



FORT FRANCES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

P.O. Box 272, Fort Frances, Ontario, P9A 3M6

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 22, 2016 at the Fort Frances Library

Present: Chris Bonner-Vickers, Rob Dokuchie, Crystal Gray, Henry Miller, Mike Veniot, Richard Boileau, and Brad Houghton.

Absent: Willie Anderson, Bill James, Jesse Adair, Allan Socholotuk, and Ben Wiersema.

Minute Taker: Crystal Gray

Guests: 34 Guests Present

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with the Brad welcoming everyone and leading the reciting of the Conservation Pledge.

Special Guests

1. Jody Bonner-Vickers with students Rachel Anderson and Kaya ? presented on the Outdoor Education Program that took place through a field trip to Rocky Inlet. During this field trip they learned about different trees; the Nuthatch Bird; signalling aircrafts with a fire in case of an emergency; difference between rabbits and hares; and about lichen. Back at school they had made Labrador Tea. Through the Outdoor Education program, students received hands on learning about the area ecosystem while having fun during the process. They are benefitting by this hands on knowledge, and it is more fun than learning it from a text book.

2. Henry Miller presented a plaque to Bob & Gwen Dimit for Supporting Youth Conservation from the Fort Frances Sportsmen's Club. This plaque is in appreciation to their contribution to the Outdoor Education & Youth Programs.

3 .Daniela Kilcper, Acting Partner Specialist, with the Ministry of Natural Resources presented on the Environmental Stewardship in the Fort Frances District. She provided history of the formation of the program and the status of the program today. The Environmental Stewardship in the Fort Frances District supports Biodiversity Natural Heritage Protection; Species at Risk; Forestry; Fish & Wildlife Habitat; Climate Change; and Stream Restoration. There is an active Stewardship Council in our area known as the Rainy River District Stewardship Council. This is volunteer based non-incorporated group. The Stewardship Council supports the Stewardship Rangers; Seven Bends Honey Farm Project; and Pine Marten Nesting Boxes Project.

Daniela discussed project opportunities with the Fort Frances Sportsmen's Club of:

- Ryckman Lake Proposal in partner with the MNR
- Invasive Species Outreach

- Collaborating with Rainy River District Stewardship Council
- Youth Supporting the Stewardship Youth Rangers in partnership with UNFC & Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong

4. Vic Alberts presented on the Ryckman Lake Project. In 1994-95 there was walleye put into several lakes in the district. He is wanting to do a krill on Ryckman Lake. There was 153 walleye put into Ryckman Lake and they are looking for data to see how many 8-10" walleye's are in the lake to determine if the program was a success in this spot. The original rehabilitation project was spearheaded by Rainy River Forest Products/MNR/Fort France's Sportsmen's Club.

Vic Alberts will be working with the MNR to get permits for pond nets that are required for the krill to be done. He is also looking for members (volunteers) to participate in the project. The activities of the volunteers would be to record the time that they started and stopped fishing on Ryckman Lake, the number of people fishing with them, and the number of fish that were caught along with the size of the fish. The road into the lake has a small landing which is four-wheeler accessible. Target date for the project to be done is late June/July.

Once the date has been determined, Fort Frances Sportsmen's Club will help out with getting volunteers to participate in the project.

Melvin Haukaas generously stepped forward to donate one of his "Windmel's" to be used as a prize for a volunteer participation draw in the Ryckman Lake project. Thank you Melvin!

5. Bruce Hamilton, acting Representative for Zone A OFAH provided an OFAH Executive Committee -2016 update.

President: Kerry Coleman (Zone F)

1st Vice President: Debbie Rivard (Zone B)

2nd Vice President: Open

Treasurer: Bill Blackwell (Zone H)

Past President: Glen Rivard (Zone B)

Report from Moose Tag Allocation Meeting, March 14th & 15th, 2016. Only 6 of WMUs scheduled for surveying this winter were flown because of lack of snow. Post Card Survey returns were down last winter. Hunters are really encouraged to return these. Hopefully Non Resident Deer Hunting in our area will be on the table for the May meeting of the provincial Big Game Advisory Committee.

The Annual Meeting was held in Atikokan, Fort Frances Sportsmen's Club sponsored Bruce to go. He is asking FFSC to encourage others to go to represent our area. There is a Zone Meeting that will be taking place in Fort Frances during the second week of August. He also encourages executive to get someone else to be part of the Zone A OFAH Executive next year.

Coffee Break took place before the Business Meeting with door prizes drawn. Winner of the door prizes are :

Kevin Elliot – Loon Bank

Richard Boilleau – Knife Set

Daryl Shute – OFAH Print

Business Meeting

Additions:

Chris Bonner-Vickers added Sgt. Anne McCoy – OPP

Negotiations with Couchiching

Announcement that there was no increase in membership even though OFAH is increasing their fee.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were read by Rob D. Motion to approve by Chris B., Seconded by Mike V.; All in favour.

Financials:

Brad read the Financial Report provided by Bill James.

Fort Frances Sportsmen’s Club Financial Report Ending December 31, 2015

Revenue 2015		Expenses 2015	
Donations	\$ 1,035.00	Donations	\$ 382.00
Lottery ticket sales	2,179.00	OFAH Lottery	1,973.00
Skeet	1,200.00	Skeet	1,302.59
Membership Dues	19,030.00	OFAH Membership Dues/Fees	13,502.78
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,204.00	Junior Education	711.73
Range rental	750.00	Administration costs	1,233.62
		Meetings	305.64
		General Expenses	745.59
		Seeding	273.04
		Property repair/maintenance	8,454.86
		OFAH Zone	1,411.45

	Scholarships	1,500.00
Total revenue	\$ 27,938.00	Total Expenses \$ 31,796.30

Our net income for 2015 was $\$27,938 - \$31,796.30 = \$-3,858.30$

Our financials show a loss in 2015 because of major projects on the boat launch and working on the piston and rifle ranges during the year.

We are not anticipating any major expenses this coming year, so if our income remains constant we should show a net gain in 2016. We already received a \$1,000.00 cheque from Canadian Border Services for range rentals from May 2015 for which we were not paid up to December 31, 2015. We also have an outstanding account receivable from Resolute Forest Products (seeding) \$1,429.35.

Update by Brad that we are still unsure if we will be paid for seeding due to Resolute no longer being in operations in the area.

Motion to accept financials by Chris B., Seconded by Henry M.; All in favour.

Old Business:

Bursary this year was 2 - \$1,000 for individuals entering a Post Secondary Education Outdoors Program. To qualify candidates must be part of a family membership to the club and be registering to an outdoors related program. We got 9 applications for bursaries during 2015 year.

Clubhouse reno's are ongoing, there is still 1 wall left to do.

Range – CBSA has paid for the pistol range. Goal this year is to complete work on the rifle range. The club is looking to build new benches with the cement pad to be bigger. (One slab for all 3 benches to be on). The CBSA has volunteered to help with the work.

Chad Buist suggested a shelter/roof to be built to get shooters out of the rain and heat while shooting.

FFSMC is asking members to bring ideas to directors for additions and improvements to the range.

Henry M. Suggested the ranges to raise money for their projects. Brad has said that the 3 new benches would cost approximately \$3,000.00, and the cement would have to be determined on our final requirements.

New Business

Gun Show will be taking place on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Scott Stafford has offered FFSC a table at no charge. FFSC will be using the table to advertise for new members.

Mike V. provided an update on a banner for FFSC. The Fort Frances Times is able to do the banner for us for \$150. Mike was notified that the Fort Frances Times has our logo and own the copyright on it. If we want to have the logo to use at our discretion, we need to purchase the rights from them.

Motion to purchase banner was made by Mike V., Seconded by Rob D.; All in favour.

Mike V. and Rob D. will be manning the table at the Gun Show. A few extra volunteers to help is needed.

Brad H. and Chris B. updated the group on Anne McCoy's project. She is looking to get various clubs involved in projects for youth. The theme is to get youth involved before they get into trouble, not after. Rainy River District is the second location in Ontario that this program is running in, and Anne is spearheading it.

Henry M. has requested that each committee to put in a budget for the AGM. Budgets are to be brought to directors meetings. These budgets will help FFSC to plan short-term and long-term projects.

The FFSC has had their bi-yearly Audit completed for 2014 and 2015. The audit was completed by Vanessa Ward. Everything is in order, no misleading info, records books are done well. There was a few suggestions that were provided on procedures.

Restricted Permits – ATT

To use our range, the ATT course still needs to be completed by the approved instructors Willie Anderson, Rick Sokolotec, and Doug Langtry. FFSC is looking into the option of calling it a Range Safety Course and not an ATT course.

The next ATT course will be on April 22nd & 23rd. The fee is \$125. Contacts for the course is Willie A. and Rick S.

Nomination of Directors

All will stand again.

Leo has nominated Paul Cousineau to stand. Paul has declined.

Mike V. nominates Zac Mante. Zac has accepted to stand.

Kerry Harper has stated that she was willing to stand.

No elections was held. FFSC generally has 10 Directors and 2 Alternate Directors. Bruce H. made a suggestion that we carry on with 10 Directors and have 4 Alternate Directors to ensure that we have a quorum at all Directors meetings. The board agreed with this proposal and all were in favour.

Welcome back all Directors, and welcome aboard Zac and Kerry!

Awards

During the 2015 year, Henry M. Has presented on behalf of the FFSC to:

Vic Alberts the Bud Cyr Conservation Trophy

Sturgeon Creek Alternative Program the Henry Miller Conservation Award for Schools/Classes.

The next Directors Meeting will take place on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at North American Lumber.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Richard B., Seconded by Vic.