

**O.F.A.H Zone G Meeting –
Uxbridge Shooting Club
Aug 20, 2017**



The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Hare at 9:05 a.m. with the recitation of the OFAH conservation ledge.

Introductions - The individuals present were asked to introduce themselves and to state which club if any they represented.

Agenda - The proposed Agenda was approved with no further additions

Speaker – Emily Brown – Ontario Provincial Trapshooting Assoc
Review of current firearms issues and problems encountered with Sport Canada in securing recognition that trap shooting is a national sport and funding for creation of programs and coaching.

Previous Minutes -The minutes of the previous meeting, were reviewed and on a motion by D Dixon seconded by C Finter were passed without changes

Financial Report – Presentation of Year to Date financials, moved by D Dixon and seconded S Huntley carried. Ratification of executive decision to reinvest maturing GIC with 3 year BMO GIC that will mature in 2020, moved by D Dixon, seconded by S Huntley, carried

Correspondence-

1. Dave Pind re Zone G motion
2. Angelo Lombardo – re Voting at Meetings
3. Mark Ryckman - Hunter Activity and Harvest Reporting, Licensing Modernization
4. Andrea Vanderburg – National Hunting and Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day
5. Leslie Dungog – Zone G on Social Media
6. Matt DeMille – Occupational Authority Regulations

Committee Reports:

Native Affairs: Review of May Native Affairs Advisory Committee report, results of court's ruling on pipeline that failed to be reviewed with band councils, possible change to name of Advisory Committee - S Huntley

Fisheries Report: MNRF are researching possibility of using satellite images to monitor existence and growth of algae blooms, correspondence on release of walleye fry in Lake Ontario with TRCA, salmon release in Duffins Creek by TEA, brook trout fry release in Pine River by MNRF and harvesting of eggs and milts from muskies from Lake Simcoe to support Muskys Canada hatchery program, Review of May Fisheries Advisory Committee report. – R Hare
Update on LSMRP by D Boxall and J Kelly

OFAH Zone G Youth Camp : 25th Annual Youth Camp had 18 young women attending. Adverse weather had an impact on some parts of the program and the overnight hike had to be cancelled. Having the Ontario Women Anglers attend the camp and provide instruction on fishing was extremely well received and campers used their spare time following the instruction on the pond fishing.
– S Huntley

Land Use report: Review of May Land Use Advisory Committee report and correspondence from Matt DeMille on changes to the Occupational Authority Regulations - J Kelly

Firearms Committee report: Review of Firearms Advisory Committee report - D Dixon

Big Game report: Review of Big Game Advisory Committee report with detailed discussion on MNRF proposed changes to licensing, game seals, reporting and planned timelines for implementation. Many questions asked but as details on changes were not provided by MNRF will have to wait and see what they will be issuing. Subsequently a YouTube video was posted by OFAH hosted by Mark Ryckman with MNRF representative that addressed some of the issues of concern. - D Dixon

Migratory Birds/Sporting Dogs/Small Game: Review of May Advisory Committee reports. Review of correspondence from City of Toronto, Animal Services Director on issue of use of Prong, Choke and Slip collars, rescinding of change to bylaw passed in Spring 2017 which would be banned use of fore mentioned collars and announcement that public consultations will be deferred to latter half of 2018

Web Site/Social Media: Presentation by Leslie D on creation and posting of Zone issues on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook Need input from members on what further improvements are needed as well as articles and pictures. D Dixon/L Dungog

Motion to accept all Committee Reports made by J Speedie, seconded by E Rasmussen, carried

Old Business:

1. After the Shot seminar is scheduled for Sept 23 at ISC. Five speakers and MNRF have been booked, advert was place in July Ontario Out of Doors, email has been issued to local Hunter Safety Instructors to advise them of the seminar with request to pass on info to their students, web page on Zone G site created to promote seminar, plans underway to have head office issue emails to Zone members advising of the seminar.
2. Mentored pheasant hunt scheduled by Zone H on Oct 29 in Tiny Marsh. Details on qualifications and registration is available on OFAH.org - closed
3. Discussion of Auditor findings re deviation to Bylaws re selection of Zone Life Membership, moved that Zone Bylaws , pg 3, paragraph 5 – re Appointment of Zone Life Membership replace the word “recommendation” with word “authorization”, and remove “and the successful ratification of the Zone’s Membership” provided a Zone Life Membership amount is approved by the membership in the annual budget. Moved by Dave Boxall seconded by J Kelly. As changes to Zone Bylaws require stated notification to members D Dixon to post motion to Zone web site. Vote on motion to take place at Apr meeting. If successful, motion must then be passed to Executive Committee and Provincial Board of Directors for ratification. Motion does not have to be taken to membership at 2018 AGM for ratification.
4. Pickering Rod & Gun Club – request for funding support for Uxbridge Huck Finn Fishing moved by J Speedie that 50% of cost of brook trout will be covered by the Zone to a maximum of \$1000 , seconded by C Wheeler, closed
5. Karen Wolfe – request for funding for Pefferlaw Take a Kid Fishing moved by R Feasby that \$500 be donated, seconded by L Dungog, closed
6. Jim Kelly – request for funding for Lake Simcoe Musky Restoration moved by D Boxall that \$2000 be donated, seconded by S Huntley closed
7. Chris Tucker – request for funding for Delta Waterfowl Trap Shoot at ISC moved by B Smith that \$500 be donated, seconded by J Speedie closed
8. Motion: Due to recent changes in the Hunting Regulations so that no hunter training is required to hunt turkeys, new hunters may not have the basic turkey hunting safety requirements, it is recommended that OFAH make available the DVD training video on the web site, moved by D Boxall seconded by C Gravina. D Dixon to send request to OFAH Head Office for a response closed as per correspondence from D Pind

New Business

1. Reading of correspondence from M Innes to R Hare which included, copy of Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, correspondence from Oct 13 2016 to C Finter re camp debrief, email from Oct 5 2016 with attachment entitled Suggestions for changes for the camp, which culminated in the following motion:
Executive of Zone G contact the head office and confirm that the curriculum of the camp is approved and that all volunteers at the camp are indemnified for their actions under the OFAH insurance policy as are the Directors and elected officials of the OFAH and their Zone across the Province of Ontario under the OFAH Constitution and Bylaws. And that the Zone provide all volunteers in writing with a certificate acknowledging such prior to volunteering at future Zone G Get Outdoors Camps, moved by M Innes, second motion J Speedie, vote on motion defeated.
2. Motion that Zone G donate \$500 to the joint Zone G & H mentored youth hunt. Moved by J Hare, seconded by D Hare, passed. Rob to advise when and where donation is to be sent.

2017/18 Meeting Dates : Detail time, location and maps available on Zone G website

Nov 25 – Pickering Recreation Complex – Pickering