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WLSA Executive Minutes March 3, 2008

Present: Wayne Biffert, Caroline Chupa, Terry Chupa, Desi Cheverie, Gerry Lucas, Ed Oliver, Dave Keely, Debbie Powers-Barron, Lorne Barron, Roger Gysel, Mike Chesley, Jacques Drisdelle, George Chignell, Gord Mayfield.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Gordon Mayfield to accept the February 4, 2008 Minutes as amended:

- ❖ The minutes of the February 4, 2008 Executive meeting states: Treasurer, Ed Oliver, informed the club that insurance is due for 2008. Last year the cost of insurance was \$5800.00. This year the cost has risen to \$7463.00. The reason for the increase is that the value of our building has increased. We have also increased our liability from 2 million to 5 million. Included in the cost increase is the value of the equipment owned by the Cariboo Archers. Mike will be taking their portion of the cost increase (which could be as high as \$250.00) back to the Archers.
 - **Motion by Gordon Mayfield to include:** A 2007 mid-term amount of over \$600.00 was added to the cost of insurance during 2007, for the club house. **(making last year's insurance cost \$5,800.00 plus approximately \$600.00 for a total cost of approximately \$6,400.00 for 2007)**
 - Motion seconded by Jacques Drisdelle
 - All in favour ~ passed

Old Business:

- ❖ **Hunting Regulations and Allocation Representatives:** Roger Gysel and Marty Beets have agreed to take on this committee. Jacques Drisdelle has agreed to act in consultation. Barry Jenkins to follow up on contacting Roy Slavens to see if he will also be interested in sitting on this committee.
- ❖ **Business License:** Jacques Drisdelle reported that he has applied for renewal and the license is pending.
- ❖ **Sea Cadets:** Caroline Chupa reported that the Sea Cadets possibly want to use the WLSA grounds only until June. Barry Jenkins to follow up. Barry to also follow up to confirm if the Rocky Mountain Rangers will also want to use the WLSA facilities.
- ❖ **Credit Union Community Investment Fund:** Ed Oliver and Wayne Biffert will look into the possibility of funding from this organization.

- ❖ **Clubhouse floors:** Debbie Powers-Barron reported that she had given two names of individuals that would be interested in cleaning the clubhouse floors, however the cost is prohibitive. Debbie suggested that we look for volunteers to clean floors before an event. Discussion about user groups cleaning the clubhouse after their event. Users should do the cleaning when their event is over. Mike Chesley to contact the JOP to brainstorm ideas on hall cleaning, possibly as a fund raiser for them. Discussion regarding security deposit, are we charging enough? Currently the security deposit is \$250.00. Dave Keely will put this issue on the agenda for the April Executive Meeting.
- ❖ **BCWF Convention and AGM:** The registration fees have been paid and it was decided that David Keely and Wayne Biffert will be attending.
- ❖ **Trophies:** Kersten Slavens received her 2nd place trophy for “Mule Deer Typical Ladies”. The trophy won by Dan Mobbs for “Mule Deer Typical” is in the cabinet. Roger Gysel has the plaque and will add it to the trophy.
- ❖ **Receipts for Marty Beets knife:** Marty does not need receipts.
- ❖ **Archery Wall:** Ed Oliver spoke to Jess Bennett who stated that the archery group was going to take responsibility for replacing the wall. Ed is also going to attend the Archery AGM to give them a brief on WLSA finances. Mike Chesley will follow up on the archery wall.
- ❖ **Archery Membership List:** Mike Chesley spoke to the archers regarding the issue of more people shooting than signing in and about memberships. Lorne Barron to give Ed Oliver a copy of the membership list which Ed will take to the archers to verify what archery members are on the list.
- ❖ **JOP:** Debbie Powers-Barron waiting to get information from Corky Berkelaar regarding JOP so that she can add a page to the website.
- ❖ **Banquet tables:** Jacques Drisdelle brought up the issue of painting the banquet tables. Gerry Lucas stated that the club is waiting until summer so that the tables can be sanded and painted outside once it has warmed up.
- ❖ **Shooting tables:** Jacques Drisdelle suggested that the club have a work bee to work on the long range and the shooting benches after the snow is gone. Lorne Barron said he needs 13 2/6's for each bench if what he can build is what the club wants. Jacques Drisdelle said he will contact Weldwood to see about plywood donations for the bench tops. Gerry Lucas stated he had some 5/8 inch plywood that he could donate. Wayne Biffert stated we should consider seats that are height adjustable. Gordon Mayfield suggested that Lorne Barron contact him so they can come up with a plan for the shooting benches.

New Business:

- ❖ **Mail:** Debbie Powers-Barron distributed the mail. Who is picking up the mail? Lorne Barron and Gerry Lucas.
- ❖ **RFOC Membership Renewal Form received in the mail:** Does the club want a membership in the Responsible Firearms Owners Coalition of BC at a cost of \$100.00 per year? It was decided not to renew membership.
- ❖ **Member liability extension for ATV's received in the mail:** Roger Gysel to look into it and report back.
- ❖ **Phone Bill:** Debbie Powers-Barron gave Ed Oliver the phone bill for the clubhouse. The bill totals \$90.58 per month. \$69.00 of this is for the business line, \$12.00 for the long distance phone block, 12 cents for 911 service, and the rest is GST and PST. Ed Oliver will contact Telus to see if we can get a non profit rate. Debbie Powers-Barron brought up the issue that the recording on the answering machine is barely audible and that she did not want to post the phone number on the website because she was not sure who was picking up the messages. Jacques Drisdelle stated that he posted the message on the machine, that he wanted to leave contact numbers on the message but there was not enough room to do so. The club needs to follow up on this.
- ❖ **BCWF 2008 Convention Draft Resolutions received in the mail:** Jacques Drisdelle will draw up a brief summary on each resolution and will email this summary back to the WLSA executive for input. Dave Keely will put this item on the agenda for the April executive meeting. Jacques Drisdelle pointed out that one of the resolutions is an increase in membership fees in all categories with an increase of \$2.50 in 2009 and a subsequent increase of \$2.50 in 2010. Jacques Drisdelle stated that if the BCWF votes in favour of these rate increases, we will also need to consider it and that we will need to have our own resolutions in place and ready so that they can be passed at our next AGM. Debbie Powers-Barron to get the information regarding the resolutions out to members. Debbie to check to see if the resolutions are posted on the BCWF website so that she can direct club members to it. Dave Keely will add the resolutions to the April executive meeting agenda.
- ❖ **Memberships:** Lorne Barron reported that current memberships are at 324 and individual members total 525 which is a significant increase.
- ❖ **Filing:** Lorne brought up the issue of filing. He stated that the file cabinet contains files going back to 1983 and that there is no room left for current filing. It was decided that the club does not want to discard any information on the history of the club but that it is possible that some of the information in the files can be discarded. It was decided that someone with a long history with the club should review the files

to decide what should stay and what should go. Lorne Barron stated he can provide archive boxes for old files the club wants to keep in order to free up space in the file cabinet. Discussion around the donation of additional filing cabinets.

- ❖ **Newsletter:** Debbie Powers-Barron suggested that we put out another newsletter prior to the next general meeting. It was decided to proceed with a March newsletter.
- ❖ **General Meetings:** Jacques Drisdelle suggested that we need to have guest speakers and or videos at each general meeting ~ something to interest members. It was decided that at the next general meeting on March 17th, we will present a summary of the BCWF Convention Resolutions followed by a 50 minute video, provided by Jacques Drisdelle, titled “Predatory Black Bear”. This information will be added to the newsletter and posted on the website by Debbie Powers-Barron.
- ❖ **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer, Ed Oliver, presented the Treasurer’s Report. The long and the short of it is that the club currently has a bank balance of \$9,200.00. Lorne Barron moved that the report be accepted as read. Jacques Drisdelle seconded the motion. Approved.
- ❖ **Clubhouse Keys:** Jacques Drisdelle agreed to update the Board Member Handbook to reflect which members have what keys.
- ❖ **Clocks:** A great big thank you to the JOP who purchased two clocks for the clubhouse, one of which is in the kitchen and the newest one that is now in the hall.