

**GABRIOLA ROD GUN & CONSERVATION CLUB**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2025**  
**Tait Road Range, Gabriola Island, BC**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:02 p.m., President in the Chair.  
11 members present.

**2. MEMBERSHIP**

Currently there are 128 members; a few prospective will delay in order to apply for the new membership year (Feb.1).

**3. READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION:** (Dave U./John C.) That the general meeting minutes from the 9<sup>h</sup> of October, 2025 general meeting be accepted as read.

**PASSED**

Unanimous

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. **Aquality:** refer to Correspondence
- b. **Thank you to event sponsors:** The President will deliver thank you cards during the Christmas season to the organizations who donated funds for the Easter Egg Hunt/Potato Cannon Contest.
- c. **Timber milling:** refer to Ongoing Business
- d. **CCFR donation:** to be addressed during the 2026 budget discussion below.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **Aquality:** the GRGCC was in receipt of an email from Aquality that stated their resending of a request to pay an outstanding invoice was in error and to disregard it; after investigation, Aquality attributed an error in processing the water sample to error(s) of logging in the sample by the laboratory and that no charge was due by the GRGCC. The President accepted with thanks on behalf of the Club and wished Aquality a Merry Christmas.
- b. **Email from ALS Environmental:** The Club received an email from ALS Environmental indicating that it had removed the small batch surcharge from the invoice. As a result, the water analysis was invoiced at \$135.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented a report on the Club's finances year to date. There will be an interest payment received on December 15<sup>th</sup> that is not yet reflected in the numbers.

**MOTION:** (Marie B./Dave U.) That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

**PASSED**

1 abstention

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Range:** Bob L. reported on range use. A key takeaway was that range figures are heavily influenced by organized shoots.
- b. **Teaching:** The President reported in the absence of Imelda C. There will be an *Introduction to Firearms* course held during the first quarter. **Youth Group:** Preliminary inquiries are being made regarding Youth Group in the New Year; Imelda has requested expressions of interest for help running the program. The President has received comments (externally) regarding the possibility of parent participation and running the series through the Gabriola Recreation Society. There was general agreement amongst members present to keep the running of the Youth Group under the aegis of the Club.
- c. **Clubhouse Finishing:** The trim/baseboarding remains to be affixed; it has been painted and is stored in the back room. Once it is in place, shelving and other fixtures can be brought in to make the room more functional.

## 8. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. **Community Events: The Easter Egg Hunt** requires a new Organizer and helpers. Marie B. has stepped down after several years and two other members who were key on the day are no longer with us which leaves the ability of the Club to run the event in question. The President solicited help and a couple members present volunteered, as long as they didn't have to be the Easter Bunny. Further to the Easter Bunny, the President has acquired another Bunny Costume to replace the head that was fatally damaged by the dry cleaners. **Potato Cannon Contest:** the President has declared he wants to retire from running the Potato Cannon Contest and is looking for replacements. There was general agreement that the Club should continue hosting the event. An inquiry was made regarding budgeting.
- b. **2026 AGM:** New blood is required at the Executive level. The President is looking to retire and as Past President will be available to train up a replacement. The Club also needs a new Secretary as the position is currently being filled by a member who has given 25 years + volunteering to the organization.

- c. **EMP: Well Test:** The GRGCC is in receipt of the water analysis from ALS Analytical Laboratories. The President reported that the results indicated that metals of interest are all below detection; manganese is elevated (common) but is within tolerance and pH is 8. Anyone wishing to review the analytical report, please contact Paul M. **Lead recovery:** the silhouette boxes will be replaced/improved as decided; the process will involve sifting of the sand and recovery of the lead therein. **Timber milling:** Paul S. reported that a trial milling of a couple downed trees was successful. He will confer with Bob L. for silhouette box dimensions and whether or not to replace the boxes or improve them. Further discussion about silhouette box and baffle design viz a viz sight requirements was held and a suggestion was made that an ad hoc committee be formed; this would include Paul S., Imelda C. and possibly Howard H. During the discussion about range optimization, Jim H. suggested that an experiment be made to improve lighting for shooting in the rifle shed by the purchase of a solar tunnel/light pipe. This was expected to cost approx. \$600 for a single unit; if successful then further installations could be considered.

#### COFFEE BREAK

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS: 2026 BUDGET

The Treasurer presented a draft budget for 2026. No new major expenditures are proposed. The matter regarding a 2026 donation to the CCFR was discussed and it was decided that since a \$500 donation was approved at the last meeting, it was sufficient for the time being. It was suggested that if individual members would like to contribute further, then they could do so at time of membership renewal.

<p><b>MOTION:</b> (Dave U./Sean L.) The 2026 membership form include a blank line item for voluntary donation to the CCFR.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b> Unanimous</p>
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<p><b>MOTION:</b> (Graham M./Dave U.) The 2026 Budget is accepted as amended.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b> Unanimous</p>
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#### 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bob L. suggested that the Club's turkey shoot be held on 21 February. There was general agreement and it was noted that new members would be able to participate.

**GM ADJOURNMENT:** @ 9:03 pm.

*B. Marie Brannstrom*  
Acting Secretary