

North Peace Rod & Gun Club

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: May 2, 2011

Called to order at 7:05 pm, adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Attendance: Attached

Guests: Brian Churchill, Sulphur/8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project
Tim Bennett, Recreation Officer, Peace River, Ft. Nelson District.

Chair: CT Worth

Secretary: Vicki Nielsen

CT opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and thanked those attending for their time. CT introduced Brian Churchill who wanted to give a presentation on the current status of the Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project of Northern BC, and Tim Bennett, whose presentation was on his duties as a Recreation officer in the Peace River, Ft. Nelson Districts.

Review of March 28, 2011 Minutes:

CT asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the March 28, 2011 General meeting. It was moved by Guy Lahaye and seconded by Gerry Paille that the minutes be adopted as circulated. MOTION PASSED.

Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project Northern BC

Pre-tenure planning for Oil and Gas tenures was mandated by the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act, and the pre-tenure plan, approved in 2004 which only applied to the Lower Elevation Zone. A 5 year study of Stone's sheep habitat and population was initiated in 2004 in order to inform the development of management direction for oil and gas activities in the Higher Elevation Zone. Oil and Gas Tenures were not to be sold in the Higher Elevation Zone until the management direction was completed and the pre-tenure plan was amended to incorporate this direction.

Opportunities for oil and gas tenure disposition were to take effect in January 2010; there was a delay in funding, with the project not beginning until 2005-06. Results to date have shown that a portion of the Higher Elevation Zone is critical to the Stone Mountain subpopulation. However, the northern portion of the Higher Elevation Zone is less utilized. Concluding that Stone's sheep is not an issue in in this northern portion of the Higher Elevation Zone will be controversial, so the NP Stone Sheep sustainability Committee authorized additional work to affirm this finding. This added work will be completed in May 2011, with Analysis and drafting of the final report will require 2 additional months.

The Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project in Northern BC is a multi-stakeholder research and planning initiative in the *Muskwa-Kechika Management Area* which consisted of 2 Phases:

- Phase I was intended to determine the baseline Stone's sheep population status (including demographics, habitat use, and survival) in the Sulphur / 8 Mile Project Area.
- Phase II was intended to develop Recommendation for Management Guidelines for industry/the oil and gas industry in the Higher Elevation Zones of the Sulphur / 8 Mile Pre-tenure planning area and include monitoring proposals for Adaptive Management Trials.

The North Peace Stone's Sheep Sustainability committee believe that Recommendations for Management Guideline should be derived from research finding. As project reports on population,

disease, mortality and habitat use become available in 2011, further funding must be identified in order to complete Recommendations for Management Guidelines by December 2011.

The project builds on significant previous investments, totalling \$1,720,300 to date and benefits from the time and cost efficiencies through linkages with other local and regional work such as the Besa Prophet wildlife studies conducted by UNBC.

The work proposed consists of 6 components:

1. Data Consolidation and Synthesis
2. Prepare Preliminary Draft Management Guidelines
3. Stakeholder Workshop
4. Prepare Revised Draft Management Guidelines
5. Review Process for Input and Suggestions by Major Stakeholders
6. Prepare Final Recommendations for Management Guidelines.

The Recommendations for Management Guidelines component was identified in the 2005 5-year funding projection, *but remains unfunded at this time*. A detailed budget and process needed to complete the Management Guidelines and Monitoring Protocols has been identified.

Budget Detail; Management Guidelines & Monitoring Protocols Proposal

<i>Background document; summary of research results, legislation</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Draft straw dog for consideration at workshop</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Facilitate Workshop (1-2 days): provide facilities, speakers and Comprehensive documentation and summary</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Workshop facilities</i>	<i>\$ 1,500</i>
<i>Draft new documents in appropriate formats for incorporation</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Facilitate external review documents</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Edit final reports</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>
<i>Total funding</i>	<i>\$76,500</i>

The government has turned down a request for funding, and amongst those items that the Steering Committee has been tasked with is to identify further funding and partnership opportunities.

Brian requested that the club consider financial support to that end, and advised that the Steering Committee will be meeting on May 11, 2011, at which time he would like to know what the club's decision would be.

After a brief question period, CT thanked Brian for his presentation and advised that the possibility of funding would be discussed later in this meeting, and that CT would contact Brian with the decision.

Action Item: CT to advise Brian Churchill of Club's decision for further founding of the Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project. SEE ACTION ITEM 11

Tim Bennett, Recreation Officer, Peace, Ft Nelsen District, Ministry of Forest, Lands & Natural Resources.

Tim Bennett introduced himself, and gave a brief presentation of what he does. Tim is an advocate for public recreation. Tim and his department work with various groups who supply funding for development of recreational trails and sites in the Peace and Fort Nelson areas.

Some of the sites are the MK Trail in partnership with the ATV and Snowmobile clubs who do the maintenance of the trail, which is a very large area. They have sites at Crying Girl and Christina Falls, and are working with an ATV Club in the Stewart Lake area. Since starting in 2004, Tim reported that there were approx. 7-8 sites in his area, which have now increased to 47 trails and sites, which have no usage costs to the public, and have outhouses, tables and fire pits. Sites are developed in partnership with different clubs, with Tim and his department doing the leg work, and the various clubs supplying the man power and the funding. Or in some cases there may be funding available, and man power is required.

Tim estimated that approximately \$1.8 million dollars have been funded in the past 2 years through partnerships for recreational trails. They are currently trying for a trail at Maxhamish Lake and an emergency cabin at Red Fern Lake for ATV and snowmobilers.

Currently his department is funding the Inga Lake Project, and also maintaining the Inga Lake recreation site. He inquired if the club would like to include the maintenance of the recreation site at Inga to the current project, and requested that the club contact him should they have an idea for a project in mind.

After a brief question period, CT thanked Tim for his presentation, and advised that the Inga Lake project was on the agenda for the meeting, and would be discussed. Once a decision was made CT or Steve Hewitt would contact him regarding the project.

Action Item: CT Worth or Steve Hewitt to advise Tim Bennett on the Club's decision on the maintenance of the Inga Lake rec sites. SEE ACTION ITEM 12

Old Business Arising from Last Meeting:

Membership Cards and Reader:

Follow-Up

Doug Gulevich and Darren Thiel reported that they have received a quote from the company that Spectra use for its carding system. The quote of \$3,600.00 plus taxes covers 2,000 cards, software, 2 cameras, 1 printer and 1 card reader for the club. Cards will have Range Rules listed on the back. It will be a couple of weeks before everything is in order, they will report further and next meeting.

1. *Action Item: Provide an update at next meeting May 30, 2011.*

Financial Business:

Joanne Wallace made a motion to place \$50,000.00 in a GIC or such account deemed appropriate for future expenditures of the club, i.e. Land purchase. As a not for profit club, there could be a problem if there is not a budget prepared, and funds allocated for that budget to justify the amount of money in the bank account. Motion Seconded by Jim Little.

MOTION PASSED.

2. *Action Item: Joanne to look into different accounts and rates and report to next meeting.*

Purchasing of Land Adjacent to Range:

Jim Little advises that there is a Highway Right of Way adjacent to the Range, before the property line of the landowner. All this information has been presented to the club in the past.

Action Item: Jim to go through his records and provide the club with the information again so the club can explore its options of contacting the landowner for purchasing the property in question.

ITEM COMPLETED

3. *Action Item: CT to get together with Rich Peterson to discuss looking further to the possible purchase.*

Clubhouse, Grounds and Office:

CT reported that in the spring, the landscaping around the clubhouse should be completed. CT requested a motion that he be able to get quotes to re-do the office in the trailer, and update the flooring, storage, etc. The motion was made by Jesper Amstrup, seconded by Wayne Carlson and passed.

Follow-Up:

CT reported having trouble getting someone to Quote on the project. Rich Peterson reported he had someone currently working for him that could do the project.

4. *Action Item:* Rich to have him contact CT for quote prior to next meeting on office renovation

Guides and Outfitters:

Gerry Paille reported there is unrest over the supposed full implementation of the new allocation policy for the 2012 hunting season. The concerns are coming from GOABC who are claiming economic hardship should the policy be implemented, even though they have known about the implementation date for 4 years now. The Ministry of Natural Resource Operations has hired a consultant to review the new allocation policy in terms of the impact on guide outfitting.

Follow-Up March 28/11:

New concerns have come to light. The club agreed that Rich Peterson and CT are to go to Pat Pimm's office and request an urgent meeting with Pat to find out exactly what is going on, as there are no terms of reference for the review. Blair Lekstrom must also be contacted for involvement.

Further Update May 2:

Gerry Paille to write a letter to Pat Pimm and Blair Lekstrom advising our strong opposition to this issue, and advising that 95,000 resident hunters carry more weight than 235 Guide and Outfitters with a large war chest.

5. *Gerry Paille to draft letter, and forward to Vicki for transfer to letterhead.*

Completion of Society Annual Report and Fee Submission

Vicki reported that the Society Annual Report had been updated, and sent in with fees. ITEM COMPLETED

Sporting Clays

Jesper Amstrup reported that due to a mix up on his part, a double order of clays had been ordered, and were now ready for pick up in Grande Prairie. Expected pricing of \$4,600.00, double of what was approved. ITEM COMPLETED

New Business:

Director Portfolios Assignments:

CT reported that the following Portfolios for each Director had been assigned:

Archery – CT Worth

BCWF Management – Jim Little, Gerry Paille

Big Bore – Wayne Carlson

Communications – Gerry Paille, Rick Ekkel

Community Donations – CT Worth

Indoor/Outdoor Pistol Ranges – Guy Lahaye, Wes Belland

Grounds and Buildings – CT Worth, Mike Nielsen

Membership – Darren Thiel, Doug Gulevich

Rod – Doug Gulevich

Skeet/Sporting Clays – Jesper Amstrup, John Fisher

Special Events – Steve Hewitt

Trap Range – Dave Wallace

Trap Maintenance – Mike Nielsen, Dave Bonar
Wildlife Management – Jeff Huscroft

Budget Templates for Assigned Portfolios

CT reported that the Budget Committee had met, and drafted budget worksheets for each of the Director Portfolios. Each director was given a copy of their respective worksheets, and asked to have them completed and returned to Vicki for consolidation by May 20, 2011. After discussion, it was requested that Vick send out the electronic version to each of the directors.

6. *Action Item: Vicki to send out electronic format budget worksheets to each director and the directors are to have completed worksheets returned to Vicki for consolidation by May 20, 2011.*

Advertising Lock Blocks:

There was a discussion on the present problem of collecting from those companies currently advertising on the large concrete block on the Big Bore range berm. To date, invoicing has failed in some cases in collecting monies for this form of advertising.

Joanne reported that it did not seem to matter if the company received an invoice or not, the invoice was not getting paid in a timely manner. In most cases it was determined that it could not be decided by the different companies who had originally ordered the ad, which was creating problems in getting paid. The club itself does not have that form of backup documentation. Kathy Bonar agreed to assist Joanne in contacting all those companies currently listed, and obtaining the correct information.

7. *Action Item: Joanne and Kathy to contact advertisers, and issue invoices in June for Advertising Lock Blocks, notifying companies that payment is due by Sept 1/11*

Posting Meeting Minutes on the Web:

Gerry Paille made a motion that minutes of General Meetings be posted on the Website, Seconded by Guy Lahaye. A brief discussion followed. MOTION PASSED

8. *Action Item: Vicki to send approved minutes to Gerry for posting.*

Trap Fee Change:

After discussion a motion was made by Guy Lahaye that the club reduce the trap card fee back to \$3.50 per round (\$70.00 per card) and \$4.00 per round for no trap card, Seconded by Jim Little, MOTION PASSED.

Special Events - Wolf Hunt Update Jan. 1 – Mar. 31/11:

Steve Hewitt reported that 63 people signed up for the Wolf Hunt, with 11 animals being taken. Largest animal was 118 lb. male.

Special Events – Donations:

Steve Hewitt reported he had been approached by Sandy Troudt, requesting support for the Artists of the North Peace Auction held April-May each year. Approximately \$200 was rec'd from the High on Ice Function, and Steve advised that if the club could perhaps assist Sandy's group next year, we could benefit with more donations to our fund raiser.

9. *Action Item: Look at this further once individual portfolio budgets have been compiled.*

Communications – Domain Name:

It was reported by Gerry Paille that our Domain Name with PRIS expires on May 28, 2011, and that he recommended we change over to Canadian Web Hosting. After a brief discussion Jim Little made

the motion that we change over to Canadian Web Hosting for 5 years at a cost of \$19.95 per year, seconded by Dave Bonar, MOTION PASSED

10. Action Item: Gerry to make the necessary changes, change the billing and get a cheque from Joanne for payment.

Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project Northern BC Additional Funding:

There was a group discussion on the request from Brian Churchill for further funding to complete the project. It was the consensus of those present that until the current budgeting process had been completed, we as a club did not know what monies could be available to assist in funding this request. Rick Ekkel made the motion that CT notify Brian Churchill that the club will consider a donation to the Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project, and will advise Mr Churchill the amount of the funding upon completion of the budgeting process on May 30, 2011. Motion Seconded by Guy Lahaye. MOTION PASSED.

11. Action Item: CT to notify Brian Churchill that the club is considering funding to the Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project, and will advise the amount upon completion of the budgeting process on May 30, 2011.

Special Projects – Inga Lake:

Currently Tim Bennett's department is funding the Inga Lake Project, and also maintaining the Inga Lake recreation site. He inquired if the club would like to include the maintenance of the recreation site at Inga to the current project, and be the main contractor. This would increase dramatically the project time frame from 5 weeks to 6 months. A general discussion took place. The consensus of those present was that the club was not into maintenance at this time, but wished to continue with the current project.

12. Action Item: Steve Hewitt to review with Tim Bennett the clubs view, and determine if there will be any change to the current project parameters.

Motion to Adjourn 9:40 pm

Moved by Rick Ekkel, seconded by Mike Nielsen, MOTION PASSED

Distribution of Minutes:

Current Directors and Executive

ACTION ITEMS
North Peace Rod & Gun Club General Meeting
May 2 (for April 25), 2011

Item	Description	Responsibility
	<u>Action Items Carried Forward from Past Meetings</u>	
1.	Membership and Card Reader: <i>Provide an update at next meeting May 30, 2011. (Darren Thiel, Doug Gulevich)</i>	D. Thiel, D. Gulevich
2.	GIC or such account deemed appropriate Joanne to look into different accounts and rates and report to next meeting.	J. Wallace
3.	CT to get together with Rich Peterson to discuss looking further to the possible purchase of adjacent land.	CT, R. Peterson
4.	Rich to have him contact CT for quote prior to next meeting on office renovation	CT, Rich Peterson
5.	Allocation: Gerry Paille to draft letter, and forward to Vicki for transfer to letterhead.	G. Paille, V. Nielsen
	<u>Action Items From New Business</u>	
6.	Vicki to send out electronic format budget worksheets to each director and the directors are to have completed worksheets returned to Vicki for consolidation by May 20, 2011.	V. Nielsen All Directors
7.	Joanne and Kathy to contact advertisers, and issue invoices in June for Advertising Lock Blocks, notifying companies that payment is due by Sept 1/11.	J. Wallace, K. Bonar
8.	Vicki to send approved minutes to Gerry for posting.	V. Nielsen
9.	Artist of the North Peace Auction 2012 Look at this further once individual portfolio budgets have been compiled.	Steve Hewitt
10	Domain Name Expiry: Gerry to make the necessary changes, change the billing and get a cheque from Joanne for payment.	Gerry Paille
11	CT to notify Brian Churchill that the club is considering funding to the Sulphur / 8 Mile Stone's Sheep Project, and will advise the amount upon completion of the budgeting process on May 30, 2011.	CT
12	Inga Lake Project: Steve Hewitt to review with Tim Bennett the clubs view, and determine if there will be any change to the current project parameters.	Steve Hewitt