

## Gabriola Rod, Gun and Conservation Club

### General Meeting

Thursday June 12, at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:13 pm with Paul M in the chair.  
Apologies from Eileen E, Sean L, Sharon W, and John B.
2. Membership numbers stand at 118.
3. *Motion to accept the previous Minutes* Marie and Dave MSC
4. Business arising from the Minutes  
Update as to Hydro line down Tait Rd. At present this is not slated to be done.
5. Correspondence. None.
6. Treasurer's Report: Report gives statement up to June 12.  
At present we have just under \$10,000 on hand. This year's income and expenses were listed and discussed. Some of our interest on the interest bearing accounts is not due to come in this year. Expenses eg for the trim are still to be paid. Some more money from the Easter Egg Hunt is still to come in and we just bought 200 cheques which should last a number of years.  
*Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report* Dave and Paul S MSC
7. Committee Reports:  
Bob L reviewed range usage for this year – attached. Pistol and Archery are going up while rifle numbers continue to hold steady in the mid 40's. Paul M has agreed to coordinate Archery and plans to hold an orientation for those interested soon. The use of the Club equipment will be discussed at this time.  
A big vote of thanks is to go to our volunteers who look after the grounds. Bob L does a lot of the necessary work and is delighted to have Paul S coming out to give a hand. Also big thanks to Rick and Lynn who have put in many hours on broom control. More helpers are always welcome as the latter is an ongoing battle.
8. a. Easter Egg hunt: Lots of excited children turned up and they had a ball. A very successful event. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in numerous ways, egg stuffing, egg hiding, courses set up, coffee/hot chocolate station, clean up, the Bunny and of course to Paul and Marie who have to gather, store, request donations, do the thanks to our sponsors, and lots of behind the scenes admin. You are all so appreciated. A great, big Thanks to our sponsors - the Credit Union, Co-op, Arbutus Lumber, Nesters, the Royal Lepage Realtors, and the Gabriola Lions.  
July 1 Potato Cannon Shoot: The Set up will start at 11am with the shoot at 1pm. We had almost 30 contestants last year. Volunteers are needed for traffic control, registration, judging and refreshments. Please contact Paul M if you can assist.
- b. Courses: i. Introduction to Black powder shooting presented by John Byron: This was a very interesting presentation in which we looked at a number of black powder firearms, discussed loading and firing techniques and equipment needed, and then were able to shoot the percussion cap rifle..numerous times! This was a great experience, thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Thank you , John.
- ii. Fundamentals on Firing Techniques presented by Jamie Doig: Some thirteen people attended the Power point presentation in the Clubhouse. It was great being able to ask questions and be given excellent pointers to improve one's abilities. We managed to spent a good hour to an hour and a half in

the rifle and pistol sheds. All of us came away with advice on how to manage and improve our firing techniques. Thank you, Jamie.

iii. The 28<sup>th</sup> June will see a Silhouette Shoot in the morning. This follows the introduction we had from Howard and will enable us to see if we can put into practice what we learned.

c. Clubhouse refurbishment: John B finished the floor, thank you, and now the trim has to be done. Jonathan has offered to take care of that for us and has submitted his estimate, and we are still waiting for Jim Chiminy to confirm arrival of the woodstove. Just great to see how everything is coming together. The committee is considering what is needed in the Clubhouse to make our 'hospitality' work easy.

d. Memorial: After consultation we are looking at an appropriate trophy. This event will be held at the end of the month, on Saturday, July 26, the last weekend before the August long weekend. Further details will come out closer to the date as besides the bbq, there will be shooting events.

e. i. EMP activities: Paul outlined our progress so far - the analysis that was done was not the correct one and so has to be redone. Another letter to the company has been sent and we are awaiting their reply. We hope this next test will be done by ALS on the lower mainland.

ii. Lead reclamation: A date for this will be announced later. The plan is to clean out the sand boxes and use this event to also look at renovating the silhouette boxes.

#### 9. New Business:

a. Executive turn over: Ben Frampton, our Vice President has resigned. Many thanks Ben for your efforts on the Executive. You will be missed.

#### b. Bylaw change:

Clause 22 read as follows:

“ Receipts signed by the treasurer shall be sufficient discharge for all monies due and paid to the Association. All monies received on account of the Association shall be paid into an account in a Chartered Bank of Canada and all payments on behalf of the Association shall be made by cheque or from the petty cash fund.”

The changes made to Clause 22 are:-

“Receipts signed by the treasurer shall be sufficient discharge for all monies due and paid to the Association. All monies received on account of the Association shall be paid into an account in a Chartered bank of Canada or a **Canadian Credit Union** and all payments on behalf of the Association shall be made by cheque, **interac e-mail transfer, on line bill payment** or from the petty cash fund.”

Proposed by Dave Urquhart      Seconded by Marie Brannstrom      Carried    Unanimous

#### 10. Any other Business

A proposal from Paul S to use our downed timber on our property. The matter was discussed and resulted in the following *Motion*: *That Paul S source the required manpower to do the jobs needed - sawing, hauling, milling, and if possible pull out some of the lumber before Shutdown.*

*MSC Paul S and Imelda C*

Chris G. volunteered to help Paul with this project.

#### 11. Adjournment called    Bob L and Marie B

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm