



Date: May 4, 2022 | **Location:** BRGFA Clubhouse | **Time:** 07:00
Facilitator: Jason Combe | **Note Taker:** Anika Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:18pm

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions. (Will strike additions section in future agendas given meeting format approved in January.)

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes as released with following correction: Reserve account should be RBC, was put under Sunova in Treasurers Report.

Motion: Bob Austman; Second: Brent Steliga. All in favour, Carried.

4. EXECUTIVE & CHAIR REPORTS

4.1 EXECUTIVES

President – Jason Combe

Jason Combe apologized for not being able to attend AGM, thanks everyone for stepping up to run meeting in his stead.

Vice President – Brett Steffes

Will be attending gear swap, as well will be attending RM land use meeting.

Treasurer & Membership Chair – Kelly Bourns

- RBC account: \$25,645.27 (there are a few cheques to go out, including CCFR) Reserve: \$3,008.18.
- Sunova account: \$12,238.85 (\$1,750 towards card reader in hand)
- Membership: 131 (7 general). 4 or 5 applications with issues to be resolved.

Secretary – Anika Evans

- Anika has been communicating with vendors and taking applications for gear swap. As of now there are 10 vendors scheduled for gear swap.
- Anika noticed that Google Maps has added a pin for BRGFA, but put it in the wrong spot – a property to the north. Used an online form to make a correction, and got a reply that it's "under review" but seems to have been changed to the correct location. We should keep an eye on it.

Range Officer (Rifle) – Brent Steliga

- "No big news." Brent might go to McMunn for 3 or 4 sheets of cut plywood to keep on hand for backstop reinforcement.

- **MOTION 22-007:** Brent Steliga motions that each range receive a maintenance budget of \$1,500 for 2022. Bob Austman 2nds. Kelly Bourns and Brent Steliga abstain from voting. The rest in favor; Motion carried.
- Brent will be talking to Chris Ballard the CFO about what will be required to be approved to have a gong or two on the range.

Range Officer (Handgun) – Mark Miller

Mark was absent, but sent an email to Anika who read the report:

- Have ordered a stand up broom, dustpan, and cigarette butt can for handgun range. Receipt for reimbursement pending.
- Re: Gear Swap: Will ensure BBQ is clean and operational, and a full tank of propane is present.
- Garbage and recycling bins will be emptied prior to event.
- Called RM and requested that 47E be graded.

Range Officer (Shotgun/Sporting Clays) – Dale Bourns

- Sporting clays is a go for Saturday the 7th. Will start setting up on Thursday. There will be 10 or 12 stations depending on time. Might be able to use help on Friday.
- [Sidebar: Brent mentions that there won't be much to do on Friday as far as setting up for gear swap. All execs should bring "eyes and ears".

4.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Sponsorship – April Obriek

- There are 7 paid sponsors for the sporting clays stations, attempting to resolve issues with a potential 2 more.
- An issue that has come up is that potential sponsors would like to see proof of concept and concise documentation.
- Process of sign-making has been problematic. Sign maker would like to produce in sets of 8 but we have sponsors trickling in. Brainstorming about how to resolve issue: Ideas include paying for signs up front, and ordering non-station-sponsor signage for range to complete sets of , e.g., No Trespassing.

Conservation/Moose Management – Bob Austman

- Seven Sisters Wildlife Association is having a Family Learn to Shoot Day on Sat May 14 from 10 am to 3 pm. Participants can try their hand at archery, shooting a muzzleloader, rimfire rifle, shotgun , and centre fire rifle
- Wildlife Meeting will be hosted by Eastland Game and Fish in Anola on May 12 at the local church. Officials from Mb Conservation will be on hand to discuss upcoming 2022 hunting seasons, bag limits, and

regulations. All clubs are invited to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served. It will be BRGFA's turn to host this meeting next year.

- Recently 17A was turned to a draw zone, which is a “hot mess”. It was announced right before draw with no time to prepare, and it was a unilateral decision by the province without consulting organizations like MWF or other game and fish clubs. This is especially a big problem for outfitters and guides, as they've already taken deposits for clients whose trips will now hinge on the limited draw. The division between areas 17 and 17A is slim and the boundary is weird. This hits close to home – BRGFA vice president, Brett Steffes, mentioned that his hunting season will be affected by this change. Word is that there could be another change in 2023, but this decision is final for 2022.
- Anika will put Seven Sisters event and wildlife meeting in membership newsletter.

Archery – Chair currently vacant

Randie Aran was in attendance and mentioned that he would still like to work towards building archery at BRGFA, but cannot commit to serving as committee chair at this time.

Training & Education – Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

- June 4th is CCFR National Range Day.
- Events will include intro to shooting – rifle, handgun
- In the morning 3 stands will be set up at member-use station. Scott Mazniuk will be there to help. Will open stations up in afternoon to general shooters. Ideas for activities include “\$5 for 5 shells – give it a try”.
- Maybe Cubs can do BB gun type game with clays on a board and a draw? Kelly will get info.
- Tracy Wilson from CCFR had a death in the family and has been incommunicado for a time. Requests put in for CCFR field officer and CCFR swag, but due to issues we may not see much from CCFR.
- Plans will be firmed up so we can get out ads
- Training and Ed would like to offer more Ladies Learn To Shoot type programming.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Anika fielded email from Jillian St. George from Conservation. They are having a clean-up day at Mars Sandhills WMA on May 28th. Anika has contact info for anyone with questions. Will leave provided flyer on table during gear swap and include in membership newsletter and on website.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Proposal to lease half-section of land south of range

Presenter/Person Responsible: Bob Austman

Deadline for action: (pending)

- Jack Kowalchuk set up an environmental report for the RM
- The property has a high water table and is “kind of a bowl”
- It is not suitable as farm or pasture
- Idea to approach RB about BRGFA leasing the property, with aim to conserve habitat, protect water, etc. BRGFA will provide management and use as an education centre.
- If leased by BRGFA the property would also be a buffer zone between ranges and other properties.
- Cost would depend on a few factors. Could be the same arrangement as current BRGFA holding – pay the school division tax. Brett mentioned later that the RM might be looking to do more of a long lease at low cost, with penalty to be paid if it's sold in that time.
- Kelly brings up potential problems with the CFO if that property is secured and it starts being used for purposes where people will have access to the property for things like Cubs or educational trips.
- Trespassing signage is something to consider. (We need more range boundary signs anyway.)
- First step is to talk to RM. Details will be worked out if it's to go forward.
- **MOTION 22-008** Bob Austman moves to approach the RM about a lease agreement, the details of which will be determined. He will come back to the board with details for approval before acting on anything further.
Brent Steliga 2nds; All in favour; Motion Carried.

6.2 Proposed Range Work Day

Presenter/Person Responsible: Kelly Bourns

Deadline for action: May 15th, 2022

- Sunday the 15th we will have a range work day. Tasks include garbage clean-up, tree maintenance and flagging for removal, wood cutting, and cleaning/organizing the containers.
- Anika will put notice in membership email and on website/calendar.
- Send questions or offers of trailers for use to Jason.
- Anika will field RSVPs, will get numbers to Kelly to do lunch for attendees. Will advertise \$25 Cabela's gift card draw.

7. OLD BUSINESS

~~7.1 CGFR Range Safety Officer Course~~

~~Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller~~

~~Deadline for action: May 4th, 2022~~

This topic will be removed from further agendas and put back when there is progress.

7.2 Bylaws (Meeting Style)

Presenter/Person Responsible: Anika Evans

Deadline for action: May 4th, 2022

- Announcement of clarification of "Council Style" format: All are welcome, please submit all formal agenda items at least 2 weeks in advance of meeting to secretary using contact@brgf.ca
- Jason wants to get meetings pared down to about an hour. Shift meetings into business, with time for fellowship, etc.

7.3 Clubhouse/Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller & Paul Millan

Deadline for action: Spring 2022

- Brent's workplace has used metal sidings that might be of interest for clubhouse. He'll follow up.
- Brent also has lead on another business for siding, idea to stain clubhouse instead of siding. Will get quotes for consideration.
- Reminder that all work and workers must be properly insured, etc.
- Paul Millan will get tanks for outhouses.
- (This item will be removed from future agendas – work will be under range plan umbrella.)

~~7.4 Snow Removal~~

~~Presenter/Person Responsible: Mark Miller~~

~~Deadline for action: Spring 2022~~

- Nothing further at this time

8. EVENT REPORTS

- Saturday, June 18th, there will be a summer fishing derby at Lac Du Bonnet. Boats will launch from town launch. Fishing from 10am-3pm.
- Anika will put on website. Kelly will get Anika past membership email list. Fishing derby was a popular event pre-covid and old members might be interested.

9. BEARPIT (Open Discussion)

(NONE)

10. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be June 1st at Clubhouse. 7:30pm for members, execs please come for 7pm. This will be the last general meeting before the summer break. Motion to adjourn: Kelly Bourns. Seconded by Paul Millan. Adjourned 8:24pm.

ATTENDEES:

April Obriek
Jason Combe
Brett Steffes
Anika Evans
Paul Millan
Randie Aran
Randy Draward
Ward Omichinski
Kelly Bourns
Dale Bourns
Brent Steliga
Bob Austman
Ben Mikoluff

REGRETS:

Mark Miller