

LOCATION: OFAH Conservation Centre, 4601 Guthrie Drive, Peterborough

1. Meeting called to order by Eric Smith Chair. 10:05 am

Roll Call: Eric Smith Chair, John Hinton First Vice Chair, John Hockley Director, Linda Smith, Brian Paradosky, Steve Smokun, Brian Shephard, Paul Goggan, Bruch Curl, Richard Smith, David Pilote

Conservation Pledge by John Hinton

2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed

3. Chair's Report - Eric Smith

Welcome to our Annual General meeting and elections.

Hopefully, we will have a productive meeting and be able to answer any questions you may have. When asking questions or making comments please state your name and where you are from. Please speak clearly and loudly so that the questions and answers can be recorded.

We will have some updates on some of the things your federation has been working on on your behalf.

We have good news to report on about some new clubs joining our zone which John Hinton will speak about shortly.

If you are interested in how the Darlington Waterfowl Hunt went for 2022, there are copies on the table at the front of the hall. The 2023 report won't be out for a few months. If there aren't enough copies and you want one, please provide your name and address and we will mail one to you.

Please also fill out your name and membership number on the sheet on the hall table. Please also include your address as well.

This report is respectfully submitted this 26th day of November 2023.

Moved Seconded Carried (MSC)

4. Minutes from the last Zone E meeting. Aug 27, 2023 None – as we did not have a secretary / treasurer

5. First Vice Chair Report – John Hinton

Zone E – membership is down, was 9580 and now we have 9338, -2.53%. Head Office is contacting members to find out why and try to reinstate them.

ALUS Bus Tour – Alternate Land Use Services on October 24, 2023

John Hockley and myself went on this Bus tour. We visited 5 farms. Very interesting as the farms are taking hay in late July allowing for endangered species to nest. Two of the farms were sponsored by the zone \$5000 with a 3 yr commitment. There has been a total of 10803 trees planted to date on the farms. There were also two ponds created with the help of ducks unlimited.

OFAH Pro Shop currently has 3 hats on sale. There has been \$59000 in sales this year. Calander sales are just coming in for the 2024 edition.

Enabling the movement of bait in and out of the bait management zones.

Petition to ban fishing on the Ganaraska River Port Hope. OPP to be trained as game wardens.

Sale of Jade perch from Australia in Ontario. There are ecological risks and concerns.

Hunter education program. Online is still available and a lot of new hunters using this method. Live training would be preferred

Discussions on options for improving the moose tag draw. To also minimize the number of unawarded and unclaimed moose tags.

Day camps continued with 150 youth aged 6-12 in a week long program.

As Peterborough hosts multiple hockey tournaments coaches for \$150 and hour explored the Heritage Centre and tried fishing airguns and archery.

6 new clubs have joined Zone E this year with 200 clubs in our zone.

MSC

6. Second Vice Chair report - Position not filled

7. Directors Report – John Hockley

Bill C-21 - Government of Canada has extended the amnesty Order for owners of firearms that were reclassified via Order-in-Council May 2020. The amnesty period has been extended to October 30, 2025.

The original Amnesty Order was set to expire on October 30, 2023.

MSC

8. Secretary Treasurer report – Position not filled

Correspondence

- 1- OFAH summer Day Camps
- 2- Bill C-21 impact on long guns and long guns and magazine capacity
- 3- Susan Hunt – OFAH support the Tundra Swan hunt. As they do crop damage. 3 fly way areas
- 4- Fishing advisory – floating cottages on the Trent waterway. This is a federal waterway
- 5- Protecting Black Ash trees. EAB emerald ash borer. Need to apply special protection and know where trees are that survived.
- 6- Mining explorations
- 7- Atlantic Salmon – MNRF stocked 10000 at Lakefront Promenade, Mississauga

9. Elections

Linda Smith - All successful candidates as of Sept 2017 will have to have a criminal record check paid by OFAH. Also as of Sept 2021, a mandatory governing training program that takes approx. 8 hours and you have 8 weeks to do this. Certificate at the end of the training. (All that have taken this course advised it took less than 8 hrs)

Chair Nominations – Eric Smith nominated John Hinton. (there were no other nominations) John Hinton accepted and was acclaimed.

First Vice Chair Nominations – John Hinton nominated Eric Smith. (there were no other nominations) Eric Smith accepted his nomination and was acclaimed.

Director Nomination – John Hinton nominated John Hockley (there were no other nominations) John Hockley accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.

Secretary Treasurer nomination – John Hinton nominated John Hockley (there were no other nominations) John Hockley accepted the nomination and was acclaimed.

10. New Business

Hunting camps that are leased on crown land with no one taking over the lease when it expires or there is a death. MNRF are letting these camps go and not offering them to other hunters. It was suggested that there should be a list of hunters interested in taking over such camps.

Chair advised he would take this away

Turkey Hunt needs to change. Your allowed 2 in the spring and 1 in the fall. But sightings of wild turkey is they are in abundance. Discussion followed and there will be good years and bad years weather wise that can affect the overall turkey count in many areas.

Chair advised this would go to the small game committee

Water level in the fall on the Pigeon River are very low going into winter. There have been many fish killed due to low levels and ice freezing at these low levels.

Maintenance of water levels is not being handled well.

Funding requests:

Bancroft Fish and Game Club - Paul Goggan – request for \$2000

- one week program
- 12 – 14 yr olds, 5 girl 5 boys
- Week of July 17th, 2024

Moved by Paul Goggan, 2nd by Brian Paradoski

All in favour, passed

OFAH head office – NASP National Archery request for \$1000

Moved by Paul Goggan, 2nd by David Pilote

All in favour, Passed

11. Chair advised we need more members at zone meetings. Suggestions was Zoom

Motion to Adjourn by Eric Smith

2nd by Linda Smith

Carried