

OFAH ZONE J DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Special Points of Interest:

- Deer Hunters Environmental Registry JAN 4, 2022 DEADLINE
- OFAH Zone J virtual Membership meeting
- OFAH Zone J virtual AGM and Elections
- Executive Election information
- Donations to ALUS
- OFAH Zone J Grants Funding Opportunities

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Keeping our members, families and partners safe is our utmost concern so
OFAH Zone J is continuing to host virtual meetings.
Please follow our website or facebook page for the most up to date information.

OFAH Zone J virtual Membership Meeting Thursday January 13, 2022 7pm Join us on ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82770639226?pwd=YTBBrVVFUOXVpWm5FNCtJbWtnVytVZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 7063 9226
Passcode: 921238

Dial-in toll free: 1-855-703-8985
Meeting ID: 827 7063 9226
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Mark Your Calendars

OFAH Zone J virtual Annual General
Membership Meeting and Executive Election
Sunday March 27, 2022 9am to noon
Join us on ZOOM
Details will be printed in the next
OFAH Zone J Newsletter



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WE NEED YOU!!! Please consider standing for a position as some of our current Executive have held their positions for many years and will be retiring in 2022.

WE NEED YOU!!

As OFAH Zone J Executives we invite members in good standing (at least one full year) to step up to the plate and bat for our South Western Ontario hunting and fishing interests. Your contributions to making our Zone what it could and should be regarding increased opportunities and standing up for our collective interests will be appreciated. To stand for one of the Zone's 5 annually elected executive positions, after determining your personal time and travel availability you simply need to declare your intent to stand by advising Tony Jackson (nominating committee Chair) by e-mail or phone or by advising any of our current executive.

Time & Travel Commitments

There are 3 quarterly general meetings at which delegated reports and updates are presented to our membership at large. Between these get together are teleconferences scheduled as required. Other discussions and commitments should also be expected commensurate with your dedication and interests to our core directions. In appreciation, Executive and their spouses are also invited to our OFAH annual conference. Travel and costs incurred while conducting Zone business are reimbursed. It's essential to the health and progress of our Zone J to refresh the team and network by encouraging new energetic and dedicated members to stand for election for **Chair**,

1st Vice Chair and Director (these positions are also full OFAH Board participants with additional commitments), **2nd Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer**. After the elections a new year commences with the newly elected team announced. The chair then assigns or confirms the areas of interest that each member is expected to be attentive to and or report on. The Zone J and OFAH policies are also discussed early in each year. Our past Zone Chair is also a member of the current executive for Zone continuity and their proven expertise. So please join us and continue to make your Zone a great place to hunt and fish. Please contact Tony Jackson to express your interest.

Message from your Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to Thank all of our members who attended the Zone J membership meeting in August. It was great to get to see everyone in person. Thank you to Brant Rod & Gun Club for hosting the meeting and to the volunteers who always make us feel welcome.

Our Executive Election was held. Please join me in Welcoming Al Metcalfe of Sarnia to our Executive as Zone J Director. Rejoining our Executive after a bit of a break is Ray Boilard. Ray will serve as 2nd Vice Chair and Alternate Director. We would like to say THANK YOU to Joe Tetreault for his years of volunteering with OFAH Zone J and wish him much success.

We were joined via Zoom by OFAH Wildlife Biologist Keith Munro who presented a very educational slide show on wild pigs in Ontario. This was interesting having Keith join us virtually and it worked out very well. Something we will consider for upcoming meetings.

The OFAH Zone J Annual Youth Camp may be back in 2022. Tavistock Rod & Gun Club is looking forward to hosting this camp as soon as the pandemic will allow.

Please consider standing for a position on the OFAH Zone J Executive. We don't want to retire and leave positions vacant but that may be happening in March 2022. Please talk to us if you are interested in learning more about conservation, hunting, fishing, land access, firearms, bow hunting, bait fish, trapping....the list goes on and on. The amount of information you gain is incredible and well worth the time you volunteer. You get back much more than you give.



OFAH Zone J Tag Bags

Sealable and large enough to hold your license paperwork for the upcoming License System changes.

Email secretaryzonej@gmail.com to order yours for the price of \$4 each.



ATTENTION WHITE TAIL DEER HUNTERS

You have until January 4, 2022 to comment

For our members who are Deer hunter or are interested in deer hunting, seldom do we get a chance to see, comment and/or influence decisions that in some cases may benefit deer hunters by creating new opportunities and in other cases, may introduce undesirable changes to how, when and where we deer hunt.

The Province of Ontario has compiled a list of proposals that they are considering to implement for the upcoming year which they feel aligns deer seasons for consistency.

Please go to this environmental registry web page or do a manual search for proposal **019-4637 "Proposal to simplify and align provincial white-tailed deer hunting seasons"**. Please do not miss this opportunity to have your say.

You only have until January 4, 2022 to comment and have your voice heard.

Make sure you review the proposal in it's entirety to understand what they are trying to accomplish and comment as you feel appropriate.

Pay attention specifically to what is said or being proposed that affects your deer hunting practices and preferences but also look at what is not being said or might be missing with regards to the proposal and missed opportunities.

Together we can make a difference, be heard!

Tony Jackson
OFAH
Provincial Director at Large



OFAH ZONE J OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Due to the ongoing global pandemic and lack of events, OFAH Zone J Executive have decided to set aside the Outstanding Achievement Award until we are able to once again work together.



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OFAH Zone Chair Brian Moore was fortunate to meet Ashley Stewart, Conservation Services Assistant with LTVCA on an actual ALUS project site to present our donation.

The first picture shows Dylan Dyuck of Dyuck Excavation who was putting the finishing touches on a new wetland. Ian Toll is the landowner where this wetland was created.

Congratulations!! We all benefit from healthy wetlands.

OFAH Zone J is proud to once again make donations to assist the incredible work of ALUS—Alternate Land Use Services in southern Ontario. We have proudly been supporting this “environmental stewardship through ecosystem services” program for over 15 years.

For more information on what ALUS does, visit them at alus.ca.

In February 2020, OFAH Zone J was set to make five donations of \$1,000 each to the five ALUS Communities in our Zone. The Pandemic put a temporary hold on those donations but we have finally gotten the donations into the hands of ALUS Norfolk; Elgin; Chatham-Kent; Middlesex and Lambton.



Above is ALUS Lambton Chair Doug McGee with the donation from OFAH Zone J.



OFAH Zone J Chair Brian Moore and his son Landyn were able to meet with Peter Moddle, ALUS Middlesex CoOrdinator to hand over the donation





OFAH Zone J has Grant Money Available

Does your club or organization have a project that aims to:

1. Conserve or enhance natural habitat?
2. Promote, cooperate or participate in conservation education?
3. Promote and support scientific research in the areas of fish and wildlife?
4. Promote and enhance the wise use of fish, wildlife and natural resources?
5. Cooperate with other organizations in conservation?

Are you a member of an OFAH Zone J Club?

Is your club doing conservation work?

Short on funds due to the pandemic stalling your club fundraising?

Hosting a conservation event for youth or families?

If so, did you know OFAH Zone J has funds set aside to help our Clubs?

Contact secretaryzonej@gmail.com for an application to request funding.

Complete the application and return it to the Secretary/Treasurer.

The Zone J Executive will review the applications during an Executive meeting and choose our Grant recipients.

Contact us today and help your Club help the Conservation efforts we all love!



Double check the expiry date on your Outdoors card!!
MNRF does NOT send our reminder notices, it is up to YOU to check.

Don't miss out on any opportunities!

December 31 is the expiry date, check what year yours expires.

FMZ 20 early season catch and release bass fishing begins January 1st

- Take advantage of the early season bass fishing in eastern Lake Ontario, Bay of Quinte and the upper St. Lawrence River
- Be sure to check for safe ice conditions before heading out
- Head to ontario.ca/icefishing for more details

