



Date: April 6, 2022 | **Location:** Royal Canadian Legion, Beausejour | **Time:** 07:00
Facilitator: Kelly Bourns | **Note Taker:** Anika Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:03pm

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions. Motion to approve agenda: Mark Miller; Second: Paul Millan. None opposed, Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes as presented from March meeting: Paul Millan; Second: Dale Bourns. None opposed, Carried.

4. EXECUTIVE & CHAIR REPORTS

4.1 EXECUTIVES

President – Jason Combe

(no report)

Vice President – Ryan Keefe

(no report)

Treasurer & Membership Chair – Kelly Bourns

- RBC account: \$30,445.53 (+\$1,795 memberships - \$9057.06 pending deposits = \$23,183.47) "Reserve" \$3,008.18.
- Sunova account: \$10,348.85 (\$300 float + \$250 station sponsor)
- Membership: 118 (3 general)

Secretary – Anika Evans

- New website functional. Still needs a bit of work. Call for photos to use.
- Sent email to Tracey Malone from Co-Operators thanking her for service, letting her know we've moved to new provider. (No response.) This prompted questions about insurance. Kelly explained CCFR/Capri coverage.

Range Officer (Rifle) – Brent Steliga

(no report)

Range Officer (Handgun) – Mark Miller

- Range is certified and up and running.
- Request for \$1,500 budget for maintenance, backstops, "general stuff".
Motion: Mark Miller. Second: Clifford Crickett. None opposed, Carried.

Range Officer (Shotgun/Sporting Clays) – Dale Bourns

- Still lots of snow. Originally thinking April 23 for first sporting clays shoot. Now thinking event on May 7th will be opener.

- Talked to Scott Mazniuk about Provincials. Current plan is to “share” provincials with St. Hubertus. BRGFA portion will be July 9th, then July 10th at St. Hubertus.
- Also spoke with Scott Mazniuk about “World Police & Fire Games” in 2023. Perhaps share hosting on that, too. Would be approx 75-100 shooters, date August 4th, 2023.

4.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Sponsorship – April Obriek

- So far have 3 sponsorships for the sporting clay stations
- Applying for grants.
- Sent letter out related to gear swap.
- Tough time to be asking for support.

Conservation/Moose Management – Bob Austman

- There is a parcel of over two sections of wetland close to BRGFA owned by the RM. Talks are starting about whether to sell or keep as “green space”. Public hearing on April 13th [*postponed to May*] to discuss fate of land and hear thoughts of residents and others. This land is important for maintaining proper water levels, and supports a lot of wildlife. If it is sold and drained for ag it will turn into a “wasteland”. Call for BRGFA presence at hearing to support it continuing to be RM property held as green space.
- CWD – 2nd cull was carried out in relation to CWD. Only positive tests returned from mule deer. Theory is that since there is no season on mule deer they live longer and disease will show up in them sooner. 1500 whitetail deer killed between both culls.
- Hydro area #26 monitoring – Saw more moose on cameras. Also more wolves!

Archery – Randie Aran & Michael Oneschuk

(no report)

Fishing – Paul Millan & Ryan Keefe

- Perhaps will hold fishing derby in June? Low attendance in years past.
- Hopefully ice derby will return for 2022/2023

Training & Education – Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

- May 6th, Ladies/Youth Learn To Shoot. 20 spaces, \$20/ea. (Includes shells and targets.)
- Saturday June 4th is CCFR Range Day. Kelly & Dales will hold Ladies Learn To Shoot session from 9am – 11am. An open “Learn to Shoot” session will follow from 11am – 2pm. Kelly will register event with CCFR and talk to Tracey from CCFR about “swag” for event. Scott Mazniuk will help with day since St. Hubertus isn’t doing anything for

CCFR day. Steinbach is the only other range in province known to be doing anything.

- Before May 6th weekend need another call for volunteers. Need to figure out exactly what help will be needed to do. Mark will check with CFO about legalities and regs on selling firearms in gear swap capacity.
- Another ad needs to be worked up to get word out about events – specifically gear swap and Ladies Learn To Shoot. Beausejour/Brokenhead Development Corporation would be a good resource for announcing events.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(none)

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Website Amalgamation (Sporting Clays & Main BRGFA)

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns & Anika Evans

Deadline for action: May 4th, 2022

- Sporting clays has link to website already, so taken care of.
- Emails using ____@brgfa.ca discussed.
- Kelly motions to set up contact@brgfa.ca. This will cost 2.99/month, total of \$35.88 for the year. Dale 2nds. None opposed, Carried.

6.2 Certified Food Handler Safety Program

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns & Anika Evans

Deadline for action: May 4th, 2022

- Topic was raised at Gear Swap/Sponsorship meeting – would be good to have at least one member with certification given food service at BRGFA events. Anika Evans has volunteered to take course. Looked into it, and finding inconsistencies in offerings. Mark Miller will look into the regs and courses that will meet our requirements best.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 CCFR Range Safety Officer Course

Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller

Deadline for action: May 4th, 2022

- Kelly Bourns has line of communication open with CCFR, so she will take on finding out about Range Safety Officer course.

7.2 Training and Education Calendar

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

Deadline for action: Spring 2022

- (Covered in Training/Ed report)

7.3 Clubhouse/Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller & Paul Millan

Deadline for action: Spring 2022

- Will discuss more as we go into actual spring weather. Priority is clubhouse siding and maintenance.

7.4 BRGFA Merch

Presenter/Person Responsible: Anika Evans

Deadline for action: 2022 event season

- Anika contacted Tick Rowson after the last meeting to discuss hunter orange hats and travel mugs. Response was not immediate. Nudged on March 27. Have established that we can get "hunter orange" caps. A quote is in the works.

7.5 Snow Removal

Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller

Deadline for action: (Not assigned)

- RM plow did come, and area was salted.
- Will discuss future snow concerns at next meeting.

8. EVENT REPORTS

(none)

9. BEARPIT (Open Discussion)

- Clifford Crickett suggested that Project Maple Seed might be good organization for BRGFA to work with. Kelly will reach out to Brendan from Winnipeg Pistol and Revolver Association to learn more.

10. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Ryan Keefe motioned to adjourn. Jim Wade seconds. Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm. (AGM followed.) Next meeting not scheduled.

ATTENDEES:

Greg Logan
 Mark Miller
 Randy Draward
 Paul Millan
 Larry Schewchuk
 Fred Jensen
 Hattie Jensen
 Charlene Baert
 Jim Wade

Kelly Bourns
 Dale Bourns
 Anika Evans
 Brett Steffes
 Ryan Keefe
 Bob Austman
 Clifford Crickett
 April Obriek

REGRETS:

Jason Combe
 Brent Steliga
 Randie Aran
 Michael Oneschuk