O.F.A.H Zone G Meeting Minutes
Georgina Sportsmen Alliance
Jan 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Hare at 8:58 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 from the floor

Speaker – Kerry Coleman, President of OFAH – Summary of topical issues being reviewed by OFAH Head Office and MNR&F with specific concerns expressed with new provincial government and impact that cost containment may have in securing funding for Fish & Wildlife programs

Previous Minutes -The minutes of the Nov 2018 meeting, were reviewed and on a motion by S Huntley seconded by E Sleeth were passed without changes.

Financial Report – Presentation of Year to Date financials, moved by D Dixon and seconded B Dixon carried.

Correspondence-

1. Angelo Lombardo – soliciting funding support for CWD presentation at the 2019 AGM and Conference
2. Jack Gibbons re Provincial Bill 66's Schedule 10
3. Taylor Stark – OFAH Family Ice Fishing solicitation for volunteers at Bell Rotary Park

Committee Reports:

Fisheries – RH – Review of Dec Fisheries Advisory committee report and status of Muskie stocking program
Land Use – SH – Review of Dec Land Use Advisory committee report with concern re Crown Land Use Act changes
Firearms – RH – Review of Dec Firearms Advisory committee report re status of C71 in Senate hearings and Bill Blair Guns and Gangs review with concerns with scope that may lead to elimination of autoloader rifles and hand guns
Big Game -DBD - Review of Dec Big Game Advisory committee report CWD has been detected on elk farm in Quebec 15 kms from the Ontario border. Jim expressed concern with fact that Quebec media were not reporting outbreak and that outfitter he was using for moose hunt in Quebec was not aware of outbreak
Small Game – Review of Dec Small Game Advisory committee report – reviewing possibility of establishing a sandhill crane hunt due to potential for crop damage, results on submissions for West Nile Virus in Wild Turkeys and grouse not yet available.
Indigenous Relations – SH Review of Dec Indigenous Affairs Advisory committee report – Williams Land Treaty claim has been settled by Federal government with result that there will be a $1.11B payout to the seven bands included in the treaty, shared between the Federal and Provincial governments
Web Site/Social Media – DBD/LD – Results of election posted, and 2019 calendar and Zone meetings updated Still looking forward to membership input for both the website and the social media postings
OFAH Zone G Youth Camp – Cancelled for 2019 due to ongoing issues with municipal permits

Motion to accept all Committee Reports made by D Boxall, seconded by S Huntley, carried

Old Business:

1. Larry Wickett – Thorah Island Cormorants – Larry provided a presentation on the Cormorant control measures that he has been carrying out on Lake Simcoe, specifically in vicinity of Thorah Island. He also expressed concerns with MNR&F EBR posting to create an extended cormorant hunt/cull open to all

hunters holding a small game license. He pointed out that conflicts in resource use may arise between land owners, anglers and boaters if cormorants are culled during the weekend. He was not in support of the changes with respect to cormorant culls as proposed. Motion made by S Huntley seconded by S Laird to donate $200 to cormorant control program that Larry has established. Carried

2. Paul Baltovich – Metro East Anglers – Copy of business case has been sent to Paul with request that it be completed and returned in Dec/early Jan to be reviewed and a decision made at the Jan Zone meeting. DBD to contact Chris Robinson at head office re any concerns re support of request. OFAH Head Office has no issues with support Zone may provide to Metro East Angler Salmon restoration program. Rob Gilchrist from MEA attended Jan meeting to review request and respond to any questions. Motion made by S Huntley, seconded by D Boxall to donate $5000. Carried

New Business

1. Zone G Research Grant – annual award made at the OFAH AGM and Conference, Motion by J Kelly seconded by S Huntley to donate $2000. Carried
2. Sponsorship of OFAH AGM and Conf, traditionally Zone H and G have jointly donated to support conference but as of Jan 19 Head Office has not issued a request for support. In anticipation of receiving a request motion made by D Boxall seconded by B Dixon to donate up to $1000 to cover half the cost with Zone H in support of the conference. Carried
3. Business arising from correspondence, review of correspondence requesting funding to support focus on CWD at upcoming conference. Moved by S Huntley, seconded by D Boxall to donate $5000 to CWD conference. Carried