



Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association

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General Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2010

Present: Wayne Biffert, Bryan McGowan, Gord Mayfield, Mike Ramsay, Lorne Gulliford, Lorne Barron, Roy Slavens, Jacques Drisdelle, Debbie Powers-Barron, Gerry Lucas

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

Meeting Chaired by: Jacques Drisdelle, President

2010 WLSA Wildlife Banquet:

Mike Ramsay reported on the success of the 2010 Wild Game Banquet.

- The Moose Horn Draw sold out and netted approximately \$1,200.00 for the club
- Bucket Ticket draws netted approximately \$1,300.00
- The banquet netted approximately \$1,000.00
- The bar netted approximately \$800.00
- Total approximate net earnings from the banquet are \$8,000.00
- Mike stated catering costs were \$18.00 per plate and the caterer did not charge GST or PST as the WLSA is non profit. He stated that Kim Judd charged \$18.00 per plate last year which did not include taxes but did factor in the 10% tip. Mike also pointed out that Kim raised the plate price by \$2.00 each year. Given this, Mike made a recommendation that the executive consider giving a 10% tip to the caterer
- **This issue to be addressed at the next executive meeting**
- Mike brought up the issue of expanding the banquet to a bigger venue for 2011. The Elks Hall is licensed for 250 people.
- Discussion around the fact that many members and other interested parties were not able to attend this year's banquet due to a lack of tickets.
- Debbie stated that by the time she was aware of the ticket sales, there were only 10 tickets left at Surplus Herbies and that there was no point in advertising on the web. Would be nice to advertise earlier next year
- Very successful banquet, everything went fine
- Debbie stated that many of the menu items were delicious but expressed her dislike of some of the things on the banquet menu such as the pasta

dish which she described as bland and the Caesar salad which was nothing more than lettuce and mayonnaise

Open letter of appreciation to MoE:

Roy Slavens suggested that the executive write an open letter to MoE and post it in the Williams Lake Tribune to thank them for stocking kokanee in Chimney Lake which has resulted in a great fishery. Roy stated that between 20 – 40 people per day have been out ice fishing on the lake.

- **This issue to be addressed at the next executive meeting**

Natural Resource Ministries (NRS) Administrative Boundaries Re-alignment:

Jacques Drisdelle reported on the new set of administrative boundaries for the province's five natural resource ministries which, have been endorsed.

MoE is restructuring the 8 regions we now have to 3 super-regions. These super-regions will consist of:

- Northern Region (Skeena, Peace and Omineca)
- Southern Interior Region (Cariboo, Thompson and Okanagan)
- Coast Region (Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and the West Coast

The following is background information that has been released by MoE:

Currently the provincial natural resource agencies operate under a complex system with more than 11 administrative units. The lack of common boundaries creates unnecessary administrative work for clients who work on initiatives that involve more than one agency. The lack of common administrative boundaries has also been identified as a barrier to effective cross-agency coordination. The five natural resource agencies include: Agriculture and Lands; Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Environment; Forests and Range; and the integrated Land Management Bureau.

The new network of three regional and seven sub-regional boundaries is more logically configured around watersheds, First Nations territories, existing government infrastructure and proximity to government services. The more efficient approach will:

- Allow for better co-ordination on multi-agency projects;
- Allow for better co-ordination of consultation requirements with First Nations;
- Enable efficiencies for corporate and administrative support services;
- Simplify information management; and
- Be easier for stakeholders to access government services.

All natural resource agencies are expected to transition to the new boundaries by March 31, 2010. During the transition, stakeholders and clients should not experience service disruptions. In many cases, clients involved in a project that requires the participation of more than one agency should start to find that response times improve due to the more effective cross agency coordination.

However, the Ministry of Forests and Range's North-Coast Forest District will transition to the new boundaries over a longer period due to legislative constraints. While this area will be managed by the natural resource sector as part of the Skeena sub-region, for forestry purposes the North Coast Forest District will legally remain in the Coast Region. This is due to the need for continued compatibility with current legal requirements, such as those within forestry legislation, decision-making delegations, timber pricing/appraisals, and the Softwood Lumber Agreement.

For More Information:

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your local sub-regional management committee chair:

Haida Gwaii/West Coast:	Paul Knowles:	(250) 731-3303
South Coast:	Brian Hawrys:	(604) 485-0707
Cariboo-Thompson-Okanagan	(See below)	
• Thompson-Okanagan	Andy Oetter:	(250) 828-4413
• Cariboo	Ken Vanderburgh:	(250) 398-4225
Kootenay-Boundary:	Tony Wideski:	(250) 426-1702
Omineca:	Lynda Currie:	(250) 996-5241
Skeena:	Tom Bell:	(250) 847-7321
Peace (Northeast):	Dale Morgan:	(250) 784-1200

If you are having difficulty determining what this means and what the rationale for these changes are, you are not alone. Please contact the above representative in your area for more information.

Meeting re: Likely Gun Range:

Jacques Drisdelle reported on the February 10th, 2010 meeting regarding the Likely Gun Range.

- The range consists of a 200, 300 and 1000 metre ranges. Also proposed are a trap & skeet and a hand gun range
- At this point WLSA involvement is to help the Likely club get started and to give them support
- The next meeting is to be held at the Community Hall in Likely at 2:00 pm on February 27th.

Changes to Membership Cards:

Lorne Barron reported that he has now added a statement on the back of all renewal and new membership cards outlining the 5 million liability policy for ATV use which includes the policy number.

Donations:

Wayne Biffert suggested that the WLSA send \$100.00 to the BCWF to help offset the cost of mailing tax deductible receipts to all of our banquet donors. Wayne also suggested another \$500.00 donation to Bruce Montague's legal defence fund.

- **This will be discussed at the next executive meeting**

Video:

The video, How to Talk To The Deer (Calling Deer to You) by Gordon Eastman, was shown after adjournment of the meeting. This was a very interesting and informative video.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm