



MINUTES – MARCH 2022

Date: March 2, 2022
Time: 07:00 PM
Location: Royal Canadian Legion, Beausejour (Anika Evans joined via cell phone link.)

Facilitator: Jason Combe

Note Taker: Anika Evans

(See end of minutes for list of attendees and regrets)

Abbreviations: **BRGFA** (Brokenhead River Game & Fish Association) – **NFATT** (Nothing Further at this time) – **n/a** (not applicable) – **ASAP** (As Soon As Possible) – **CCFR** (Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights)

1 CALL TO ORDER

07:04:00 PM

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of minutes from February meeting: Randie Aran motions; Kelly Bourns 2nds; All in Favor; Motion Carried.

4 EXECUTIVE & CHAIR REPORTS

4.1 EXECUTIVES

President – Jason Combe

Not a lot to report, it's been quiet. Getting ready for AGM. 2-lock system installed on front gate.

Vice President – Ryan Keefe

NO REPORT

Treasurer & Membership Chair – Kelly Bourns

RBC account: 30159.72 minus outstanding 7,670.82 equals 22,488.90 (Does not include Feb. Members)

Sunova account: 10,048.00

Membership: 99 total, 13 with issues. (3 MWF, 22 still need orientation)

Member keys are going out slowly. Kelly is working on a better renewal/membership system for 2023. Not mailing keys is a problem. All-member orientations also a problem. Ideas for improvement include in-person membership drive (@ banquet?) Kudos to Kelly for all her hard work.

Secretary – Anika Evans

Did work on new website this month. Email needs to go to Tracey from Co-Operators to say we've gone elsewhere for insurance.

Range Officer (Rifle) – Brent Steliga

Brent hasn't been out to range

Range Officer (Handgun) – Mark Miller

Mark did snow clearing at range.

Range Officer (Shotgun/Sporting Clays) – Dale Bourns

Nothing going on with sporting clays (winter)

4.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Sponsorship – April Obriek

April spoke with Kelly and got some ideas for sponsorship. Confirmed sponsors can be any type of business.

14 sponsorship positions on sporting clay stations. Discussion of price for station sponsorship, decided \$250 gets logo on station sign & mention on website.

Conservation/Moose Management – Bob Austman

Whitetail: Too early for decision making by bureaucrats. Bob talked to Ken Rebizant again. “Don’t expect 2nd deer tag this year”, is preliminary feeling.

CWD: First discovered in area 22, also area 28. “Extra” tags issued, harvested 125 deer in “red zone”. Of those, no CWD detected. Seems to be more prevalent in mule deer. Could be closures as needed in 2022. Total kill in initial effort to control CWD: 1,000 by helicopter, hunting, etc.

Moose: Area 26 study numbers now in. Still need numbers from 2010. Going out to pull camera cards and survey in Lac Du Bonnet on Friday. Predation higher on north side of 26 than south – more deer. 14 threats to habitat loss examined. 1350 moose counted overall. “Anybody’s guess” whether hunting will open in 26.

Wild boar sighting spike including 850-900 pound hog!

Archery – Randie Aran & Michael Oneschuk

More links to put on website. Discussion of importance of focusing on archery @ BRGFA, not just general archery interests. Discussion of future archery lane(s).

Fishing – Paul Millan & Ryan Keefe

Still working on possibility of ice fishing derby for end of the month.

Training & Education – Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

Kelly did first pre-Women Learn To Shoot class. 2nd and 3rd classes have been postponed until they can be held at the range. Need to encourage new shooters. Put notices on website, ad in Clipper too?

Need to broaden scope of training/ed, and need people to teach classes and/or come up with ideas.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 AGM

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

Deadline for action: April 6, 2022 (AGM)

Who is staying? Anika will put together call for nominations and run by Jason before sending in email to members.

We will start with exec meeting to finish business on April 6th, then have AGM. Discussion of membership/ Treasurer position being joint currently. For now we will keep together, can divide again if necessary.

Start meetings at 7pm.

6.2 Committees

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns

Deadline for action: (Not assigned)

Execs are elected, but committee chairs are not. Reminder that committees should be committees and not just the chairs in name of getting things done. Chairs should make calls for committee members.

Committee chairs who plan on committing for 2022/2023 should be willing and able to do the work of the role.

Idea to amalgamate wildlife and conservation committees into one, under Chair of Conservation. Scouts could work with sponsorship committee.

6.3 Snow Removal

Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller

Deadline for action: (Not assigned)

Frustrations over snow clearing. Mark cleared road and cut trails and shooting paths, but RM has not been out yet. Does snow clearing benefit all members, or just a few? Would it be worth it to contract private snow removal?

Having the quad will help a lot in future. Discuss allocating snow removal budget for next year.

Brent will assess situation soon. Need to organize snow removal, then hold more orientations.

7 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 CCFR Range Safety Officer Course

Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller

Deadline for action: May 4th, 2022

Mark hasn't heard back re: course. He will check in.

7.2 Bylaws

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns

Deadline for action: April 6, 2022 (AGM)

Communications with membership need to be clear and easy to read. Digest version of minutes and bullet points in addition to full text. Important to make sure members are included.

7.2a – Bylaw #3 – Meeting format: Clarifications of “council” style meetings

Confidential subjects will be held as completely separate meetings for execs and involved parties only. To be held on as-needed basis.

7.2b – Bylaw #5 – Banquet and Big Bucks Draw to be under Sponsorship umbrella?

Yes.

7.3 Training and Education Calendar

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

Deadline for action: Spring 2022

Gear swap on May 7th – discussion of details. Scouts sell hotdogs and water (Costco). Anika will look into advertising in Clipper.

Event will run 9:30am to 5pm. \$20 non-member for table, free for members.

Will get together after AGM and confirm more dates for event season.

Spring/Summer events to be done as “poker derby” with a prize.

7.4 Clubhouse/Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller & Paul Millan

Deadline for action: Spring 2022

Outhouse guy will come in the spring.

7.5 BRGFA Merch

Presenter/Person Responsible: Anika Evans

Deadline for action: 2022 event season

Anika presented quotes on some items including T-shirts. Decided not to go with T-shirts – haven't been successful in past. Decided to focus on travel mugs and hunter-orange caps with logo. Brent will give Anika contact info for connection at Xpressions printer in Winnipeg. She will follow up.

8 EVENT REPORTS

NONE

9 BEARPIT (Open Discussion)

Muzzleloader for sale, talk to Bob Austman

10 ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Next meeting includes AGM. April 6th, 7pm. Legion in Beausejour.

Motion to adjourn: Kelly Bourns; 2nd Brent Stliga; Adjourn 9:30pm.

ATTENDEES: Paul Millan, Bob Austman, April Obriek, Brent Steliga, Kelly Bourns, Dale Bourns, Randie Aran, Mark Miller, Randy Draward. Jason Combe, Anika Evans (via cell)

REGRETS: Ryan Keefe, Paul Millan, Michael Oneschuk