

Brokenhead River Game & Fish Assoc. Inc.

Minutes

May 1, 2019

Beausejour Legion

7:30 pm

Attendance –Kelly Bourns, Colette Marr, Jason Combe, Neil Jack, Bob Austman, Ryan Keefe, Paul Millan, Patrik Mathews, Jeffery Cottes, John Williams, Jared Michasiw, David VanDasselaar, Randy Draward, Dale Bourns, Mora Nyokong, John Petras, Darren Zalusky, Brett Steffes.

Regrets – none

1. Call To Order by Neil Jack @ 7:32 pm

2. Additions to the Agenda

-Jeffery Cottes will continue to sell the Brokenhead T-shirts @ \$15.00 per shirt, can be used for prizes and will have at each meeting if anyone is interested.

Jeffery Cottes made the motion to accept the May 1st, 2019 Agenda.

Bob Austman 2nd the motion.

All in favour

Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from March Meeting

Dale Bourns made the motion to accept the April 3rd, 2019 minutes.

Jeffery Cottes 2nd the motion.

All in favour

Carried.

4. Business Arising from the minutes

4.1 Provincial Hunting Day (Cottes/Austman)

Bob Austman has spoken to MWF regarding the date for the Provincial Hunting Day and it looks as though it will Saturday, August 24th, 2019. There was discussion on having a gear swap that would only include decoys, fishing tackle, etc., no firearms. Details to be worked out.

MWF would like to do a May site visit. Bob Austman asked for a sub- committee to be formed. Dale Bourns, Jeffery Cottes, Paul Millan and Darren Zalusky agreed to serve on the committee. There are concerns that the same weekend has the car show and the year end slo- pitch tournament in Beausejour may conflict with the event. Bob will go back and see if there is an alternate date.

4.2 Pistol Range/Range Upkeep

4.2 (1) Establish Pistol Range Expansion Committee (Jack)

David VanDasselaar, safety officer would like to form a small committee for the upgrade projects. Neil Jack and David VanDasselaar will reach out to Todd as to where things were left off.

4.2 (2) Assign person(s) for Range Solar Power Project (Jack)

Solar Project was never completed. Get it done so we can have a camera 24/7. Assign a person to take lead. Switch some lighting to LED. Brett Steffes and Darren Zalusky will look into and provide a quote on the cost of a solar system.

4.2 (3) Range Maintenance Days (VanDasselaar)

David Van Dasselaar will put together dates and a calendar for volunteers to to sign up to come out and help with maintenance on the range. Maintenance will take place about once a month. VanDasselaar will have the sign up sheet at the meetings and will have Colette send out to the members.

There is a lot of brass out on the range. Ryan Keefe will provide David VanDasselaar with the contact information for Agassiz Weed Control to come out to the range to do some weed control on the range field and parking lot.

4.3 Advisory Committee Update (Cottes/Millan)

Jeffery Cottes reported still in progress. Jeffery Cottes and Paul Millan will be reaching out directly to past executive.

4.4 MWF AGM/Resolutions (Cottes)

Cottes attended the MWF AGM in Portage La Prairie and Brokenhead put forward 2 resolutions. Both resolutions were passed. Bob Austman thanked Cottes for attending.

4.5 Ladies Learn to Shoot 2019 (Kelly Bourns)

The first Ladies Learn to shoot on April 12th, 2019 went very well. There were 11 ladies that came out and all had a great time. Friday, May 10th will be the next Ladies night with 16 registered to attend. Two additional dates have been added June 21st and July 5th if anyone is still interested there is still room. June and July dates will also be opened up to youth and must be 13 years and over to attend.

4.6 June Meeting

There will be a meeting on June 5th, 2019 7:30 pm at the Legion.

5. Correspondence

5.1 CFO 5 Year Range License Renewal Letter

-Information was received from MWF regarding a fishing league. For more information please see Neil Jack.

-Letter received from CFO regarding Range renewal proof of compliance Part 8 and 9. Pistol range requires new zoning. Survey and zoning was not done. Neil Jack did some arial images by drone and will be engaging the CFO for help. David VanDasselaar and Neil Jack will work with the CFO. Evidence of liability insurance will be provided to the CFO as requested. Copy of the last application process has been requested and can be emailed to Neil Jack. CFO has been great to work with. Neil Jack asked Todd Buss if he had the last permit/licence, Buss does not. The permit must be posted at the range.

6. Reports of Chairpersons

6.1 Officer Reports

6.1.1 President – (Jack) Neil Jack made members aware on April 24th the Lac DuBonnet education centre was voted down by Council. Jack has offered to help out in anyway BRGFA can.

Jack and VanDasselaar attended the Ladies Learn to Shoot and had a blast.

Jack and VanDasselaar would like to attend more of the sporting clay set up process and provide support.

The crow shoot was held and everyone had a good time.

6.1.2 Vice-President – (Keefe) – No Report

6.1.3 2nd Vice-President (Austman) - Report moved to 7.7

6.1.4 Treasurer – (Combe)

RBC Account - \$62, 639.30

7 outstanding cheques \$2,777.27

Balance as of May 1st, 2019 \$59, 862.03

Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of May 1st, 2019 - \$3,000.00

6.1.5 Treasurer Sporting Clays- (K. Bourns)

Sunova Account – Balance April 3, 2019 - **\$9,893.79**

Less expenses - \$8,300.14

Deposits \$2,413.00

Balance as of May 1st - \$3,242.65

~Reports submitted to secretary for filing~

Paul Millan made a motion to accept the Financial reports as presented.

John Williams 2nd the motion.

All In Favour

Carried.

6.1.6 Range Safety Officer (VanDasselaar)

VanDasselaar reminded everyone to please take down targets. It has been noted that there are spray foam cans, paint cans that have been shot up on the range. Having *cameras on the range* would assist in knowing who is doing these things. The sign in

sheet is hard to read. VanDasselaar will request Marr to send out a reminder of what is acceptable on the range, reminder to keep the range clean.

Jeffery Cottes made a motion to accept the Reports of Chairpersons as presented.

Jarod Michasiw 2nd the motion.

All In Favour.

Carried.

7. Committee Chair Reports

7.1 Membership – (Marr) Memberships to date are 174. 88% are range members.

7.2 Sporting Clays/Trap - (D. Bourns) Sporting clay shoot was held on Saturday, April 13th and a big thank you to Randy Draward who came out and cleared the trails. 41 shooters attended and 2 shot a second round. Tim Putnam was High Overall with a score of 95 out of 100. There have been two league nights. The next sporting clay shoot will be held Saturday, May 11th.

Now that there are more women coming out to shoot there was a request of a porta potty around the backside of the sporting clay loop.

David VanDaselaar made the motion to purchase a porta potty with a maximum budget of \$1,500.00 for the range.

Dale Bourns 2nd the motion.

All In Favour

Kelly Bourns abstained from vote.

Carried.

Bourns also mentioned issues with the generator and really needs to be serviced.

7.3 Fundraising

Banquet (Keefe) – Banquet was successful and the meal was enjoyed by all that attended. Very positive feedback. Entries were down in the categories, look at other options for next year. Other clubs having dinners on the same evening effects attendance. This year paid more for the caterer. Banquet committee will meet and discuss more member participation for set up and night of banquet. Need more volunteers to help. Look at different member volunteer options, such as a volunteer bond.

A thank you letter should be drafted and sent to Venture Air and Caribou Lodge, two of our biggest sponsors, along with a formal letter to all other donators.

Combe will have the financial report of the banquet for the June meeting.

Big Bucks Draw (Collard) -Combe did report the Big Bucks draw brought in a profit of \$2,645.07 after expenses.

Paul Millan made a motion to accept the financial report of the Big Bucks Draw as presented.

Jeffery Cottes 2nd the motion.
All In Favour.

Carried.

- 7.4 Publicity/Public Relations (Marr)**-An article went into the Clipper Weekly regarding the Ladies Learn to Shoot with a photo and a really good write up. The website has been upgraded and updates will be done as soon as possible BRGFA has been in the Clipper Weekly three separate times. Keefe will have Pictures of the banquet will be posted to Facebook and Millan sent the award recipients to Mark Buss at the Clipper.
- 7.5 Holdings (Schirle/Collard) – No Report**
- 7.6 Awards/Trophies – (Keefe/Millan) –** Millan will take the trophies to 21st Century to have updated.
- 7.7 Conservation (Austman) –** 2019 Provincial Hunting Regulations are later than normal, should be out by the end of June.
- 7.8 Game/Predator (Nyokong) –** Nyokong is looking for ideas. Austman suggested a Predator shoot and will work with Nyokong on this along with the Rimfire Rendezvous.
- 7.9 Fishing – (Millan/Keefe) -** Spring/Summer Fishing Derby is scheduled for June 8th, 2019 at Manigotagan, Manitoba. Millan and Keefe will send more information to Marr to send out to members. This is a free event. Last year had a very small turn out with 12 people coming out.
- 7.10 Waterfowl/Upland – (Steffes/Zalusky) –** Zalusky will have more information at the June meeting with regard to the Greenwing shoot, possibly being held the first week of September . Winchester is on board again. Would need a couple of throwers. This will be a pre-registered event with 20 maximum participants. Last year there was a call demonstration and have a range orientation on the same night.
- Cottes reported he is on the list to receive the Grouse Surveys and took part in the survey this spring.
- 7.11 Training/Education – (Cottes)-No Report**
- 7.12 Archery – (Cottes/Michasiw) –** Cottes and Michasiw have not been able to get the archery set up yet, but will be getting out very soon to set up a small course. Open up for July and August, on Fridays, and will be free to members. More details and information to come.
- 7.13 2019 Banquet (Keefe) – see 7.3**

8. New Business

8.1 Range Berm Work Project (Jack)

Jack and VanDasselaar have been to the range and berm work needs to be done. The Back berm to be increased, will get the opinion of the CFO.

8.2 Legal Survey and zoning (part of 5.1) (Jack)

CFO dictates what is required for BRGFA to do. CFO will do survey. Jack and VanDasselaar will work with CFO and their advice on what is required.

8.3 Annual Range Maintenance Budget (VanDasselaar)

VanDasselaar requested a budget of \$5,000 for annual range maintenance and upkeep. This would be for general maintenance, safety signage and getting the generator and mower serviced.

David VanDasselaar made a motion requesting a Range Maintenance Budget up to \$5,000 and to report back on expenses incurred on a monthly basis.

Jeffery Cottes 2nd the motion
All In Favour.

Carried.

8.4 Conservation Program (Cottes) – Cottes put forward a proposal to establish a BRGFA Conservation Program. The purpose is to develop a project based conservation program that educates and informs local resource users on ways to identify and enhance game and fish resources and habitats in the BRGFA catchment area. The use of the proceeds from the annual Bucks Draw would dedicate sufficient funds to support conservation projects. Since the range will need a borrow pit, it was discussed creating a fishing pond. Would have to look at the lease with the RM of Brokenhead to make sure a pond could be on the property. There will be no big projects for this year and Bob Austman and Jeffery Cottes will work on and communication will be sent out to members.

9. The “Bear Pit” (aka Open Discussion)

-Millan advised the sign needs to be removed from Jim Sirois property . A new location will need to be found. The sign should be professionally removed.

-Millan requested a donation to the East Gate Lodge in memory of Marvin Russell be made.

Paul Millan made a motion to make a donation to East Gate Lodge in the amount of \$250.00.

Bob Austman 2nd the motion.
All In Favour.

Carried.

-Millan requested the need for a better BBQ at the range. The BBQ's at the range presently are pretty much done.

Paul Millan made a motion to spend up to \$650.00 on a new BBQ for the range.

David VanDasselaar 2nd the motion.

All In Favour.

Carried.

-Darren Zalusky announced the 1st Annual DU Wings Night will be held May 24th at the River's Edge Golf and Country Club. \$25.00 for 1 pound of wings and a drink. Great prizes. For more information contact Darren.

10. Adjournment

Jeffery Cottes made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

David VanDasselaar 2nd the motion.

All In Favour.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:15 pm.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, 2019 @ 7:30 pm