



## **Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association**

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### **WLSA Executive Minutes July 5, 2010**

**Present:** George Chignell, Moe Monita, Barry Jenkins, Jerry Lucas, Ed Oliver, Jacques Drisdelle, Gord Mayfield, Vic Rafuse, Wayne Biffert, Debbie Powers-Barron

**Meeting Chaired by:** Jacques Drisdelle, President

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

#### **June 7, 2010 Executive Minutes:**

The minutes of the June 7, 2010 executive meeting were read by Debbie Powers-Barron.

- Motion by Debbie Powers-Barron to accept the minutes as read
- Seconded by Gerry Lucas
- All in favour
- Carried

#### **Treasurer's Report for June, 2010:**

**Presented by:** Ed Oliver, Treasurer

#### **REVENUES**

Membership	\$ 1,805.00
Range Fees	100.00
Hall Rental	800.00
Donations	200.00
Sergeant At Arms	125.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,894.72</b>

#### **EXPENSES**

Range expenses	\$ 275.44
Trap	674.86
Hall cleaning	81.00
CORE	131.25
Building R/M	2,966.67
Building electricity	326.32
Building heating	795.72

Donations	400.00
Bank S/C	18.00
Office	149.97
ARGO	64.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,883.23</b>

<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$18,820.00</b>
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- Ed Oliver moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented
- Seconded by Moe Monita
- All in favour
- Carried

### **Membership Report:**

Jacques Drisdelle presented the membership report in Lorne Barron's absence

- 320 memberships
- 509 individual members
- 87 family memberships
- 17 senior family memberships
- 3 junior memberships
- 169 regular memberships
- 44 senior memberships

### **Correspondence Presented by Debbie Powers-Barron:**

- Bank statement from WL credit union for statement period May 1 – 30, 2010 showing total credits of \$5,848.09, total debits of \$6,322.46 and a balance forward of \$22,247.62. Given to Ed Oliver
- BC Hydro bill reminder in the amount of \$326.32 for billing date June 9, 2010. Given to Ed Oliver
- Bill for heating oil from Petro Canada in the amount of \$811.63 for period ending May 31, 2010. Given to Ed Oliver
- Bill for garbage disposal received from Central Cariboo Disposal in the amount of \$33.61, dated May 31, 2010. Given to Ed Oliver
- Bill for renovation materials received from Home Hardware in the amount of \$255.69. Given to Ed Oliver
- Receipt from Home hardware in the amount of \$82.389. Given to Ed Oliver
- Rental agreement received from WL Community Church for hall rental on June 19, 2010. Given to Ed Oliver
- Letter and brochures from Xtreme Action Inc to promote their on-line store featuring survival and tactical gear. Website: [www.xtremeaction.ca](http://www.xtremeaction.ca). Email: [peter@xtremeaction.ca](mailto:peter@xtremeaction.ca). Telephone: 403-860-0047. Given to Jacques Drisdelle
- Package received from the BCWF with the following information:
  - BCWF Newsletter
  - Executive Reports

- Activity Reports
- HST information for club members
- Appeal for action for Bill C-391
- BCWF club mailer survey
- Dream Lottery club grant request application
- Notice from Pacific Western Brewery
- Notice regarding on-line Boater Exam

**On-line Boater Exam:**

Individuals can take their boater exam online at [www.bcwf.bc.ca](http://www.bcwf.bc.ca). For every boater exam accessed through the BCWF website a donation is made to the BC Wildlife Federation towards conservation of fish and wildlife, and access to the resource for BC residents. Scroll down the left of the page until you reach the boater exam link. The benefits are:

- Free retires – you only pay once
- Study for free with our online boating course
- Print a temporary boating license when you pass
- The most convenient way to get your boating license

Effective September 15, 2009 all boat operators in Canada need the Pleasure Craft Operator Card or they risk expensive fines. Take the 36 question, multiple-choice exam online and get certified for life.

- Debbie Powers-Barron to add this information to the newsletter and to post online

**Notice from Pacific Western Brewery:**

Pacific Western Brewery and sister company, Natureland Organics announced on May 28, 2010, that partial proceeds from sales of Pacific Pilsner beer and Purejan Springs water will be donated to marine environment preservation in BC.

The companies have created a \$20,000.00 “BC Waters Clean-up Challenge” fund. In partnership with BC water stewardship groups, they invite communities throughout the province to apply for funding to clean up and preserve their local stream, river or lake.

The sponsors and the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, BC Lake Stewardship Society and BC Rivers Day will select one or more community water clean-up projects with funding and other tools this summer.

Community groups or individuals are invited to apply for funding by sharing their story and clean-up plan. For more information or to download an application form, visit [www.pacificpilsner.com](http://www.pacificpilsner.com) or [www.purejan.com](http://www.purejan.com).

The selected project(s) will be announced on or before the BC Day long weekend, July 31 to August 2, 2010.

- Debbie to add this information to the newsletter and to post online

## **Old Business:**

### **ARGO Action Plan:**

Members are needed to get the ARGO Project in motion. Debbie will send out a request in the next newsletter to see if there are any members with disabled children, relatives or friends who would be interested in spearheading the ARGO program. Debbie will also post this information on the website. Wayne Biffert stated that when transporting the ARGO on the trailer, two straps are needed to anchor it in place, one in the front and one in the back.

### **Provincial Archery Competition July 10 & 11, 2010:**

The Cariboo Archers are hosting the 2010 Provincial Archery Shoot at the WLSA Clubhouse July 10 & 11, 2010.

- The WLSA will be hosting breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday morning as well as dinner Saturday night
- Breakfast Saturday morning will be pancakes, bacon and eggs at a cost of \$5.00 per person
- Breakfast on Sunday morning will be ham and eggers at a cost of \$4.00 per person
- Dinner on Saturday evening will consist of roast beef, baked potatoes, salad, vegetable plates and cake
- The Lyons Club will have their hamburger cart for lunch on both days
- Debbie to send out email to online members regarding this event and post on website
- Debbie to contact Judy Jenkins for meal times and prices
- George Chignell, Moe Monita and Jacques Drisdelle have offered their assistance to help with the breakfasts and dinner on Saturday and Sunday that Judy Jenkins and Barb Lucas are organizing.

### **Siding for Clubhouse:**

The siding had been completed by Bryan McGowan and a good job was done. Bryan's quote for the job came in at \$2,600.00 and the bill he submitted was for \$2,600.00, however the cost of the materials was approximately 40% more than he anticipated. It was decided by the executive to reimburse Bryan for the balance that he spent on building materials.

Barry Jenkins stated that the roof over the tank is now gone and needs to be replaced. Also, some digging needs to be done.

### **Picture Raffle:**

Wayne Biffert has been working hard at raffling off two limited edition prints, one of a bear and one of a person fly fishing a river. He has sold close to 300 tickets to date.

There are 4 tickets left for the fly fishing print and approximately 100 tickets left for the bear print.

### **BCWF Convention and AGM Report:**

Wayne Biffert stated that the report would be presented at the next executive meeting.

### **Sheep Mount has been received:**

Richard Daloise from Nelson, BC donated a sheep mount. This sheep was shot by Richard in 1977 and was the first sheep that was shot in the first junction draw after they were transplanted there.

Accompanying the sheep mount was Richard's cancelled tag, the LEH, the correspondence that went out when he got the draw (including instructions on sampling as Richard had to take the entire stomach back up the hill with him), Richard's copy of the CI sheet, a bound report from Harold Mitchell giving information on all four of the sheep that they took that first year and necropsy information and pictures along with other data. Richard recommended that the documentation be kept with the sheep and stated that WLSA members will likely appreciate reading the report from the first year's hunt.

- It was decided that the sheep mount needs to go to MOE to get plugged
- Jacques Drisdelle will draft a letter to Richard thanking him for his generous donation and will include pictures of the sheep mount

### **Fencing and Signage for Perimeter:**

On June 26, 2010, Lorne Barron, George Chignell, Wayne Biffert and Jacques Drisdelle met at the clubhouse and worked on the perimeter in the back. Under George's fine instruction all the fencing was removed and most of that job was completed and, it looks really good back there! A bit more clean-up remains to be done and the gates still need to be put up. There are four fence posts left over which are being stored in the basement.

The WLSA purchased 30 signs which state, "Danger, Shooting Range. Keep Out". 29 out of 30 signs have been put up.

### **Replacement of Railway Ties:**

CN Rail donated 186 railway ties to the WLSA. On May 19, 2010, Roger Gysel, Wayne Biffert, George Chignell and Jacques Drisdelle went down to the CNR railroad tie yard to get the ties. There were several boys at the site and the WLSA group offered a case of beer to each of them in exchange for loading the ties. This cost the club a total of \$88.36 to get this job done. The ties are now on site.

A work bee needs to be organized this summer to put up these new ties as the old ties which make up our ground baffles have been shot into far to many times and are mostly

destroyed.. The club also needs to open up a passage to the right of the Short Range Shelter, fill up the hole with drain rock for drainage and put a fibre mat above it.

- How many people will we need to accomplish this and when do we want to do this?
- Wayne Biffert suggested that we construct the new ties in front of the old ones which will save a lot of work. In order to do this we will need new rebar and a pounder
- Barry Jenkins suggested that it would make the task much easier if we had a bobcat to transport the ties
- Gord Mayfield stated the he knew Alan Clarke who has a loader at the end of Bond Lake Road and who also owns the gravel pit, also located on Bond Lake Road. Gordon to contact Alan to see if we can obtain the use of his loader and to see if we can get drain rock from his pit.

### **Signage for ties (ground baffles) – wording:**

The WLSA must replace the railroad ties at the long gun range as they have deteriorated, largely do to being shot into. We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to get free ties from CN rail but this is not likely to ever happen again. The ground baffles are a necessary part of our range requirements which means that without them, we cannot pass a range inspection and if this were to occur we will not be able to continue to operate the range. The ties (ground baffles) are in place to prevent ricochet and as such, are a very necessary safety precaution for our members and their families.

It has been decided by the executive that signage is needed to request that members who use the ranges do not shoot into the ties. This means that no targets whatsoever can be placed on top of the ties (ground baffles). It also means that membership care and attention needs to be a priority to avoid this from happening when using the range. We understand that accidents can certainly happen but we also understand that with care, attention and diligence, it can happen a lot less often which will go a long way to extending the life of the ties.

It was decided that the following signs will be considered:

- “The ground baffles are part of our range inspection requirements. Please do not shoot into them” (coroplast sign)
- “Do not shoot into the wood ties. Violations may result in the loss of range privileges” (coroplast sign)
- “Do not affix targets. Do not shoot ground baffles”. This signage will be displayed along the entire top of the wood ties. Discussion was focused on whether to get replaceable plastic tape which could be stapled on or long thin coroplast signs.

The extent of work that is done by a very small majority of members was also discussed. The people that do donate their time are so appreciated but in order to keep things running, more help is needed. This range belongs to all members and assistance from more than just a few core people is needed.

A protocol for removing club members and non-club members from the premises was discussed. It should be the responsibility of individual members to caution users if there is inappropriate behaviour. More serious issues can be referred to the executive who, at the next meeting, can determine a course of action, whether a letter is to be sent out, etc. If something very serious or something of a criminal nature happens at the range, the RCMP can be called.

### **Club Fun Day:**

Club Fun Day is being held this year on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. So far, start time is at 8:00 am. This is what has been planned:

- Skeet shooting
- Swap meet
- 22 rifle shooting
- Laser shot from BCWF. Jacques Drisdelle to phone and reserve it. Vic Rafuse will be travelling to Vancouver on August 12<sup>th</sup> and can pick it up then to bring it to Williams Lake. This will save over \$200.00 in shipping costs
- Hot dog and pop lunch. Jacques Drisdelle to contact Mike Chesley at Save-On-Foods for a donation of hot dogs, buns and pop
- Lorne Barron to contact Vic at Tim Horton's to see about a donation of donuts and coffee
- Al at Chilcotin Guns to be contacted regarding a donation of arrows
- Moe Monita to contact a taxidermist to see if they would be willing to put up a display
- Jacques Drisdelle to invite the COs
- The ARGO will be put into service

### **Newsletter:**

Jacques will add to the newsletter that he has already started and will send it back to Debbie for publishing. It was agreed that more newsletters need to be forwarded to our members. Debbie suggested a Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall newsletter. It is far too cost prohibitive to send out newsletters every month.

### **Broken light:**

Barry Jenkins to purchase a ballast for the broken light in the Clubhouse.

### **New Business:**

#### **WLSA position on the drainage of Fish Lake (Taseko Mine)**

After a very long and emotional discussion it was decided that the official position of the WLSA regarding the drainage of Fish Lake and the proposed Prosperity mine is thus:

- The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association sees the economic benefits this mine will bring to the community, however we also have some environmental concerns.

**General Meetings over the summer:**

There will be no general meetings during the months of July and August, 2010. The next general meeting will be held on September 20, 2010.

- Debbie Powers-Barron to inform members of this in the upcoming newsletter

**Motion by Vic Rafuse to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.**

- Moe Monita seconded the motion
- All in favour
- Carried.