



Date: October 5, 2022 | **Location:** BRGFA Clubhouse | **Time:** 07:30
Facilitator: Jason Combe | **Note Taker:** Anika Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:28pm

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of minutes (from September)

Motion: Dale Bourns

Second: Mark Miller

All in favour - Carried

3. EXECUTIVE & CHAIR REPORTS

3.1 EXECUTIVES

President – Jason Combe

“Nothing significant”. Had gear swap. (Will discuss later.)

Vice President – Brett Steffes

Not present – No report

Treasurer & Membership Chair – Kelly Bourns

RBC: \$27,895.55; 2,499.20 has yet to clear. \$427 cash from Turkey Shoot deposit given to Dawn to take to bank.

Sunova \$19631.79. Paid out \$200 to Cubs. Target Cheque for ~\$10K hasn't cleared yet. Shells are all gone. Paid \$500 to neighbor for mowing, might need to do one more time for \$50. \$1,650 went back to RBC. Cheque to accountant has not cleared yet. CCFR still needs to go in.

Membership -- Kelly introduces Dawn. Kelly and Dawn had a conversation at Mapleseed about Dawn taking over membership, she said she would be interested.

***** Jason makes motion: The board recognizes value in bringing new members onto the board for the future of the club, therefore, be it resolved Dawn Scarfe, under mentorship with Kelly Bourns, shall take on the position of Membership Chair, until such time that the normal nomination and election takes place at the AGM in April 2023.**

Bob Austman 2nd. All in favour, Carried.

181 membership.

From Kelly: Presentation of handout (attached). Raising membership & range fees. Hypotheticals with incremental increases based on current membership

trends. "Orange" column shows start of actually covering range maintenance and insurance, plus a bit. Range spending has actually been under budget this year, unlike other years. Still some work to be done. Need to improve some stuff like range backstops, gravel, etc.

Anika brings up that membership needs to cover costs/needs based on assessment of budget/spending, not raised arbitrarily.

Dawn points out that membership fees are more certain than fundraisers

Kelly points out that membership is also a variable.

Discussion of impact of "paper members".

Wayne: 7 Sisters fees are lower – single is \$95 plus MWF insurance. Not as much programming, likely fewer members – approx 135, maybe 25 or 35 active and not "paper".

Selkirk is \$350

Jason's idea is for International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) and/or Manitoba Defensive Pistol League to come check out handgun range, in turn that will drive membership. Competitive rates will be important

Prices on everything are going up, fee increase would be likely expected.

Sporting clays equipment and personal time investment is becoming critical, too. Without sporting clays events membership may suffer.

DAWN WILL CHECK OUT FEES AT OTHER RANGES

MUST MAKE DECISION ON FEES AT NEXT MEETING (will add to new business)

Even if membership explodes, more range use members mean more maintenance. Justifies higher expense.

Paul asks how much goes into general fund from membership to buy sporting clays equip. Suggests added fee on clays shoots to earmark for that – already doing.

Mark suggests 3 or 5 year plan for sporting clays equipment

Sporting clays is getting a bit of help as of this year; it's looking up.

Paul can provide "family inventory" document to use for Kelly and Dale so that sporting clays equipment can be designated according to ownership.

Dale points out that ownership is documented by serial number. Not "easy" to track", but doable.

Secretary – Anika Evans

Contacted Lane, who replied saying he received my request to remove the website and would write again soon, as "he's busy". Nudged on Oct 4th and received an email. He says he'll take the site down. Will follow up 'til it's done.

Another reminder to PLEASE make sure "brgfa_news" emails are going through.

Do this by opening all emails that come to you, and adding to your contacts.)

At some point we got away from approving exec and chair reports. We will be returning to this.

All chairs must submit a report at every meeting, either in person or by email in advance so the secretary can deliver it. Ideally all could be emailed and included in the agenda. Then we just have to cover and approve at the meeting. Will be somehow adding a section to help with general task accountability.

Range Officer (Rifle) – Brent Steliga

Brent had someone come spray for weeds circa gear swap, cleaned that up.

Will be moving one of the backstops, Curtis Rossman may be contacted for help with that project. Volunteer work party may be called to help with that. 100 yd. Target 8 is the one in question. It gets shot up a lot. When gong target discussion began, 250 yard target seemed logical to use for that, but 8 will also have to move for that reason too.

Ballard says 250 yard backstop is good for gong targets without having to build more structures including “doghouse”. Some confusion about whether shooting over another station will be OK, will have to clarify w/ Ballard before going too much further with planning.

Mark says “yes” to steel gongs at lower cost than originally thought. Dawn offers up her business as resource for steel fabrication.

1st step – move backstop – hopefully this fall? Majority will likely be a spring project.

Rimfire Rendezvous: Not this fall, Brent would like to organize for spring. Points out summer is bad for event, end of April, beginning of May would be better. Brent wants it to be BIG. More youth. Do BBQ. Open to non-members – for entrance fee. Canadian Gun Guys will sponsor prizes for event. Anika points out all details need to be worked out by January.

DECEMBER MEETING WILL INCLUDE RIMFIRE RENDEZVOUS to establish final details.

Hunting rifle class Rimfire type event in fall? Two events Brent would really like to see a “go”.

Dale has A-frame, road signs need to be made.

Mark talked to Ballard about spinning targets. Those do need doghouse.

Range Officer (Handgun) – Mark Miller

Mark hasn't had to do maintenance or repair for last month.

Range Officer (Shotgun/Sporting Clays) – Dale Bourns

September 10th was 5 stand – well attended.

On 11th was Alex Gyori Tribute shoot. 38 shooters. Ended season with Turkey shoot – 50 shooters. Cubs cooked and manned game station. 69 targets for that. Cubs came away with good money. Lots of prizes given out. Kevin

Clark mowed trail all summer. Paid him \$500 out of Sunova. Did one more time, will give him \$50. All shells sold. Target inventory from end of season will be reported next meeting.

3.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Sponsorship – April Obriek

April has spreadsheet of sponsors from other job. She's looking at applicable possibilities

Conservation/Moose Management – Bob Austman

1 -- If you're hunting in border GHAs you must turn in deer for testing for CWD

2 – Avian flu is here – remove bird feeders please.

3 – MWF has been given intervener status in case with Peguis about night hunting.

4 – The Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) is proposing total ban on non-indigenous moose hunting. Taking province to court. Province has responded saying they prefer shared management approach.

5 – Area 26. Hydro moose monitoring has been wrapped up. Permission received to share results, BOB WILL GIVE MATERIALS TO ANIKA TO SHARE VIA WEBSITE (AND SOCIAL MEDIA). What is Hydro's interest? They want to know if lines increase predation or benefit game animals. Doing out of respect for 1st Nations property cut lines and impact.

Wayne Single on CWD... BRGFA partnership with Eastland in conference about CWD? Wayne will get stuff together and if BRGFA can organize space (Lutheran church?), will give presentation on CWD. Wayne showed a book on how CWD got into Canada written by Canadian biologists AB from 2017. Alliance for Public Wildlife info@apwildlife.org to get copy. Will likely be referenced at meeting.

***** MOTION: Jason motions to set date and BRGFA will get church and put ad in Clipper (Eastland will get refreshments) not to exceed \$500. Date TBA by availability.**

2nd: Kelly Bourns

All in favor – carried

Archery – Chair currently vacant

No report

Training & Education – Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

Kelly has dates for 2023 Sporting clays (starting in April?)

Mothers Day again with Gear Swap -- Chili cook off with judging?

May Long – Ladies Learn To.... Series. Put a call out for instructors. 2 Days, stay at BRGFA possible. Kelly, Anika, Dawn to spearhead. Instructors reach out to

Kelly... will start on schedule and logistics. (Jason brings up one-on-one mentorship idea.) ADD REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTORS/IDEAS TO MEMBER EMAIL

CCFR Range Day (1st weekend in June?)

Sporting Clay Provincials at BRGFA: Pro shooter to give instruction. Ben Husthwaite is coming to BRGFA! Late July. Will give private lessons for \$175/hour. Dale will ask whether classes will be open to all levels, or not.

Sporting clay patches to be made to encourage new shooters – benchmarks. Thinking outside the box to acknowledge and recognize new shooters.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN: MARK MILLER. 2nd: BRENT STELIGA. All in favor, Passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Recipient of Winicki scholarship, Tanner Sanders, sent thank you which was read aloud.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 New Memembership Chair

This topic was settled as part of Membership Chair Report.

5.2 Grant Applications

Paul and Brett spent three nights on grant apps. Brett said he'd finish everything off, Paul assuming all's good.

Kelly: Can we all review before submission? Paul says followed template, things have been submitted. Will make motions if/when grants are approved. Will hear back end of month?

Anika asks which grants were applied for? Arts Culture Sports Culture (ACSC) grants. (3 different ones.) Sustainable Communities grant is on hold, but intake is January.

Jason asks about award dates... Paul provides website. www.manitoba.ca/acsc Issue resolved for now..... Waiting game to see if granted.

5.3 Bylaw Revision

Old range rules were in sign in book. On page 20, remove handgun on rifle range thing, and move holstered handgun issue into
LOOK INTO WHICH BYLAW PDF IS ON WEBSITE

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 CRA Date Change Letter

Anika revised letter with suggestions and added info from Kelly after last meeting, presented new letter.

***** Jason motions to submit date change letter as worded. Paul Millan 2nds. All in favour; Carried**

Dawn to drop off letter with CRA in Winnipeg.

7. EVENT REPORTS

7.1 Fall Gear Swap

Gear swap day one was good, day two a little under-attended. 50 people between two days. Conflicting events hurt attendance. Spring will be Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. Maybe strike fall gear swap for future? Change name to Gun Show or Gun & Gear, etc. Anika points out vendors need to come first.

Ideas for advertising opportunities thrown around.

Paul gives idea for alternative rain location.... Could be good to have it there anyway, but sporting clays will be here, and we lose that audience.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR GEAR SWAP – JASON CAPTAIN, KELLY HELP

Brent: Need clean-up day before events.

If Brent has water source, can clean outhouse with his gas pressure washer. Paul was "on Ray all summer", but cleaning outhouse didn't happen.

7.2 & 7.3 (Sporting clays 5-stand and AGT) Taken care of in sporting clays report

Extraneous discussions, not on agenda, but before adjournment:

Mark: Has application to have raffle from RM. 500 tickets printing: \$143

Raffle rifle @ 950? Tix sold... makes a decent amount. Could include boat motor and BRFFA inventory rifle..... or do that instead. Profit goes to property and facility maintenance. For siding?

Paul proposes mini-banquet and raffle things. Fish-fry/social (Evolve catering) with prizes and draws. Lots of ideas tossed around. February or April according to Paul. Think of fun things.

ADD MINI-BANQUET TO AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER

After 10th shoot, Kelly and Dale got sideswiped on 47 just off 70 by tractor and haybine and ripped off bumper. He is on Rd 70. Came back and swapped info. He was

complaining about range. "Awful when first started because they shot 7 days a week, but better now.".... Says RM didn't speak to anyone further than 300 meters?

8. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Adjournment: 10:26pm

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

9. BEARPIT (Open Discussion)

ATTENDEES:

Dawn Scarfe
Jason Combe
Anika Evans
Mark Miller
Kelly Bourns
Dale Bourns
Wayne Single
Bob Austman
April Obriek
Brent Steliga
Paul Millan

REGRETS:

Brett Steffes