



Regular Meeting October 16, 2018

Meeting held at Bertel's, called to order at 7:00 p.m.

We welcomed Dieter, Shawn and John as new members to our group. There was a brief explanation of the benefits to joining AFGA by Matt.

1) The youth fishing resolution raised and approved 2 years ago by ODFGA was motioned and passed for submission to the Zone 2 meeting for reading at the 2019 AFGA Conference.

Here's a draft of the youth fishing resolution:

Youth Fishing Resolution

Be it resolved that the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta compose and include a section in the Alberta guide to sportfishing regulations to outline and clarify the rules and regulations regarding youth fishing.

Brief: A youth under 16 years of age can legally go fishing without a license while not accompanied by a licence holder and keep fish when they have the ability to do everything themselves. The youth must follow the Alberta Fishing Regulations. If a parent is close by, they cannot touch the rod or help the child land the fish. By touching the rod, the parent is actively fishing.

A child who is able to reel in a fish has their own limit when fishing with a parent.

A 3-year-old child who is unable to reel in a fish is considered to be fishing under the adult's licence (ie: only 5 trout in combination). If a 4-year-old is able to reel in a fish and if a parent helps by holding onto the rod, this is a discretionary call by the Officer.

We believe it would help to have Alberta Environment and Parks address these topics in the Guide to Sportfishing Regulations:

- a) Can we get an age appropriate definition of active and present for the child activities (ie: helping reel in the fish or a 3-year-old just standing/watching beside a parent)?
- b) Clarify that a child under the age of 16 years is allowed to fish without a licence holder and point out that they need to follow the Alberta Fishing Regulations.
- c) Do the fish a youth catches form part of the licence holder limit or not?

Parents or mentors may face many problems when encouraging a youth's interest in fishing. Clarifying the rules will be a big help.

2) Christmas Dinner December 8th at the Crystal Shores Clubhouse 5:30 set up / dinner at 6pm until 9pm. Clean up until 9:30

We hope to hold a Silent Auction but need someone to spearhead the event.

3) Frank and Giesla are prepared to continue hosting ODFGA in their basement for the time being, but we may run out of room if the club continues to grow.

Other options for the future are

A) Rent Crystal Shores Beach house at \$35 an hour

B) The Town Arena meeting room rental unknown

C) A board room at the New Car Wash set to open within the next month (near Costco) Shawn is involved in this business.

4) ODFGA membership fees will stay at \$35 Individual and \$50 Family. If the AFGA fees increase, the ODFGA fee will increase proportionately, rounded up to the nearest \$5 increment.

5) Mark to apply for an ACA grant or MSL grant to help pay for our clubs NO DOG signs for Jim Graham Park. May also include a fencing component to complete the fence repairs at the Park.

6) There was interest to start a hunting and fishing buy/sell page on our website. A number of members had items that could be posted for sale including:

- 16ft John Boat and 15 hp Merc on a trailer for sale for \$5,000 – Dieter
- Jiffy Ice Auger for \$100 --Dieter
- Aluminum truck boat rack for \$150 –Glen
- New roof rack to go over a truck topper for \$500 –Patrick

7) Mark is selling AFGA raffle tickets on a Side by Side Ranger for \$10 each. The draw will be held in April 2019. Only 5,000 tickets being printed

8) Shared Information: Dieter stated that when field shooting waterfowl it is a good idea to place tin pie plates in the surrounding fields at least ¼ to ½ mile away. This can help to funnel the ducks and geese back into your field as they will not land in the surrounding areas due to the reflections. Also reinforces either using or hiding your vehicle appropriately.

9) Our next meeting will be held November 20 at 7PM at Frank's house.