



**BPSA “News and Views”
Monthly Bulletin June 2016**

The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday June 30, 2016 with 19 members present. The President Jim Martell asked if the May 2016 meeting minutes had any errors or omissions as posted in the News and Views Bulletin. A motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting by Jim McKane, seconded by Al Hunter, carried.

New Members - none

Guest Speaker – none

Correspondence-

Letter from Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, Bill Thornton declining our request to participate in the negotiations regarding the SON fishing agreement. Not really surprise.

Treasury - Mel Urbshott – June

Roy Hamilton Memorial Severe Winter Deer Feeding Fund	\$3577
Receipts	\$ 1476
Expenses	\$ 1863
Ways & Means Balance	\$ 9949
Balance	\$12,998

- A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report by Mel Urbshott, seconded by Ray Marklevitz, carried.

Membership - Forbes Symon: fpsymon@sympatico.ca
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- No Report

Committee Reports and Discussions:

Archery - Karen Van Nest and Phil Henderson tel. 519.378-3339 or Email kvn_ca@yahoo.com

- No Report

Bulletin - Dave Morton

- 50 May bulletins printed, 33 mailed, 4 delivered.

Web Site: Kat McCulloch –Nathan Smith

- Nothing new to comment on.

Fish Committee-Hatchery - Ray Marklevitz / Gord Smith

- 10,000 salmon from SSA were stocked at Gleason Brook. Thanks to the bucket brigaders.
- Eggs hatched and swim up fry in the hatchery moved from the incubators to troughs. Inventory – 129,000. Now feeding.
- All yearling Rainbow Trout have been stocked.
- Browns are doing well, about 27,000. Stocking may occur in July depending on the water flow. Water flow

of 16g/m, this is a decline from 26g/m over the last 2 weeks.

- Chantry Derby – Media Day. 3 volunteers are needed from the BPSA to attend on July 8th. 7:00 am in Kincardine or Port Elgin for a fishing charter with a meal to follow with the media. Draw was held as we had 5 volunteers who wanted to attend from the club: attendees will be - Fred Richardson, Stu Paterson, Eric Plein.

Fish Management Zones - 13 Lake Huron-14 Georgian Bay Stewardship Councils: Nathan Smith

- Nothing to Report

Handgun Club - Al Hunter

- The summer handgun activities are Wednesdays alternating between rim fire and center fire. About a dozen shooters take advantage of the range Wednesdays.
- Provincial clubs got together at a CFO sponsored seminar in Barrie and viewed a safety video regarding range activities. It was extremely informative and emphasized the mandatory safety aspect in a range.

Youth Firearms - Rob and Krista Quesnel (519) 935-2444

- No Report

O.F.A.H. - Stu Paterson

1. Our new OFAH President Kerry Coleman is critical of Ontario Premier Wynn. In his monthly message to members he noted our Premier failed to mention, hunting, fishing and trapping in her latest mandate letter of marching orders, to the MNRF. He suggested her governments priorities don’t appear to include these three heritage activities that we treasure. Coleman said he was surprised she did that, considering the license revenue from these activities contributes billions of dollars to our Ontario economy. It is money that pays for most of our MNRF fish and wildlife programs.



The federation president said he will continue to work to ensure our grandchildren have the same opportunities to experience the sights, sounds, smells and heart pounding excitement that fishing and hunting have provided us over many years.

2. Once again this summer OFAH has a special relationship with TSC Stores. Check this out and see how we OFAH members can save big on many of our favourite products. ”save hundreds of dollars on hundreds of products for your home, pets, garden, truck, tool shed, hunt camps and fishing boats. Every time you shop TSC Stores, take satisfaction that your "OFAH member's only" deals are your reward for being on the frontline for Ontario's natural resources”

3. Also lots of bargains this summer thanks to OFAH head office
<http://www.ofahnews.com/display.php?M=722422&C=cflcb52fa9361c2940ca319e576caad0&S=1631&L=248&N=952>

4. Your federation welcomes the promise of the federal government to spend an additional 8 million dollars to provide enhanced funding to support the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's Sea Lamprey Control Program. The fight against these invaders continues to threaten the Great Lakes 7-billion dollar sports and commercial fisheries.



In a statement Matt Demille, the OFAH manager of fish and wildlife services says "this investment will help this control program provide long-term benefits for our Great Lakes." The money will help improve physical barriers that prevent lamprey from reaching spawning grounds. The Commission's program so far has reduced Sea Lamprey populations by 90 per cent since it began efforts to control the deadly creature. Six of every seven fish that experience a lamprey attack die.



5. You just have to look out at the break wall at Wiarton Marina and you know there are way too many cormorants. Our federation has been pushing for some time for provincial action to control cormorants. Now in Gore Bay the Little Current-Gore Bay Fish and Game Clubs are supporting the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' (OFAH) efforts in convincing the government to remove cormorants from protection under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA). Club President Chris Robinson says "Cormorants are decimating the fish population. They are also hurting trees and wildlife, but the main thing is wherever they are, they are eating all the fish and the problem is at this point nothing can be done because they are protected. If they weren't, people could shoot them with a small game license like other birds."



The OFAH stresses that they are not seeking the extinction of cormorants, but that they are asking for all tools to be used to control harmful cormorant populations, including: culling, egg oiling and nest removal and unnecessary legal protection should be removed.

Now MPP Bob Bailey (Sarnia-Lambton) has put forward Bill 205, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation (an act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997) to remove protections for double-crested cormorants to allow for hunting and trapping of them," stated



Greg Farrant, of the OFAH. He pointed out this is the same bill that has been put forward at least twice before, including from former Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Brown, that was rejected by the provincial government. "Cormorant numbers have probably gone down locally from what they were because of a lack of bait fish for instance in Lake Huron on the south side, and alewife have been almost totally taken out of the system," said Ian Anderson of the United Fish and Game Club of Manitoulin (UFGCM).

"But cormorants have relocated to other food source areas," said Anderson, "and there are still nesting colonies on the inland water areas of Manitoulin Island, where they feed on bait and fish." "We will likely always support control of cormorant populations," said Anderson. "They are a predator to both bait and game fish, and their numbers are still much higher than they were historically. We are anxiously waiting to hear if this bill goes through. It has been pursued for a long time with no success up to now. "Yes, we are in support of the bill," said Chris Robinson, president of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC).

"Cormorants continue to be a big problem throughout the province," said Farrant.

MPP Bailey put forward Bill 205 in parliament to amend the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, and enacts as follows:

- Clause 5 (2) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act 1997 is repealed and the following substituted: (a) an American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, double-crested cormorant, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starling."

The Bill, which has passed first reading, would amend the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 to permit the hunting and trapping of double-crested cormorants. Farrant noted, "Michigan and US officials I can tell you are mad as hell at Ontario as they have strict controls on cormorants and they nest here in Ontario and then go to the US and the Ontario government has refused to do anything about the birds." The OFAH has been

advocating for better cormorant control for well over a decade.

6. Liberal MP Erskine-Smith has drafted a private member's bill — introduced in February as Bill C-246, the Modernizing Animal Protections Act — that would rewrite a host of legislation around animals, including a ban on shark fin soup and the sale of cat and dog furs. "Now it falls on us parliamentarians to do the heavy lifting. Canadians across the board, based on common sense, expect our laws relating to abuse of animals to mean all forms of activity and that's exactly what my law seeks to do," he said.

But Bill C-246 has had drawn little interest from his Liberal colleagues, save for a few of his fellow backbenchers.

"I'm surprised to see many Conservatives, but also my own Liberal government, not come out in support of my bill. Many have been caught up in this fictitious narrative that my bill will affect hunting, farming, fishing and research, which is absolutely not the case," Erskine-Smith said.

The justice minister told CBC News that reforming the animal welfare laws is "an important issue that deserves careful study. Any amendments to these provisions should be informed by broad consultations with Canadians."

Erskine-Smith's private member's bill will come up for debate again in September when the House of Commons returns from its summer recess. But, like all private members' bills, the prospect of its passage is remote without support from the government.

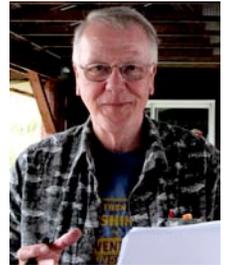
7. Ontario Family Fishing Week- Drop a line in the water during Ontario Family Fishing Week 2016, from now till July 10. During that span, clubs and service organizations across the province will be hosting a number of free family-friendly fishing events designed to bring families together on one of Ontario's 250,000 lakes, rivers or streams. Our club hosted our KIDS FISHING EVENT at our hatchery pond.



Ontario Family Fishing Events (OFFE) is an initiative of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) delivered by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), in partnership with members of the OFFE steering committee, which includes the MNRF, the OFAH, and the Canadian National Sportfishing Foundation. More than 70 Ontario communities will host an event, derby, or festival over a nine-day span and these events are run in conjunction with National Fishing Week – www.catchfishing.com.

- Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64, who normally would have to purchase a fishing licence, can participate for FREE
- Conservation fishing limits apply, as do all other fishing regulations
- Lakes, rivers and streams in Ontario are home to roughly 160 types of freshwater fish

8. BPSA member Jim McKane has promised to try to attend the next OFAH zone H meeting to represent our club as I will be out of province. It is on Sunday August 7, 2016 at 10am at the Barrie District Anglers and Hunters clubhouse.



That is our June – July 2016 OFAH report see you again in September.

Property - Wayne Musselman

- Wayne acknowledged the efforts of Al Hunter for the prep of the area around the NEW club sign out on Cty. Rd. 13.
- Wayne acknowledged Eric Plein for his hard work in planning and managing/completing the job of sanding and refinishing the clubhouse floor.
- Flags will be raised on our flagpoles in time for the upcoming events at the club.

Rankin Resource Group - Larry Isbester

- No Report

Scheduling - Annette Musselman

- Events are on the board and in the bulletins.

Special Events - Dates for special events in 2016 are:

- **Kids Fishing Day-** Ray Marklevitz Saturday July 2, 2015 9am –noon. Rules for this year are:
 - catch and release
 - no spawn bags/only worms for bait
 - barbless hooks to be used
 - unlimited catch
- **Beef and Pork BBQ/Sunday July 10th** - Murray Garniss 10:00 am Sunday morning help needed for set up at the clubhouse as well as volunteers needed to help with the serving in the afternoon. The BBQ pit is in need of work/repair before the BBQ on the 10th. Volunteers needed on Wed. July 8th – 9:00 am to help clean out and restore the pit for this year's event. Consideration given to rebuilding the BBQ pit after this year's BBQ for future use.
- **Community Living-Fishing on the Pond** – Sunday September 18th 2-5pm
- **Potluck Dinner** – Saturday November 19. Social time from 5pm with dinner at 6:00pm.

Wildlife and Conservation Programs - Al Hunter

- No Report

Awards - Don Elliott

- Entry forms available in the club house in the wooden tray. (more forms needed)

Old Business:

- Projects Committee presented their concept/plan for a 24'X24' workshop to be built on the property. Location was suggested behind the septic bed but after considerable discussion, it was recommended that if it is built, out the back to the north of the range would be more appropriate. A tender submission for costs was in the area of 35,000.00. Other submissions will be sought by local contractors to find the most competitive bid for the dollars that will be invested. A donation in the amount of 6,000.00 specifically being offered for the construction of a workshop has already been received from the Mar WI from the sale of their building. There are additional funding grants available that will be pursued by the Projects Committee. Target will be to raise about 75% of the costs through funding and the club handle the balance through various initiatives. A motion was put forward by Nathan Smith that the Project Committee move forward with the idea of a Workshop Construction and present back to the club on a regular bases as to progress realizing the need to finalize areas such as location, appropriate funding, structural requirements, etc. This is only a motion to continue examining the various aspects of the project until at such time as all of the facts and information required are available to make a final decision by the membership. Seconded by Dennis Morton. Carried (non opposed)
- Nominations required for Vice President and Secretary.
- Mel Urbshott and Jim Martell will present the town's final tax schedule to the club after it is received from the town TSBP staff.

New Business:

- Jim Martell presented the Net Pen discussions and asked if anyone might be interested. Jim McKane informed the club that it is a very costly adventure and it will be at least a year before any forward movement could be realized. Suggestion was to leave it alone.
- Dennis Morton had signup sheets for:
 - the tent set up for the Salmon Spectacular in Owen Sound Wednesday, August 24th/8:00 and take down Monday, September 5th
 - Outdoor Adventures Canada stream rehabilitation July 21st. Suggested this was to political a project at this point and that we should not get involved.

Winners of Draw Prizes:

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| - Maple Syrup | Nathan Smith |
| - Lures | Al Hunter, Eric Plein,
Annette Musselman |
| - Off bug spray | Stu Paterson |
| - BBQ Glove | George Mallard |
| - Windshield Washer Fluid | Dennis Morton |
| - Fishing Line | Fred Richardson |
| - Bird Feeder | Gerry Beaver |
| - Flashlight | John Gennell |
| - Odor Check | Dave Morton |

A motion by Jim McKane to adjourn, carried, ending the June 2016 meeting at 9:25 pm.