



Date: November 2, 2022 | **Location:** Royal Canadian Legion, Beausejour | **Time:** 07:30
Facilitator: Jason Combe | **Note Taker:** Anika Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:31pm

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Discussion: Kelly Bourns requests page numbers on future minutes copies and asks for clarification on discussion of sporting clays accounting from last meeting, which was discussed and satisfied.

Approval of minutes (from October)

Motion: Bob Austman

Second: Brett Steffes

All in favour – Carried

3. OCTOBER TASK CHECK-IN

COMPLETED: DAWN SCARFE – Took cash to bank, checked on membership fees for other clubs, delivered CRA letter.

COMPLETED: ANIKA EVANS – Followed up with Lane, checked website bylaws PDF file, sent member post-meeting email, contacted Legion, Big Game meeting media/ad.

COMPLETED, further discussion in Vice President report: BRETT STEFFES – Grant applications went in

COMPLETED: DALE BOURNS – Checked with Hushwaite about skill levels for guest coaching

Not complete as of beginning of meeting, but sorted out just after adjourning: BOB AUSTMAN – Send moose monitoring project info to Anika for web/social

4. EXECUTIVE & CHAIR REPORTS

4.1 EXECUTIVES

President (Jason Combe)

- Confirmed Companies Registration information and submitted Annual Return.
- National Range Day event date is set as June 3, 2023 (link to register Host an Event - National Range Day) Do we want to take part again? Yes. Looks like we will need to generate our own promotional material, but they provide the templates. Put National Range Day on agenda for December.

Vice President (Brett Steffes)

- Grants have been a “headache”. Getting kicked back due to not enough information, but as of Monday at 4pm, all were in, got confirmation email.
- Applied for three separate grants, but can only do one. Lumped together. Trail repair, covered range areas, etc. are all possible uses for funds, can decide if/when approval comes what to do with funds.

Treasurer (Kelly Bourns)

- Sunova: 12,625.31 plus 275.00 float on hand (no more in/out for remainder of calendar year.)
- RBC: \$24,325.49 as of Nov 2 at 5pm. Missing one transaction.
- I will be asking for all expenditures to be into me no later than Dec 15 2022. I will not be providing a pre year end report, but will have the year end at the Jan meeting in order to vote on and get to Dave Cole to prepare the CRA return.

Membership (Dawn Scarfe)

- Membership count: 192 members
- For 2023 the system in which membership is recorded will be revamped (as far as ease of use for myself-dawn) and emailed to Kelly Bourns once a month so we can reconcile as well.
- Membership fees as per other Manitoba ranges will be brought to meeting so we can discuss a membership fee/form change. At meeting decided on increase which will make \$40 single + \$50 range. (Full updated info will be provided to secretary for informing membership and updating website, etc.) More discussion in new business segment.
- Other ranges do orientations once per month on a schedule. Dawn proposed we have scheduled day for new members. Mark has done two orientations last month. One weekend, one in the middle of the week. Mark doesn't mind doing on as-needed basis, points out everyone will always need special treatment. Orientations will remain status quo for now.

Secretary (Anika Evans)

- Followed up with Lane who has removed brgf.ca and set up redirect to new site
- Checked bylaw file on website. It is dated October 2021. Can update anytime, just need file.
- On topic of bylaws – amendments need to go to execs and do on motion. Kelly suggests single overhaul by January from all “areas”. December meeting – suggest changes, vote January meeting.
- Anika placed ad, created media, and sent emails for Big Game Meeting.

- Thanks to Chairs for maiden voyage of advance chair reports. Please have Chair reports ready in advance in future – Sunday before the Wednesday of the meeting at the latest will be deadline.

Range Officer – Rifle (Brent Steliga)

- Brent not able to attend meeting, no advance report given.
- Short discussion about people shooting at number signs. Anika had sent email to membership on Brent’s request about it earlier in the day (Nov. 2)

Range Officer – Handgun (Mark Miller)

- “I got bored last week and repaired the Rifle Range 250 yard -lane 5 target, and both 100 yard targets.”
- All target boxes were topped up with sand.
- 2 orientations were performed for new members.

Range Officer – Shotgun/Sporting Clays (Dale Bourns)

- All machines brought in and put away. Thank you to Anika and Rheel for helping with cleanup this year.
- We are starting to make schedule so watch for updates.
- Other than that all is quiet.

4.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Sponsorship – (April Obriek)

- Working on “5 W’s” for applications. Has narrowed to 10-12 potential grants. Will have more complete report in December.
- Dawn Scarfe speaks under sponsorship report – for LLTS event, Summit Racing has said they’ll do swag bags.

Wildlife Conservation & Hunting (Bob Austman)

ITEM 1:

- All hunters are reminded to turn in their White-tailed Deer heads for CWD testing. Be sure to fill out all information on the report form, and make sure you get it in within 48 hours.
- Use the plastic bag at the drop off depot for your specimen
- Be sure to include part of the neck area when you remove the head sample
- This is a mandatory program and there will be fines for non-compliance
- Nearest depot at this point is in Steinbach and Mitchell (Don’s Taxidermy, J.R. Taxidermy in Grunthal, Unger Meats in Grunthal)

- If you hunt in a game hunting area that touches the Minnesota border, North Dakota border, or the Saskatchewan border, you are involved in the CWD surveillance program. Please plan your hunt accordingly and avoid penalties.

ITEM 2:

- There will be a limited Moose Hunt starting October 31 to November 11 in the Duck Mountain/Porcupine Mountain area for Indigenous and Metis hunters
- 60 tags will be released to communities in the area – 40 in the Duck Mountains and 20 in the Porcupine Mountains
- Hunting at night will be prohibited
- Only bulls will be harvested
- Kills must be reported to the local Natural Resource office
- Biological samples are being requested to assess the health of the herd
- Meat must be shared with Elders in the traditional way
- Further discussions will take place to determine if the herd can sustain a harvest from licensed hunters on a draw basis

ITEM 3:

- MKO has written its 3rd letter to the province demanding an end to non-Indigenous moose hunting in northern Manitoba
- It is now seeking legal advice
- The Province has not responded to these letters (editor's note: many First Nations guides are employed by outfitters and hunting lodges in the north...they may not have thought this through...)

ITEM 4: BE SURE TO CARRY BOTH YOUR BIG GAME LICENSE AND TAG WITH YOU AS YOU HUNT. Tags may arrive as late as 10 days after the license purchase. You must have both when out hunting to avoid penalties and fines.

Archery – Chair Vacant – No report

- Kelly Bourns points out that archery target butts are still out in the lot by the SeaCans, and need to be put away. Mark Miller volunteers to put them away.

Training & Education (Jason Combe & Kelly Bourns)

- See documents: "LLTS Programming" and "Husthwaite Email Draft"
- "Ladies Learn To... Series": Kelly has written up preliminary ideas.
- Anika: Work on something to go out to potential instructors. (Jan 15th latest)
- Kelly talked to April about sponsorship ideas listed.
- Kelly asks Anika, Dawn, April to help on committee. (They agree.)
- Motion for \$500 for advertising for LLTS event:
Jason Combe makes motion, Bob Austman 2nds. All in favour, motion carried.
- Ideas for events should come to December meeting.

- Coach Ben Husthwaite coming – booked and confirmed. All skill levels welcome. Email to send out (give to Anika). If you are interested make sure to let Dale know!
- Husthwaite's son was put into coma over respiratory condition this morning. Best wishes to family.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN: BRETT STEFFES. 2nd: DALE BOURNS. All in favor, Passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- No correspondence to report

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 2023 Membership Fees

2023 Membership fees... Discussion:

- Review of Kelly's chart from last meeting.
- **Kelly Bourns motions to increase fees to \$50 general + range \$65 + (CCFR at their rate). Dawn Scarfe, 2nd. All in favour, motion carried.**
- Question: What is considered “family”? Answer: Whatever CCFR insurance covers.
- Dawn Scarfe will finalize all info and get it to Anika Evans for member communications and media updates.
- Paul Millan currently in possession of mailbox key(s) and has been checking mail. Will transfer this responsibility to Dawn Scarfe and give key – at least the main one, Paul might also have 2nd key.

6.2 2023 Winter Tasks

- Mark will put archery rounds away
- Porta Potties (wait 'til spring)
- Clubhouse firewood is good – no need to specifically cut more
- Kelly and Dale already cleaned out clubhouse (liquids)
- Road has been graveled
- Quad and generator are OK.
- Ranges are OK
- SNOW – Jason will message Brent, who was getting quotes on snow removal.
- Thanks to Curtis and Bob for filling holes with gravel before gravel road. Got guy who is close to range to do road, it was done. Went \$100 above budget, but that's that. Suggestion from pros to do a couple more loads (\$600/load). Will wait for grants to come thru and discuss.

- Need to prune back tree hangers over road especially. Talk about tree removal. Volunteers vs. Paid. No funds for paying. Dawn knows people who would be interested in helping and firewood. Tentatively Nov 12th. Anika will put out general membership call Dawn will “captain” event. Dawn will coordinate with Mark for direction if work is done earlier.

6.3 “Mini Banquet”

- Fish fry? Paul Millan wants “crew” to work on mini-banquet.
- Prize and game ideas discussed. BRGFA has two firearms and boat-motor that could be used for prizes.
- Firearm transfer is more complicated now, but can do online.
- Must sell lots of tix to cover hall. Use Legion hall?
- Short timeline!
- Kelly will call Garson Hall & caterer
- Bringing budget info back to December meeting. (Move to December agenda.) Will form committee at that time if it's viable.
- February OR April dates proposed for banquet.
- **Motion to form banquet committee co-chaired by Paul Millan, Kelly Bourns, and Bob Austman. Dawn Scarfe motions, Jason Combe 2nd. All in favour, motion carried.**

6.4 *Handgun “Freeze” discussion postponed*

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Rimfire Rendezvous

Brent Steliga not available to discuss Rimfire Rendezvous.

8. EVENT REPORTS

8.1 Big Game Meeting

- Wayne Single present to brief on CWD meeting: 18 attendees. Nothing known to man can kill CWD prion. Drop box – call conservation for mandatory sample submission – by appointment. Bob asks about lag time on sample results. Answer: 4-5 weeks, and hunters will be notified ONLY IF sample is positive.
- Keep your receipt from submission!
- No human transfer known.

9. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Adjournment: 9:16pm

Next Meeting: December 2nd @ Legion. (Anika will contact Legion.)

10. BEARPIT (Open Discussion)

ATTENDEES:

Jason Combe
Brett Steffes
Kelly Bourns
Dawn Scarfe
Anika Evans
Mark Miller
Dale Bourns
April Obriek
Bob Austman
Paul Millan
Ron Molson
Ray Schirle +1
Wayne Single
John Lapushniuk

REGRETS:

Brent Steliga