



Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association

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WLSA General Minutes March 17, 2008

Present: David Keely, Bryan McGowan, Clint Webb, Gord Mayfield, Lorne Barron, Moe Monita, Jerry Lucas, Debbie Powers-Barron, Barry Jenkins, Ed Gerbracht, Jacques Drisdelle

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Old Business: None presented

New Business:

❖ **Argo:** The Rick Hansen Foundation contacted WLSA President, Barry Jenkins to advise they had an Argo amphibious off road vehicle that they would like to donate to an organization or program and, they are offering this vehicle to the Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association. The requirement is that we use the Argo for a program that provides opportunities for people with spinal cord injuries and for people with other disabilities, to access wilderness areas and to enjoy outdoor pursuits. The club would also be able to use the Argo as we see fit. The WLSA would need to be willing to take on full ownership and responsibility for all costs related to the vehicle like fuel, maintenance, storage, upkeep, vehicle insurance and liability insurance. Barry was also informed that the Rick Hansen Foundation would work with us to publicize the donation of the Argo which would include photo opportunities and an official presentation.

➤ **Argo details:**

- The Argo is an 8x8, is amphibious. It was Rick Hansen's personal vehicle. He was going to use it for hunting but has been too busy and has not been able to use it. It has about 20 hours on it.
- The Argo is worth approximately \$23,500.00. The Argo website provides detailed information on their products at www.argoatv.com.
- Barry has looked into insurance which will cost approximately \$300.00 per year if we add the insurance as a rider to the club's policy
- Jerry Lucas asked if insurance for the club house would increase if we stored the Argo inside. Barry will check into this.
- There is still a question about the trailer. Not sure if it will be donated or if the club will need to purchase.
- Barry has written a draft proposal to send to the Rick Hansen Foundation and needs member input before he submits it. What can we offer folks with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities. We need to define a program for the use

of the Argo which will most certainly provide publicity for the club. It would also be possible to partner with other organizations like the Cariboo Archers. To read the draft proposal and covering letter submitted by WLSA President, Barry Jenkins, visit the “Letters” page at www.williamslakesportsmen.com. To contact Barry with your input, phone him at 392-6750 or email him at jbarryjenkins@shaw.ca.

- ❖ **2008 BCWF Convention Resolutions:** The members in attendance at the March 17, 2008 General meeting voted on the resolutions the club wanted our delegates to support at the 2008 BCWF Convention and AGM being held April 9 – 12, 2008 in Salmon Arm. You will find a copy of the complete resolutions as well as a summary on the “Reports” page of the WLSA website at www.williamslakesportsmen.com. Here are the results of the vote:

- **Administration:**

- Article 01/08: No
- Articles 20/08 – 09/08: Yes
- Article 10/08: Yes and add this language to article 01/08
- Article 11/08: Yes

- **Access:**

- Articles 01/08 – 03/08: Yes
- Article 04/08: No
- Articles 05/08 – 05/10: Yes

- **Wildlife:**

- Article 01/08: WLSA cannot support this resolution as we believe in access for everyone
- Articles 02/08 – 03/08: Yes
- Article 04/08: Redundant as we already have a program in place
- Article 05/08: Redundant ~ the BC Conservation Foundation in partnership with ICBC has a program in place
- Article 06/08: Yes
- Article 07/08: Will leave the decision to the digression of the delegates

- ❖ Following the meeting, Jacques Drisdelle presented a very educational movie on the “Predatory Black Bear”.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10