| GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING | | MINUTES |
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| Date: October 6th, 2021 | Time: 7:30 | Location: BRGFA Clubhouse |
| **Type of meeting** | General Monthly | |
| **Facilitator** | Jason Combe | |
| **Note taker** | Anika Evans | |
| **Attendees** | Anika Evans, Mark Miller, Jason Combe, Lionel Allen, Paul Millan, Clifford Cricket, Randie Aran, Bob Austman, Brent Steliga, Kelly Bourns, Dale Bourns, John Williams, Alix Richards (guest) | |
| **Regrets** | Ryan Keefe, Michael Oneschuk | |
| **Abbreviations:** | NFATT – Nothing Further At This Time | |
| **1.Call To Order – 7:30pm** | | |
| **2. Additions to the Agenda – Vax Status (new business), Gear Swap (events), Turkey Shoot (Events)** | | |
| **3. Approval of Previous Minutes -** Last Meeting September 8th, 2021 **–** Motion to approve: Mark Miller, 2nd Dale Bourns. None opposed, Motion carried. | | |

4. ***SPECIAL GUEST:*** Alix Richards from the Community Development Department.

Alix Richards is with the Beausejour branch of community development. She supports BRGFA activities and mission and would like to help club "get things on paper" and help BRGFA apply for funds through Building Sustainable Communities initiative. Grants through this program are competitive. A well organized 'game plan' is crucial, including specific use of funds being applied for and letters of support from RM and other organizations. Grants issued for one or two year projects. Many BRGFA efforts are good candidates for funding. Application should present single cohesive plan. There is no set application deadline for a calendar year, but winter is usual intake time. Alix invites BRGFA to call her 'anytime'.

| **5. Executive & Chair Reports** | |
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| **5.1 Executive** | |
| **President** | **Jason Combe – (No report)** |
| **Vice President** | **Ryan Keefe – (Absent)** |
| **Treasurer and Membership Chair** | **Kelly Bourns – Reached out to Paul. $24,172.55 in RBC, $14,421.85 Sunova. $1,800 to go into Sunova from Turkey Shoot.**<br>**Some new membership. 170 total, 166 range users.** |
| **Secretary** | **Anika Evans – (No report)** |
| **Range Officer (Rifle)** | **Brent Steliga –** Mark has been busy on range with 250 yd target.<br>Lane 3 is now open. |
| **Range Officer (Handgun)** | **Mark Miller –** No certificate still, should be coming. Called 10 days ago to nudge. Once cert arrives can start orientations with revised safety rules. |

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| **Range Officer (Shotgun/Sporting Clays)** | **Dale Bourns –** Club purchased pallet of 12-gauge ammo in 2020 for 2021. All sold except 10 flats being held over for next year.<br>Next year is not looking good in terms of ammo availability. Members-only shooting will happen on Sundays in 2022. Saturday shoots will push members night to Monday. Most immediate neighbor, Kevin, is OK with arrangement.<br>**(21-019)** Brent motions to have members-only Sunday shoots approximately bi-weekly in 2022. Will review and assess for 2023. Clifford Cricket 2nds, Kelly Bourns abstains. All in favour, motion carried. |
| ***Past President*** | (Jason moves to strike 'Past President' report from agenda. No vote necessary – line will be deleted from future agendas.) |
| **5.2 Advisory Council** | **(No report)** |
| **5.3 Committee Chairs** | The following committees chairs are vacant: Banquets, Awards & Trophies, Game & Predator, Waterfowl/Upland Game Bird. Please reach out to an executive board member if you are interested in serving! Review of chairs and possible changes in order. |
| **Big Bucks Draw** | **Paul Millan –** (NFATT) |
| **Conservation/Moose Management** | **Bob Austman –** Moose season winding down in units 17-A/B/C. Warmth and low water levels made the season tough. Black River First Nation and Hydro are monitoring moose – Hydro funding another year which starts Oct. 7th. Research will affect 2026 season. Bob has photos he'd like to share with BRGFA.<br>Bear complaints are up this year.<br>A school was closed in Transcona due to coyotes on the playground.<br>Good luck for beginning of muzzleloader season – hoping for snow, but just in 'tracking snow' amounts!<br>Discussion about grazing on WMAs. Suggestion to have panel with biologist and/or MWF cabinet. Laura Reeves' impact report is of interest.<br>WMA recently named for John P. Williams – congrats! |
| **Archery** | **Randie Aran/Michael Oneschuk –** Archery will take over former sporting clays station off parking lot, will coordinate with Kelly and Dale. This space will need to be cleared with Bobcat or front-end loader for 18m target range.<br>Any targets within sporting clays spaces must be temporary as per Ballard.<br>May thru August 2022 will see sanctioned provincial events. Will coordinate with sporting clays to avoid timing and space conflicts.<br>Plans to get help from ABAM (Archers and Bowhunters of Manitoba), this could be a good use of Building Sustainable |

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| | Communities grant money as well. |
| **Fishing** | **Paul Millan/Ryan Keefe –** Ice fishing derby will be next event. Aiming for March at Gull Lake (weather permitting ). |
| **Training & Education** | **Kelly Bourns/Jason Combe –** Calendar to be developed at next meeting. Kelly Will be talking to Ducks Unlimited. Jason would like to develop events/programs in trapping, fly tying, etc. Would like to talk to Scouts groups. Rec-commendation from Alix to talk to Meghan Baker with Brokenhead Recc. Commission about advertising events and programs thru their media channels. Kelly will reach out to her. Clubhouse is good resource for groups needing space to do events.<br>Addressing condition of clubhouse and outhouses will be necessary in coming months, specifically so that facilities are amenable to outside groups, as well as for good of club. Mark will take a look at window seals. "Green Team" through municipality might be able to assist. (Kelly will call.) Paul will contact Pioneer Pumping for outhouse maintenance. |

| **6. Correspondence** | |
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| Item | Discussions with Scouts re: programs and events |

| **7. New Business** | | | | |
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| | **Item** | **Presenter/Person Responsible** | **Dead-line** | **Notes** |
| **7.1** | **Creating Fundraising/Sponsorship Chair** | Jason Combe | | Create chair position to centralize efforts and be "hub" for fundraising/sponsorship efforts. Important step for growth of BRGFA. No motion needed, will work out details at executive meeting. |
| 7.2 | **Current covid protocol and handling of proof of vaccination** | | | BRGFA will continue to adhere to provincial mandates and guidelines regarding covid.<br>Jason will coordinate simultaneous Zoom calls during meetings through winter meetings as to include all members regardless of proof of vaccination.<br>Club should reach out to Mark will reach out to contacts and try to learn what due diligence entails. Engage MB is a good resource for restrictions and how they |

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| | | | | specifically apply to BRGFA events going forward.<br>October sporting clays shoot will be conducted entirely outside.<br>Verification of "passports" is problematic in general due to lack of reliable mobile connections on property.<br>BRGFA will continue to "roll with" restrictions to the best of abilities.<br>No policies to be set now in the name of efficiency, as things might change before activities ramp up again in spring. |

| **8. Old Business/Business Arising/Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)** | | | | |
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| | **Item Description** | **Presenter/Person Responsible** | **Dead-line** | **Notes** |
| **8.1** | **Surveillance/Solar** | **Brent Steliga** | | Solar is now working given the addition of the new panels. Clubhouse is indeed pulling more power than originally planned for. A few more mods could improve things even more.<br>Kelly emailed membership to disclose 24/7 surveillance, and stickers have been put up.<br>A secure room for the equipment will be built within the clubhouse. |
| **8.2** | **CCFR Range Safety Officer Course** | **Mark Miller** | | Mark reached out to Tracy with CCFR three times, has yet to hear back.<br>NRA also has similar program. IPSC is also an alternative – Jason has connection with IPSC. |
| **8.3** | **Creating Sustainable Communities Grant** | **Paul Millan** | | (Taken care of in section 4.0 – Guest speaker Alix Richards) |
| **8.4** | **Promoting BRGFA and facilitating new membership** | **Brent Steliga** | | Brent proposes system for non-members to try range and consider membership based on following:<br>- Fee paid for guest use (encourage fee to be high enough to equal or exceed membership fee after a couple visits)<br>- Guests under supervision of member host only, one guest at a time |

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| **8.5** | **Bylaws** | **Kelly Bourns** | | No additional edits since last call. 2nd and 3rd calls made. **(21-020)** Brent Steliga motions to accept bylaws. 2nd Mark Miller. None opposed, motion carried. |
| **8.6** | **Membership** | **Kelly Bourns** | | **(21-021)** Brent Steliga motions to change fees to $50 membership and $50 range use. 2nd Dale Bourns. Kelly Bourns abstains, all in favour, motion carried.<br>Kelly picking up 2022 range cards. Keys are coming. |
| **8.7** | **Threat to WMAs** | **Bob Austman** | | NFATT, still on the radar. |

**9.** Events

| | **Event** | **Date/Time** | **Person Respon-sible** | **Notes** |
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| **9.1** | **Gear Swap** | **Sep. 11** | | Gear swap was success. In Future should have two annually with regular dates – Mother's Day Saturday in spring and Fall to coincide with Alex Gyori shoot.<br>Should be held in range area.<br>No ATT permits to apply for since we are approved range – bonus for handgun vendors.<br>Event should encourage vendors by not charging vendor fee.<br>Purpose is to drive membership.<br>Make sure to encourage vendors with archery gear.<br>Safety needs to be enforced. |
| **9.2** | **Sporting clays & Alex Gyori** | **Sep. 11/12** | Dale & Kelly Bourns | 23 shooters Saturday, 42 Sunday. Event went well, and pairing with gear swap was a boon to event. |

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| **9.3** | **Ducks Unlimited "Learn To Shoot" Event** | | Dale & Kelly Bourns | Participants enjoyed themselves, but there were some safety issues. BRGFA was not fully acknowledged as hosts, "It was all about DU". Goal was misrepresented in DU media resulting in questionable skill level range of participants. Next events should be identified better.<br>Despite issues hosting similar event with DU in 2022 is in discussion. |
| **9.4** | **Turkey Shoot** | | Dale & Kelly Bourns | Sporting clays bought turkeys and hams for prizes. Shoot well attended with 2 new squads and membership opportunities. |

| **10. Bear Pit "AKA Open Discussion"** | |
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| **Presenter** | **Notes** |
| **Kelly Bourns** | ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY DALE!!!*** |
| **Brent Steliga** | Brent is organizing a work day with focus on wood collection for clubhouse stove. Ideally 5 people with chainsaws, plus others to help. Brent will bring splitter. Possible date Oct 23rd after shoot, but more likely October 31st. Many hands make light work! Should take just a few hours. |
| Brent Steliga | Suggestion made that looking forward execs/staff/volunteers/range officers should be more identifiable during events. Kelly will look into options like vests and T-shirts.<br><br>Everyone loves "stuff" and general club merch with logo for purchase would be good. Idea of pre-orders was presented to keep things from getting confusing. Use of a "print on demand" website like Society6 or Redbubble was suggested. |

**11. Adjourned 10:05pm**

Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 3rd at the Royal Canadian Legion, 300 Veterans Lane, Beausejour, MB at 7:30 pm**