

Gabriola Rod, Gun and Conservation Club

General Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Time: 7pm

Place: Clubhouse

1. Call to Order: 7:03 Paul M in the chair
2. Membership: 128 and 1 new member
3. Reading of the Minutes from June 12, 2025
Motion: to approve above Minutes MSC Marie B/ John B
4. Business arising from the Minutes:
Any results from committee to deal with downed trees? Paul S and Chris G were unable to follow through as Shutdown occurred.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Aquality re water testing. Paul has responded to their last bill by saying we would be pleased to pay said bill when we receive the results of the test we had asked for.
 - b. Announcement of Panel Discussion at the Nanaimo Fish and Game Range on Sunday, October 26, 1 – 3pm. It will be a Public Information session on the Firearms Confiscation Program. The panel will be made up of Tamara Kronis (lawyer, MP for Nanaimo-Ladysmith), Carson Binder (Canadian Taxpayers Federation), Ryan Wong (western rep for the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights) and Barry Holland (ex-JTF2, security consultant).
 - c. Paul is dealing with the thank you letters going to our sponsors for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Potato Cannon event.
6. Treasurer's Report:
Expenditures are within our Budget agreed to in 2024 save for an overrun on expenses for the Clubhouse renovations. The upgrading of our facilities has cost \$6,134 to date.
Motion: That the Club agrees to the additional payment by the Treasurer to cover said overrun. MSC Jim H and Marie B unanimous.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Range reports:
These cover the use over the last four months.
Rifle – 158 shooters
Pistol – 23 “
Archery – 20 “
Four events have been run for rifle – Fun, Iron Sights, Precision, and Silhouette
Pistol has had one Fun shoot
 - b. Teaching Committee:
Silhouette practice shoot took place June 28 - 5 members shot. Another **Silhouette Shoot** will be run on **November 1 at 10am**.
In January **an Intro Safety Course will be run at 1pm** on a Saturday. This is ideal for beginners and people hoping to take their PAL course. We will follow the deactivated firearm's practice with a live firing session on the rifle range.
We are asking the members for suggestions to the courses they would like to see happen.

A notice will be put in the paper re a **Youth Club start-up** in early January. This will be for young people from 10 to 18, open to the community, free and will be air rifle only. If there is good progress made .22 rifle will be added and possibly archery. This will most likely use the third **Sunday** of the month.

Contact Imelda - 250 247 8801, if you are interested in any of the above.

c. Clubhouse Finishing Committee:

Stove installation went well and the heat was wonderful for our meeting today. The crown molding has still to be done, plus thought given to how we would like to manage photograph and trophy areas, cupboards for kitchen needs and a projector screen.

Thanks to our helpers, Sean, John, Marie, Paul M, Jim H, Jonathan C and Sharon W.

Motion: that a family membership be given to Frank of Jim Chiminy for the installation of the Stove and the waiving of his installation fee.

MSC Marie B/John B unanimous

d. Budget Committee: We need volunteers as the Budget should be presented at the November GM. So far members are Jim H and Paul M. Please let Paul M know if you are interested.

8. Ongoing Business

- a. Preparation for Turkey Shoot: last year this shoot was held in January. The decision to move this event was made because organizers were either ill or away or the date clashed with other popular events on the island. This year we would like to hear what you think we should do about this shoot. The feeling was 50/50 at this meeting so the discussion for this has been put forward to the November meeting. Please give it consideration before then or let us know via email.

b. EMP activities

- i. Water test is in progress. After lots of discussion it was decided that Paul would draw the sample, Sean would ask RDN if we qualify for a RDN grant, and if Aquality indicates they will complete the testing we would ask that they take their sample in 2026.

Motion: that Paul M will proceed to get a water sample tested immediately and Aquality, if they are agreeable, would be asked to do the correct test next year.

MSC Imelda C/Marie B

- ii. Lead reclamation. Discussion – outcome – We would combine this work with a renovation of the Sand Boxes as the sand will be taken out to be sieved. This work will need a number of volunteers so please consider volunteering when a date is fixed and the call put out.

9. New Business

- a. Executive turn over. This will be very necessary this year as a number of the Executive will not be running again. Please give the matter some thought and let us know if you are willing to serve. You may also be approached by a member of our selection committee.
- b. Memorial Trophy for Lori and Warren. The three shooters who won the Memorial Shoot are being asked to meet and design an appropriate trophy for future Memorial Shoots. Paul will contact shooters.

Discussion took place re the old trophies lost in the fire.

Motion: that the Club will be responsible for replacing all the trophies that were lost in the fire as they are able. MSC Imelda C/Marie B

10. Any Other Business

- a. A member had sent a topic in for discussion with a motion to the Executive meeting. The Executive did not bring the motion forward as it stated the Club should continue its membership in the CCFR. As the Treasurer assured the Executive that this had already been done the matter was considered moot
- b. **A Motion was made: that the Club donate \$500 to the CCFR MSC Terry R/Ken D**
Further discussion ensued that contemplated a significantly larger amount for the contribution to the CCFR. It was noted during this discussion that other organizations were also working to combat firearm's confiscation and that larger donations were a matter for the Club to discuss, with adequate notice being given beforehand. A suggestion, made by Marie, was adopted: that the matter of support donations be discussed by the Budget Committee who would then bring a motion forward with the Budget proposals, to be voted on at the November General Meeting where the Budget is going to be presented.

Motion to Adjourn called by Eileen E/John B

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Imelda Cuthbertson
Secretary