



Date: December 7, 2022 | **Location:** Royal Canadian Legion, Beausejour | **Time:** 7:30
Facilitator: Jason Combe | **Note Taker:** Anika Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:33pm

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of minutes (from November) – Motion: Dale Bourns – Second: Brent Steliga
All in favour – Carried

3. NOVEMBER TASK CHECK-IN

COMPLETED: MARK MILLER – put away archery targets.

COMPLETED: PAUL MILLAN – gave Dawn Scarfe mailbox key

COMPLETED: JASON COMBE – talked to Brent Steliga about snow removal quotes

4. EXECUTIVE & CHAIR REPORTS

4.1 EXECUTIVES

President (Jason Combe)

- Engaged local officials regarding C-21. Jason got a lot of phone calls and emails. Talked to Bezan and MLAs. What can we do? Feedback is to keep calm, and educated. Talk to neighbors and friends. Come together multidisciplinary way, to dispel myths, etc. Engaging on other club stuff.

Vice President (Brett Steffes)

- No report

Treasurer (Kelly Bourns)

- RBC: No statement received, will report balance at January meeting. Should be approx \$24K, some small cheques written for keys.
- Sunova: \$12,625.31 plus \$275.00 float on hand
- All deposits and expenditures for 2022 need to be into Kelly Bourns by Dec. 31.
- Kelly needs resolutions for record-keeping – Anika will email those.

Membership (Dawn Scarfe)

- Dawn took new memberships before the meeting started. LOTS of people renewing or getting new membership
- No new membership month of November, stands at 192
- Keys will not be mailed – in person only. Dawn has keys.

Secretary (Anika Evans)

- Got the Moose Monitoring report up on the website – thanks to Bob Austman!

- Has been a busy month with C-21 going critical. In collaboration with Jason I formulated and sent letters to the editor to Clipper and WPG Free Press about letter writing campaign. As well I have made several social media posts with decent engagement. Related webpage is up.
- Membership for 2023 notice went out Nov 30. Updated webpage with current info/directions.

Range Officer – Rifle (Brent Steliga)

- Checked into snow clearing. \$160-\$180 per visit from one person Brent contacted. Can do it on call if he has a gate key. Gave details about route/techniques. Will have further discussion about snow clearing at an exec-only meeting after considering other options. Pros/cons with relying on RM. Brent needs to get out and do some quad maintenance, then we can do minor stuff with quad. Second quote for \$165, from non-member, but not as comprehensive.
- Mark will talk to RM about snow clearing.
- Over winter with deal with flags and get a new cigarette butt can, as well do some solar maintenance.

Range Officer – Handgun (Mark Miller)

- Mark was at the range a couple days ago – road is still passable.
- Got a forwarded email from RCMP asking about facilities. Answered those, will discuss in new business.
- Archery targets have been put in the storage trailer.
- Took the snowblower and cleaned up the entrance road, a bit of parking area, firing line and trail to all targets.
- Garbage bags were purchased from Home Hardware and all receptacles emptied and new bags inserted.

Range Officer – Shotgun/Sporting Clays (Dale Bourns)

Sporting Clays 2023 Dates:

- Start: 15th or 22nd April
- May 13th (Mother's Day Gear Swap) Sporting clays sponsoring chili cookoff
- June 17th
- July 8 and 9 provincials – details not yet final
- Aug 5th - 8th - Ben Husthwaite
- Sep 2 or 9 for "Tribute Shoot"
- Sep 30 is Turkey Shoot
- Oct 14 or 28 is wind-up

4.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Sponsorship – (April Obriek)

- No Report

Wildlife Conservation & Hunting (Bob Austman)

Unfortunately Bob had a funeral to attend. Anika delivered full report.

- The CWD surveillance program is reporting a high rate of compliance. It has been observed in neighboring Minnesota that white-tailed deer sightings are down, as well is correlated activity. Could drive “bucks only” season. This is MN, but similar outlook for here in MB.
- Applications for the 2023 Big Game Draw season will be accepted from May 1 to May 31. Successful applicants will be notified on June 21, 2023.
- The mule deer season allows hunters to purchase three deer tags (more details in report).
- Bob says thanks, with a reminder GHA 26 is open ‘til Dec 18 at sunset.

Archery – Chair Vacant – No report

Training & Education (Jason Combe & Kelly Bourns)

- Training and education – held 1st meeting Nov 13th for LLT.. and plans are underway. All ideas/instructors must have in to Kelly Bourns no later than Jan 15th.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN: Dawn Scarfe. 2nd: Paul Millan. All in favor, Passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Anika received email about metal reclaiming/recycling.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 - CCFR National Range Day (Presenter: Jason / Action date not set)

National Range Day is 1st weekend in June. Jason needs committee, call for committee for that, if interested talk to Anika. Will have 1st committee meeting in January.

6.2 - Ladies Learn To... (Presenter: Kelly Bourns/Action date not set)

Covered in Training/Education report

6.3 - Range Rental Fee for Law Enforcement Practice/Qualification (Presenter: Mark Miller / Action Date not set.)

If we want to make range available to RCMP/Conservation, etc, we should be charging fee. Kelly suggests flat fee plus more per head. Clifford Crickett suggests clean-up or non-cleanup options. Jason points out liability is a problem; CCFR insurance coverage will cover liability. Need to know “who and when”. They would be responsible for cleaning up. Need to put together contract. Will have to work around our event dates. (Will likely be weekdays.)

Proposal: Facility rental is \$500 flat, plus \$25/head range fee.

Kelly Bourns motions \$500 rental plus \$25/user fee. Includes clubhouse and generator use. They must supply range officers. Must sign guest pass waiver form. Includes rifle/handgun, member use sporting clay station. Dale 2nds. All in favor, Carried.

Mark will write up contract and submit to Anika for proofing.

6.4 - Annual Donation to Royal Canadian Legion. (Presenter: Kelly Bourns)

BRGFA historically donates \$500 to the Legion as “thank you” for support and winter meeting space.

Motion to Donate \$500 to Royal Canadian Legion: Jason Combe. Second, Brent Steliga. Kelly Bourns Abstains. All others in favour; Motion carried.

6.5 - BRGFA Constitution – Moving discussion to executive meeting, date/time to be established by executive board members.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 - Banquet

- Tentatively April 22nd
- Ray, Brett, Paul will be reaching out for donations
More committee members wanted
- Need a motion for budget? Kelly confirms motion needed for anything over \$500
- Paul figures will need budget for approx \$8,000
- Ticket sales to cover expenses
- Point made banquet historically is money maker, and a way to be more than a gun range. Counter-point made that money just isn't there and banquet “flop” could put grants in jeopardy.
- Suggestion that committee needs to know potential and “threshold” for investment.
- Back and forth about trusting history vs. having a more cohesive budget with concrete numbers.
- Brent brings up that there are two big prizes already in BRGFA possession. That is “buffer” and makes it lower risk.
- Kelly points out that volunteers might be an issue.
- More convo about prizes and how banquet works.
- **Jason motions \$5,000 budget to get banquet started. If need more at a later time, will have to come to board for approval. Mark Miller 2nd; All in favour; Motion passed.**

8. EVENT REPORTS

(NONE)

9. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Motion to Adjourn, Mark Miller. Second Kelly Bourns. Adjourn 8:49 pm.

Next Meeting: January 4th. Different location? Legion was very loud tonight and it was hard for group to hear and be engaged properly. Mark Miller will check on a church. Location to be announced closer to meeting date.

10. BEARPIT (Open Discussion)

ATTENDEES:

Anika Evans
Kelly Bourns
Dale Bourns
Brent Steliga
Jason Combe
Paul Millan
Dawn Scarfe
Mona Schmuland
Ron Mozel
Ray Schirle
James Lawler
Patrick Lawler
Clifford Crickett
Larry Shewchuk
Ed Gaudet
Jim Paul
Brenda Rusnak
Mark Miller
Ryan Keefe

REGRETS:

Brett Steffes
April Obriek
Bob Austman