

# North Peace Rod & Gun Club

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## GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** March 31, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm, adjourned at 8:23 pm.

**Attendance:** Attached (18 members)

**Chair:** G Lahaye

**Recording Secretary:** Rick Ekkel

Guy welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 1. Review of February 24, 2014 Minutes:

Guy inquired as to any changes to the minutes from February 24, 2014 General Meeting –

Motion to Adopt: Mike Nielsen/Seconded: Dave Bonar **CARRIED**

(Chuck Merricanti requested Point of Clarification on booking arrangements for use of Range/  
Clubhouse: all requests must still go through Guy LAHAYE who will confirm availability

### 2. **AGENDA:** Mike NIELSEN requested that the Charlie Lake Church request to book the range be added to the Agenda. Confirmation made that the booking for June 22nd was approved:

Motion: Jim Little Seconded: Margaret Little **CARRIED**

### 3. Old Business Arising from Previous Meetings:

#### a. **Portfolios:** reminder that all budgets must be in by Apr 15, 2014

- i. Request made by Jim Little that a copy of last year's budget allocation amounts be forwarded to the Directors for review/reference: Guy Lahaye to do so

#### b. **Fundraiser Update: Steve Hewitt**

- i. Overall a great success: Big Thank-you to the Sponsors who donated the Auction & Prize Items. An Ad went out in last Friday's Alaska Hwy News paper. If anyone receives any feedback on the Ad from the sponsors then please let Steve know how it was received.
- ii. Numbers were down, but that was expected due to the economy.

#### iii. Rough numbers were provided as follows,

- 1. Gross Revenue approx. \$248, 000.00
- 2. Gross Expenses approx. \$108,000.00

#### 3. **Estimated Profits approx. \$ 140,000.00**

- a. **Accounting:** due to some changes in the parameters placed on the licenses issued by the Provincial Gaming Branch the Club had to open a separate bank account which has created some issues on the Accounting side as this came after funds were received and expended. This will be cleaned up and in the future any Gaming Branch licenses obtained by the Club will be operated through this account.

- iv. Dave Bonar wanted to thank all involved, well run event.

#### c. **Range Tractor Update:**

- i. The Directors voted to move from the Kubota 35HP to a John Deer 37HP as the Kubota was too small for the Duties required of it. Kubota also has an electric short u/k where. A new solenoid, fuse, and others were ordered for same and it will be sold privately. Dave Bonar will be the contact person dealing with the sale of same.

- 1. Will not go to an auction due to loss and percentage that would be taken

- ii. The Club has purchased the John Deere with bucket & blade for \$29, 500.00. In the future, ballast weights may be needed.

#### 4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

##### a. **Range**

- i. Mike Lahaye took over Range Operator Feb.1/14 and is working on getting range back in order

##### i. **New Office Reno Update:**

1. Renovations almost complete,
2. Phone/Fax issues so there is a delay on the timing of the Messages that have been received
3. Unknown options at this time; further research to follow into possible use of "xplornet" option
4. Mike Nielsen will also take a look into a cell booster option

##### ii. Shooting Benches - will be moving to concrete tops

##### iii. Ballistic Blocks - indoor - had a subject shoot same with shotgun so they will need to be replaced; work party to be arranged

##### iv. Water around Clubhouse - water is an issue at the rear of the building so plans need to be put in place to remove snow before melting and control run-off.

##### v. Gravel - parking lot & roadway needs to be updated this year plus area around the clubhouse sank so more will be required there as well.

##### vi. Berm moved last year at the Handgun range last year will also need some work

#### 5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

##### a. Recent Purchases & Receipts

a. Clay Pigeons est @ \$15,000

b. Tractor Paid for

##### e. New Treasurer - present Treasurer will be leaving Apr 30, 2014. Club Executive is looking at two candidates for this position.

Motion: To accept financial statements as presented.

Moved: Gerry Paillie

Seconded: Jim Little

CARRIED

#### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

##### **Archery: Vacant**

##### **BCWF:**

- **Convention occurring in Kelowna; Resolutions have already been covered**
- **Other Federation members are making improper statements that Wildlife Management is not occurring in this region**
- Committee work is continuing; some discussion that all BCWF directors may need to sign "Confidentiality" agreements as some work being done provincially is being released to local groups before it is officially possible (presently happens in Region 6 - in reference to Steelhead issues)
- Legislation is being proposed by the Government that concern the Guide Outfitters where no consultation with native groups or that Corporations can own a "licensed area", whereas presently it is only individuals
- Parks Act is changing - being opened up to exploration, Oil & Gas commercialization; example is the Kinder Morgan extension which goes through 3-4 parks
- ALR will now have 2 classifications - added a socio-economic consideration, if farmland is suffering then it will allow for Income (\$) to be brought in

##### **Big Bore:**

- Firearms Inspection requested that our steel targets be modified to angle forward so the bullet will be deflected into the ground

##### **Communications:**

- **Information provided by Nick Baccante has been added to the site**

**Hunter/Firearms Education:**

- **Clubhouse has been used by Jr. High groups as part of their CORE instruction**
- **Clubhouse being used on Wed nites, by the River Rats**

**Training Courses:**

- **Clubhouse is being used for Training Courses - any dates for range bookings have to go through Guy**

**IDPA Indoor/Outdoor:** (Oz Kehoe)

- Ballistic blocks will need to be moved - abuse by u/k subjects; Work Bee needs to be arranged
- Lighting could be looked at for greater illumination throughout the length of the Indoor range
  - Moveable Target system would be great; might be a possibility of a grant for same
- New rules will be in effect for IDPA as of April 12; a contact in Terrace will be forwarding same

**IPSC:** (Chuck Mercanti)

- Work Bee coming up to build stations
- Stonebridge Hotel has come on Board as sponsor for event in June; \$5000 donated towards the Prize Table; this hotel is the only one listed as a location to stay on the advertisements as they are also providing a Room Discount
- To date \$8000 has been committed by sponsors
- Black Badge course on May 31/June 1, max 4 participants; hoping to get at least 12 more people from town for the match; Total entrants will only be 60 people
- Practice nights - Wednesday (still indoors until weather warms up)

**3 Gun:** (Oz Kehoe)

- **2-3 shoots this year; a Circuit has been proposed for the surrounding area**
- **Jun 21st there will be one held here in Fort St. John**

**CFA/Gun Rights Issues:**

- Discussion held around RCMP decision to prohibit Swiss Arms & CZ858 firearms; felt unnecessary move and penalizing honest gun owners; Amnesty is in effect for 2 years; (affected CZ858 firearms have proof mark 2007 or later)
- Gary B, (MP) has put forth amendment to take the Firearms Regs out of the RCMP's ability to change unilaterally
- Dave P asked to write a letter to the Minister stating that making this law retro-active is not right

**Grounds & Building:**

- discussed already
- Pistol Range & Big Bore range to be cleared tomorrow to make a pathway

**Membership:**

- New Range Card system will soon be at the Range once communication line issue is set up

**Rod:**

- N/A

**Skeet/Sporting Clay:**

- Lottery license has been approved for Raffle
- Skeet has been occurring regularly over the winter
- 4 Sporting Clay machines are out in the field

**Trap:**

- Trap 2 cleared out, not much action during winter
- Pay attention to location of cords as this has created issues in the past
- Trap's rubber spring needs to be heated up before use; the crank needs some minor welding repairs
- Cost is \$4.50/round (25)

**Special Projects (Hydro):**

- More money was gained than expected; total of \$1500.00 extra was received

**Wildlife Management:**

- **Wolf Management** - changing so that permits/licenses can't be used to protect ungulates
- **Moose** - 1st Nations are on Board for a management plan
- **Bison** - a count was done and numbers are down in the Sikanni area (wolf packs observed)
  - populations are being concentrated in certain areas
  - saltblock plan - keep herds out of "Red" zone areas
  - Doig was given 80 permits to take animals off the Milliken Creek Rd; this was also open to any other bands in BC
  - Funding is available from the Club; an application was made to the HCTF but were turned down
- **Burns** - discussions being held to change ways - use a Contracted Consultant instead of Ministry
  - allows for more people/crews to be available at a given time
  - burning to occur in locations accessible to residents before infrastructure for Oil & Gas or other industries is placed in the area
  - looking at doing more Fall burns
- **Goat Program** - the proposed 5 year plan is going ahead
- **Aboriginal Program** - some changes are being looked at

**There being no further business: Next Meeting March 31, 2014**

**Motion to adjourn @ 8:23 pm – All in favor**

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**North Peace Rod & Gun Club General Meeting**  
**November 25, 2013**

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	<u>Action Items Carried Forward from Past Meetings</u>	
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