickets printed. Prizes \$2000, 2x \$500 was discussed.

Next meeting May 18, 2021 Zoom format, unless otherwise stated.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

