



Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association

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WLSA Annual General Meeting Minutes January 19, 2009

Present: Jacques Drisdelle, George Chignell, Wayne Biffert, Mike Chesley, Mike Ramsay, Debbie Powers-Barron, Moe Monita, Cliff Stinson, Roy Slavens, Gord Mayfield, Ed Oliver, Roger Gysel, Lorne Gulliford, David Jackson, Vic Rafuse

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

January 21, 2008 General Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ The minutes of the January 21, 2008 Annual General Meeting were read by Debbie Powers-Barron.
 - Debbie Powers-Barron moved that the minutes be accepted as read
 - George Chignell seconded the motion
 - All in favour
 - Carried

Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ Treasurer, Ed Oliver, reported that YTD Revenues totalled \$45,478.52 and YTD expenses totalled \$41,237.13. There is approximately \$15,000.00 remaining in the account with the following yet to be paid: Approximately \$7,720 for insurance and \$1,700 to the Fraser River Basin leaving an approximate balance of \$6,300.00.
 - Ed Oliver moved to accept the report
 - Gord Mayfield seconded the motion
 - All in favour
 - Carried

Appointment of Auditor:

- ❖ Treasurer, Ed Oliver, reported that Leanne Allan has been conducting audits on the WLSA books
 - Gord Mayfield moved that Leanne Allan be appointed as auditor
 - George Chignell seconded the motion
 - All in favour
 - Carried

Election of Officers and Directors:

- ❖ **President:** Barry Jenkins by acclamation
- ❖ **Vice President:** Jacques Drisdelle by acclamation

- ❖ **Treasurer:** Ed Oliver by acclamation
- ❖ **Secretary:** Debbie Powers-Barron by acclamation
- ❖ **Sergeant At Arms:** Wayne Biffert by acclamation
- ❖ **Director:** Lorne Barron by acclamation
- ❖ **Director:** Gerry Lucas by acclamation
- ❖ **Director:** Mike Chesley by acclamation
- ❖ **Director:** David Jackson by acclamation
- ❖ **Director:** George Chignell by acclamation
 - **Directors with one year terms left to serve:** Roger Gysel, Corky Berkelaar, Moe Monita, Terri Chupa, Gord Mayfield

By-law additions or revisions:

- ❖ None reported

Motion to raise membership dues:

- ❖ It was proposed at the January 5th, 2009 Executive Meeting that membership dues be increased as follows to cover the added cost of an increase in BCWF dues and the increasing cost of heating, electricity, property insurance and maintenance for the clubhouse: Single membership from \$60.00 to \$70.00; Family Membership from a maximum of \$90.00 to a maximum of \$110.00 (\$70.00 for the primary member, \$20.00 for the first family member and \$10.00 for each additional family member to the maximum of \$110.00); Couples membership from \$80.00 to \$90.00; Senior's membership from \$25.00 to \$35.00; Junior membership from \$25.00 to \$35.00.
 - Jacques Drisdelle moved that the membership dues be increased as presented
 - Gord Mayfield seconded the motion
 - All in favour
 - Carried

President's Report:

- ❖ Barry Jenkins was absent due to illness. No report submitted

Committee Reports:

- ❖ **Archery Committee:**
 - Ed Oliver reported that he and WLSA President, Barry Jenkins, have been in negotiations with the Cariboo Archers regarding the use of the club house. The archers make the most use of the building as far as utilities go and it was proposed that the archers contribute more towards energy costs. Barry and Ed met with Cariboo Archers Treasurer, Al Campsall and recommended that the Archers meld into the WLSA. Al Campsall will be presenting this recommendation to the Cariboo Archers Executive.
- ❖ **Hunting Regulations & Allocation Committee:**
 - Roger Gysel reported that the Region 5 clubs north and south of the WLSA have expressed their support for a super LEH season for moose. Roger stated that what is likely to happen is that there will either be three

time frames imposed or possibly no change at all. Regarding the mule deer harvest, Roger stated that the proposal for the upcoming season is for 1 buck, a closure November 10th to 20th and an open season for 4 pt November 20th to 30th. A second deer will be allowed with LEH.

- Mike Ramsay reported that the BCWF position is to see higher success rates at the cost of opportunity. In other words, the BCWF would rather have less LEH opportunities in exchange for more time to harvest a moose. An issue of concern is that currently non-local First Nations individuals have been hunting in Region 5 with the approval of local bands. Mike Ramsay offered to do a presentation to the club regarding the issue of moose LEH.

❖ **Fishing Committee:**

- Mike Chesley attended a presentation with Tom Wilkinson regarding Lake Classifications. Mike reports that some lakes will be classified as catch and release, some will be classified as fly fishing only and some will be classified open, any gear. He also reports that MOE is considering eradication of the small mouth bass in the Beaver Valley chain. You can find out which lakes in BC are stocked by visiting the following website: www.gofishbc.com.

❖ **Banquet Committee:**

- Mike Ramsay reported that he has advertised the 2009 Wild Game Banquet on radio and in the paper. Tickets can be purchased at Chilcotin Guns and at Surplus Herbies. Mike reported that more exotic meat for the banquet is needed in addition to the moose, elk, deer, bear and cougar that has already been donated. The type of meat being requested is salmon, halibut, smoked fish, pepperoni, etc. Donations can be given to Al Bush at Chilcotin Guns.
- Kim Judd is doing the catering again this year but her prices have gone up.
- Mike Ramsay will be taking care of the liquor licensing
- Doug Hill will be managing the music
- Jacques Drisdelle will be taking care of the posters and menus
- An MC is still needed. Debbie Powers-Barron to post on website and send out email to members
- Volunteers are needed to set up and decorate the clubhouse starting at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 6th. Debbie Powers-Barron to post on website and send out email to members
- Roger Gysel volunteered to do the awards handout
- Need volunteers to be at the clubhouse early to greet guests and take door tickets. Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 7:00. George Chignell volunteered but more help is needed. Debbie Powers-Barron to post on website and send out email to members
- Mike Ramsay will be managing the bar

❖ **Shotgunning Committee:**

- Barry Jenkins was absent; Cliff Stinson had nothing new to report

❖ **Building Maintenance Committee:**

- George Chignell had nothing new to report

- ❖ **Communication and Website Committee:**
 - Debbie Powers-Barron reported that the website is up and running and all is well. Collecting email addresses is a work in progress. It is costly for the club to post newsletters (stamps, paper, and envelopes). It is also time consuming and costly for Roger Gysel and his staff to print the newsletters and for Debbie and Lorne to stuff envelopes. A big thank you to Roger Gysel and staff for all their work in printing the newsletter.
- ❖ **Merchandise & Fundraising Committee:**
 - Wayne Biffert reported that he has been getting a few big items for the Banquet and lots of smaller items. One of the big donations is a log bench donated by Pioneer Log Homes.
- ❖ **Handgun Committee:**
 - George Chignell reported that there have been no meets of late and that IPSC has slowed down.
- ❖ **Junior Olympic Program (JOP) Committee:**
 - Mike Chesley reported that there are not as many members this year, approximately down from 35 – 20. No new targets have been purchased.
- ❖ **Membership Committee:**
 - Lorne Barron was absent but he submitted a written report, read by Jacques Drisdelle. As of January 19, 2009, the club's membership consisted of: 85 Family memberships with 269 members, up from 82 memberships with 254 members; 42 Senior memberships, up from 41; 14 Senior Family memberships with 28 members, up from 11 Senior Family memberships and 22 members; 12 Junior memberships up from 8; 186 Regular memberships up from 159. Total memberships are at 339 up from 301 and total members are at 537, up from 484.
- ❖ **Nominations Committee:**
 - Jacques Drisdelle reported that he did a great job and he surely did.
- ❖ **Trophies & Awards Committee:**
 - Roger Gysel suggested that this year we add the word "male" to the "Mule Deer Typical" category. As it is right now, "Mule Deer Typical" implies that a lady can win both categories with the biggest deer. Historically, "Mule Deer Typical" has always gone to a male. Roger also reported that the Glen Kuenzl Award for Open Big Game will be limited to rifle only.

New Business:

- ❖ The Final Environmental Impact Statement was received regarding the Prosperity Mine Project. Public consultation regarding this project ended on December 15, 2008. They are currently going through an environmental assessment review. The Environmental impact document is available at the clubhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

