

St. John's Rod & Gun Club
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Feb 25, 2025
Meeting Commenced at 7:25 p.m. (St John's Elks Club)
Chaired by: President George Jenner
Minutes Recorded by: Troy Coldwell

Attendees: Christian Winter, George Jenner, Dan Donnelly, Herb Butt, Brad Ryan, Derrick Joyce, Troy Coldwell, Evan Kearley plus approx. 29 other club members.

Absent: Monty Petipas, Robert Kennedy

Motion 1: Motion to adopt meeting agenda supplied by George Jenner.

Proposed by Derrick Joyce, seconded by Hugh Jacobs, motion passed.

Motion 2: Approval of minutes from 2024 AGM, (one edit, pg2 change Mike Smith to George Jenner)

Proposed by David Brown, seconded by Bill Collins, motion passed.

Opening Remarks

George reviewed Roberts Rules and process to follow during a meeting, and advised that the AGM would adhere to these rules.

President's Report:

- Thanks to those in attendance, changes have been vast but necessary.
- Streamlining management of club, improving communication mechanisms for 1100+ members
- Can Post mail-outs now cost in range of \$2000/per event, so its time to adopt EMAIL as the new norm for communications.
- approx. \$44 out of every membership fee was being spent on administration / postage etc.
- Major reno's required on ranges ABC – Quote was more than the annual membership revenue. So, work needed to be done in phases of priority.
- B&C improvements: 2 bids received approx. \$17k-\$25k just to meet CFO requirements up to the 50 yrd line.

-Once the improvements to the 50yrd line was completed, a special meeting of the Board at the club was held to vote on continuing the work and what it would cost.

-During research process of range rentals, we discovered the RCMP were paying much more at other facilities and were open to pricing increases. Anticipate \$5k-\$23k increase.

-NFA does not insure any 3rd party events SO insurance must be shown and sign a release of indemnity form. This was a direction received from a lawyer.

VP Report:

Christian advised that \$18-\$20K was being spent on membership process, so the JOIN IT membership system was adopted going forward.

-Digital membership cards with QR codes for check-ins

-Fast, accurate, ease of communication to members.

-Mike Smith pointed out that the Joinit system cards did not include a valid transport permit.

Christian advised that Wildlife has been addressed, and active members will receive an emailed card for transportation which can be revised to suit Wildlife as needed.

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Brad, who advised that this year the report was kept simple in format but a detailed version would be available to any who requested it. The auditor's report was positive, and showed that the club was operating effectively.

Motion 3: Motion to Appoint Quinlan Boland Barrett CPA as club accountant for the next financial year.

Shawn proposed, Brad seconded...motion passed.

-Brad addressed the move to HST registering the club. Not only does it appear to be a CRA requirement but can benefit the club by recouping the HST on purchases.

George reviewed committee reports

Special shout out to Alistar's immense contribution to the youth program.

Review of repairs

- Budget determines priorities for club betterments

- Range C backstop is a priority due to stray bullets crossing ranges

Rifle range 100 & 200 backstops

- Clubhouse: Furnace is repaired, Eaves and eavestrough required.

- Longbranch: 75% done, new roofing is required

Long term outlook: - possibility of a 400 yrd range? "A" would be the natural choice for this possibility, but the cost will be prohibitive.

New Business:

Bylaws

Review of the suggested revisions to the current Club bylaws required a motion to be put forward to accept the current bylaw amendments as reviewed and revised by Brad Leyte with the intention of creating efficiencies.

Motion 4: Approval and acceptance of General operating Bylaws, sections 4.15 and 6.09 of bylaws to be further scrutinized against the corporations act in case possible amendments are required...Mike Smith, seconded Dave Reddin, Motion passed.

- A member in attendance raised items of concern / contention with the methodology used by the executive. Concerns were debated and resolved.

Addressing a members concerns regarding wording in new membership forms. George had reached out to ASERA Re: questions raised with respect to the club's waiver. Conclusion: the waiver does NOT negate the right to sue IF legitimate need arises, SO no legal rights are waived.

Election of officers commenced.

Following the elections George addressed a question put forward by a member (Tim) who inquired on the need for license plate number on the membership form. Primary reason we added this requirement was in response to two serious infractions this year at the club. If a witness is uncomfortable confronting someone at the club then

recording the license plate number of the vehicle will allow the board to investigate and communicate with parties present at that time.

Andrea Bassan reviewed NFA insurance coverage and the fact that Non-Canadian residents are NOT covered by the NFA at club events...unless special coverage is requested in advance. Proposed to be added to the SJRGC web page under safety.

Mike Smith inquired about Range Safety officer recognition. Also proposed to be added to the webpage is a list of all qualified SO's, RSO'S, NFARSO's and so on.

Motion 5: Motion to Adjourn

Proposed by Brad Leyte, seconded by Mike Smith, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.
