



# Lock, Stock and Barrel

The official newsletter of the Musquodoboit Valley Rifle and Revolver Club

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## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT:***

At our last meeting we discussed the further legal requirements that our new CFO may be requiring, (not new laws, existing rules not previously enforced!) The rules state that a Red/Green flag or lighting system is in place to ensure safety, i.e. Red flag + HOT range. Green flag = COLD/SAFE range. If the CFO requires it, we will make the change sometime during the spring/early summer.

The winter conditions have caused some erosion to our berms. The firearms office will be carrying out a safety inspection sometime after the frost heave has gone. We will be doing all necessary repairs and upgrades to the ranges before the inspection to ensure all of our ranges stay open. Additionally, the club infrastructure (buildings and pathways) will be repaired and upgraded during the spring months.

The club now has a new "Safety Book", this will NOT be issued to existing members due to cost, but you are responsible to know and understand the changes in our rules. The new safety book is available on our website. Please read it to ensure your compliance with the club rules! I would like to personally thank Colin Soanes for his work in upgrading the book, huge amount of work!

As a club we have a large active membership and (now that most of our major safety upgrades have been completed) there is enough money available for new projects! One of the suggested upgrades is to build a cowboy action set on one of the two new ranges behind the 200m berm. We will only spend this money if sufficient shooters want to shoot this discipline!  
Safe Shooting.

***Peter Eliot,  
President  
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## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT:*** Quarterly Meeting, February 22, 2015

1. Call to Order and Introductions.
  - Call to order at 2 PM.
2. Approval of Agenda.
  - Motion to accept: Rick Shaughnessy, seconded by Colin Soanes.
3. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting – November 2, 2014.
  - Motion to accept: Douglas McLeod, seconded by Peter Eliot.
4. Business arising from previous meeting:
  - Question from member regarding R500 steel: Still being drilled. R500 steel purchased and one made into IPSC target. The second one Adam will be working on. When that is done it will be put on the two hundred yard range. Both will need mounts built.
5. Reports and Update
  - a) Financial / Membership Reports
    - Budget review. \$74,000+ in the bank, \$26,000+ to the good. Moved to file by Rob Mataija. Seconded by Francis Noonan.



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## b) President's Report

- Range safety book now revised, lots of work done by Colin with input from the safety directors. The book will be on the web site. In the process of updating the safety template and certificate.
- Berm sand will need to be done again. 30 degree berm angle required.
- Maintenance staff have been commended for doing a great job. Finding problems and resolving quickly.
- Road built for range #5 (Cowboy).
- Gravel ordered for muddy areas.
- Motion to order more gravel for maintenance: Peter Eliot motioned, seconded by Douglas McLeod.
- We need an order of gravel and the rental of a large machine after the end of frost heave or thawing. The gravel is for the roads and walkways and fixing of the berms and drainage. In the meantime, maintenance staff with wheelbarrows could fix small spots.
- Legally, all ranges are required to have two flags, a red flag that means range is active, which means you may touch firearms. And they are required to have a green flag which means the range is cold and you may not touch firearms, but you may go past firing line to check your targets. We haven't had to do this yet because four provinces did not adopt this rule. This does not affect the six meter flags, just the ones at the firing line. Proposal was made for two flag system by Douglas McLeod and seconded by Rick Shaughnessy. Twelve flag points, cost will exceed \$200.
- Four hundred yard range is not open as it needs repair and certification.

## c) Secretary's Report

- Deed is still missing, motion made to purchase new copy of the deed if it is not found was made by Rick Shaughnessy and seconded by Colin Soanes

## d) Safety / Incidents Report

- Nothing but positive feedback on the new maintenance staff system.

## 6. New Business and Purchases

### a) The new Safety Manual will be on the website and will be given to all new members.

### b) Membership

- Peter Eliot speaking to Douglas McLeod, tells do not issue part year memberships that leave a restricted license holder without a club membership for part of a year.
- Membership stands at approximately one thousand to twelve hundred persons to date.
- Question: With a lifetime membership what happens to our money if the club closes:  
Answer: You lose the money.
- Question: Have we capped the number of lifetime memberships? Answer: No. We currently have approximately one hundred fifty lifetime memberships and we may cap at twenty percent.
- Proposal for multi-year memberships approved however with no discounts. Contact the Membership Director Douglas McLeod. Offered for duration of your firearms license.



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7. Dates of Importance
  - a) Organized Shoots
    - i. Rifle: Military rifle shoot June 28, 2015 at 10:00am on Rifle #4.
  - b) Date of next meeting.
    - May 31, 2015 at 2:00pm
8. Any Other Business:
  - Second wheelbarrow pricing requested from Maintenance Staff.
  - Francis Noonan (Spud), notice of resignation intent tentatively for the end of March 2015.
9. Adjournment
  - Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:25pm made by Peter Eliot and seconded by Colin Soanes.

## **Attendance**

Douglas McLeod, Peter Eliot, Rob Mataija, Rick Shaughnessy, Mike Ray, Colin Soanes, Francis Noonan, Randy Jonhaston, Scott Techentin, Tim Wynn

**Scott Techentin**  
**Secretary**

## **TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Club is in a good financial position as of February 22, 2015 with renewal and new memberships coming in.

Please note some changes to the issuance of membership cards.

Club Membership consists of 3 parts :

- 1) Membership Application and applicable dues;  
(please ensure your are using the most up to date application. Look for "MVRRC2015" in the lower right corner of the application)
- 2) Range Safety Book signed sheet; and
- 3) Orientation / Safety Briefing

By decision of the Executive and Safety Directors, Membership cards will NOT be issued until all three (3) membership components are completed. Effective February 8, 2015

Also, due to changes at the Chief Firearms Office concerning Long Term Authorizations to Transport (LATT), MVRRC will now be issuing membership cards for 1 - 5 years. This will allow members to get membership cards for durations equaling their Firearms licenses and reduce the paperwork and required for LATTs.

**Douglas McLeod,**  
**Treasurer & Membership Secretary**



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## MVRRC UPCOMING EVENTS.

IPSC practice normally held the first Sunday of each month; clay shoots are normally held the second Sunday of each month; Safety briefs are normally held the third Sunday of each month.

Safety Briefing	19 <sup>th</sup> April; 12 noon at the MVRRC
IPSC Practice	5 <sup>th</sup> April; 10 am at the MVRRC
Clay Shoot	12 <sup>th</sup> April; 10 am at the MVRRC
Safety Briefing	17 <sup>th</sup> May; 12 noon at the MVRRC
IPSC Practice	3 <sup>rd</sup> May; 10 am at the MVRRC
Clay Shoot	10 <sup>th</sup> May; 10 am at the MVRRC
Safety Briefing	17 <sup>th</sup> May; 12 noon at the MVRRC
Date of next meeting.	31 <sup>st</sup> May; 2pm at the MVRRC
Range inspectors course	TBA; 10am at the MVRRC
Holster Course	TBA; 10am at MVRRC –book with Peter
Range Officer	TBA; 10am at MVRRC, Contact Peter
Reloading	TBA; 10 am Hnatiuk's (must book a place) Call 883 8890 to book reloading course

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## Information on atts, safety briefings & firearms courses:

**ATTs (Authorization to Transport)** contact Peter Eliot.

**Safety Briefings** contact Lindsey Garnett, Luigi Zanin, Colin Soanes, or Rick Shaughnessy.

**Canadian Firearms Safety, Restricted Firearms Safety and Atlantic Provinces Hunter Education Courses** contact: Hnatiuks Hunting Supply Store, 1111 Hwy 2, Elmsdale, (902) 883-8890

All contact information, if not otherwise noted here, is listed above.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The MVRRC is a non-profit club for shooting enthusiasts, and it relies on the efforts of its volunteers to function.

**At this time, the MVRRC is looking for a volunteer Maintenance Director. It also needs volunteers to teach the holster and range inspector and range officer courses. If you're qualified, please contact Peter Eliot for more information.**

## USEFUL INFORMATION:

ATT forms and a sample of how to fill them in are available.

Membership forms are available in PDF on the website and can be downloaded and completed on your computer before being printed. Please note the information you enter on the form cannot be saved to your computer. There is a link at the bottom of the home page as well as on the "About Us" page.

The by-laws have also been posted as a link. These are external links and direct you to our "other" web site; this is due to some limitations with our web hosting company. If you've had a less than desirable experience with browsing the club's site this is the reason. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to open and download forms and by-laws; it is available for download free at [www.adobe.com/products/reader/](http://www.adobe.com/products/reader/).

## ADVERTISING:

Members are invited to send sale or trade notices to have them included in the newsletter and on the website. The MVRRC does not, and will not, take any role in the transaction beyond posting the ad. Use the "contact us" link on the website to send your information, but be sure to identify it appropriately in the subject line so your ad isn't misidentified as spam. Also, please advise when the item is sold so the ad can be removed.

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