

Things to know on Membership Applications to the **Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association**.

If you were to walk in 15 – 20 years ago we could sign you right way, BUT things have changed.

Today's Procedure.

- A) Club membership is capped at 275 Primary Members and under the Primary you can have families attached.
- B) We have now some 300 on a waiting list and the turnover is very low. As examples for Year 2018 we took on 45 (if I recall, we added 25 to the Primary cap in 2018), For Year 2019 it was 16, For Year 2020 it was 26, For Year 2021 it was 29 and for Year 2022 it was 24. For 2023, we did two call ins for 22 new members. For 2024, we have done one call in for 11 new members and will likely do another later this year. As you can see the average yearly turnover is around 25. In general, when we do the call-in, we double the count needed as we generally have a number of no shows or the phone number is no longer valid. The bottom line is, it will be 4-5 years on the waiting list.
- C) Once the call-in is made, (which is made about two weeks before the planned date) you are invited to the club where we asked that you complete an application form, payment is taken, and then we go through an hour-long presentation detailing our history, detailing all the rules and regulations and what the club expects of a new member. While this is happening, your membership badges are made up and all the information gathered goes into a membership data base. And of course, the Treasurer is happy, we have to pay the bills!
- D) For renewal a year later, you will receive an e-mail detailing your renewal, and giving you 4 dates & time for you to drop by the club, pay your renewal and pickup new stickers for your badge. Now your good for another year.

On a couple of e-mails received were questions:

Yes, Family membership includes children up to 16 years, after which they will have to take on a youth membership (with some added privilege's) and at 18 they must take out a full membership.

Hours of operation: Sun up to Sun down 7/24 and all year, or watch the parking lot lights, if they are on, we are closed

A couple of other notes, we are a volunteer club, the building is some 80 years old, and things always have to be fixed and / or upgraded. With the cost of everything going up, the loss of rentals (COVID-19 years) we have increased the membership fee effective July first of 2023. However, Rentals seems to be coming back, but slowly. The current membership fee schedule is on the WEB Site. WWW.wofgpa.org

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