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

**Edition 38**

Range inspection has been completed and we are waiting for the official documents from the CFO office. Unofficially, we are approved on all ranges, but we still cannot use the 400 until this document has been received. Again, thanks to all who helped get this task done.

Our meeting was well attended and there were several topics of discussion. One topic in particular outlined the need for a new clubhouse. The members agreed a new club house with running water, washrooms and electricity is a priority. This topic will be further discussed and brought to vote during the next meeting on May 29, 2016. Once voted upon, a 5 year feasibility study will proceed to ensure this goal is attainable.

Some members have expressed concern about specific ranges being inaccessible due to snow build up on the roadways. Presently, it costs \$150.00 per plow, to clear the parking lot. The roads leading to some of the ranges require further upgrades in order to be plowed and considering the cost, it is not in the clubs best interest to be spending in this area.

Another topic of discussion included the suspension of two of our members following a safety breach. Every member has had orientation, and should understand the rules. Due to the seriousness of the breach, we felt this penalty was warranted.

We would like to extend a very big thank you to Mr. Delo for his generous donation to the club after selling his firearm on our website. We have donated a portion of it to Elmsdale fire for the use of their hall.

Keep your eye on the target and aim straight,

Rick Shaughnessy

## ***VICE PRESIDENT:***

At the last quarterly meeting, I proposed that the club explore the possibilities of a new "all weather" Pistol Range. This would be situated directly behind Pistol 2 and 2A, using the opposite side of the berm. As it is an existing berm, the costs would be minimal and would include heating and lighting for the winter nights when it gets dark early! Additionally an overhead non-ricochet roof would be incorporated at the berm, which in addition to its safety implications, would also act as a roof to stop snow accumulation.

The proposed range, including building and baffles would be between 10 and 11k. Our Treasurer confirms that the club is more than able to afford this cost. The reason the executive is proposing this additional range is three fold. The first is overspill. During the summer months, it is fairly common for all of the pistol ranges to be in use simultaneously. We have both the location and the finances to build this extra range. The second is bad weather. During the winter, the range use falls off due to bad weather. The proposed range would reduce the weather issues. The third is darkness. From November onwards the usable range hours are badly affected by lack of daylight. The proposed range would have



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LED floodlights and internal lighting in the firing point. As this proposal is more than a couple of thousand, it is only proper that the membership be informed and given the opportunity to voice their opinion of the proposal. Therefore, even though the new range was voted for by a large majority (only one member voted against). The executive wants ALL members to get a chance to discuss this proposal. So the motion will be put on hold until the next quarterly meeting, which will allow all members the opportunity to have their say!

Peter Eliot

## ***FINANCIAL / MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:***

The Club is in a good financial position to the end of January 2016. Memberships (renewing and new) are continuing to come in. If you need an application you can copy download a copy from the website or pick one up at the Club House. Membership expiry dates are now staggered. This is to spread out the renewal process. Memberships will expire at the end of the month in which the application is received. As always, it is the Members responsibility to remember their renewal. The Club does not send out individual renewal notices.

All Membership cards are being emailed to the members (when an email is provided). This helps speed up the membership card turnaround time. If no email is provided or there is a request from the member, a paper card will be mailed out.

Lastly, as many are aware, Membership Requirements have changed a bit. It is now mandatory, before a membership card can be issued; that the member completes the Range Orientation / Safety Briefing and the Range Safety Book signature sheet is on file.

Douglas McLeod

Treasurer / Membership Secretary

## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT:***

We are at a pivotal time for our club. We are growing, and growth requires change. It actually demands it, as growth itself is change. The decision on how we change is up to you, our members. Please consider carefully what has been proposed to you, and provide feedback. Get involved. The need for another pistol range such as the Vice President has proposed is very evident many weekends when members are waiting for a turn to use a pistol range. A new clubhouse built by the road would allow for proper security such as a gate card, cameras and a real washroom. We would be able to provide a classroom setting for our safety brief and other courses, such as the holster course. A 1200 member club deserves this. Finally, don't underestimate the value of the charity event the Vice President has proposed. Regardless of the political environment, we should always strive to have the club viewed positively in the community. This is an excellent way to do just that, while having fun at the same time. Ultimately, we as an executive implement your will for the club. Now is the time to help us shape the future of MVRRC!

Scott Techentin



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## Quarterly Meeting Minutes, January 31, 2016

1. Call to Order and Introductions.
  - Call to order at 2 PM.
2. Approval of Agenda.
  - Motion to accept: Adam MacLellan, seconded by Robert MacDonald.
3. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting – Quarterly, **August 23, 2015**.
4. Motion to accept: Vaughn Corbett, seconded by Lloyd Ralph.
5. Business arising from previous meeting:
  - a) People bringing their own steel to the club have been banned. Don't have shrouds, not inspected or approved, etc.
  - b) The archery range still needs hay and signs. This will be focused on in the spring.
  - c) A bigger stronger honesty box is needed. Adam MacLellan is looking into this.
6. Reports and Update
  - Budget review. Moved to file by Lloyd Ralph. Seconded by Steve Dennis.
  - President's Report
    - A vote to consider a new clubhouse was moved by Steve Dennis, seconded by Adam MacLellan. Passed with overwhelming majority, one person against.
7. New Business and Purchases:
  - Next LSB will have the gate code.
  - Range Inspectors (RI) are essentially the same as Range Safety Officers (RSO).
  - Clubhouse upgrades required for approx. \$1500, Motion to accept: Adam MacLellan, seconded by Steve Dennis.
  - A purchase of \$3000 to replace depleted targets, Motion to accept: Adam MacLellan, seconded by Rob Mataija.
8. Dates of Importance
  - Organized Shoots
    - i. A five gun shoot charity event was proposed by the VP for July or August. Being researched.
    - ii. Military rifle shoot date will be early summer TBA.
    - iii. February clay shoot is cancelled. Also, clay event costs are now \$10 (Up from \$8) and you HAVE to bring your own ammunition.
    - iv. Proposal to host an official IPSC NS match late fall, Motion to accept: Adam MacLellan, seconded by Steve Dennis.
  - Date of next meeting. May 29, 2016 at 2pm in the clubhouse. NOT THE FIREHALL.
9. Any Other Business:
  - A main clubhouse fumble zone was proposed but declined due to safety feasibility.
  - Clarification on pistol caliber on rifle ranges. It goes by barrel length. Caliber doesn't matter. Regardless of caliber, a pistol (short barrel) can only be used on pistol ranges. A rifle (long barrel) regardless of caliber can only be used on a rifle range.
10. Adjournment



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- Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:05 made by Adam MacLellan, seconded by Steve Dennis.

## **Attendance: 26**

Adam MacLellan	Gary Hobbs	Peter Eliot	Jordan Reid	Dale MacDonald	Kristian Gagnon
Rob Mataija	Jason Meagher	Scott Techentin	Steve Dennis	Corinne Carey	Mihai Simion
Lloyd Ralph	Mike Ray	Douglas McLeod	Manning Nugent	Andy Shand	Robert Bracken
Ralph Coppola	Vaughn Corbett	Rick Shaughnessy	Robert Freel	Randy Johnstone	
Douglas Stallard	Nick Carroll	Robert MacDonald			

## **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	21 March; 12 noon at the MVRRC
IPSC Practice	6 <sup>th</sup> March; 10 am at the MVRRC
Clay Shoot	13 <sup>th</sup> March; 10 am at the MVRRC
Safety Briefing	17 <sup>th</sup> April; 12 noon at the MVRRC
IPSC Practice	3 <sup>rd</sup> April; 10 am at the MVRRC
Clay Shoot	10 <sup>th</sup> April; 10 am at the MVRRC
Date of next meeting.	29 <sup>th</sup> May; 2pm at the MVRRCI
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 any executive member.

**Safety Briefings** contact [info@mvrcc.com](mailto:info@mvrcc.com).

**Canadian Firearms Safety, Restricted Firearms Safety and Atlantic Provinces Hunter Education Courses** contact: Hnatiuks Hunting Supply Store, 1111 Hwy 2, Elmsdale, 1-855-472-0281

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

## USEFUL INFORMATION:

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE ON YOUR POSSESSION IN ORDER TO SHOOT AT OUR CLUB.**

**No card no shooting.**

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.

## 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 [buysell@mvrcc.com](mailto:buysell@mvrcc.com) 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. In order to use this service you must fill out the EMCF. This is the email consent form.

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