



MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: 5 May, 2021

Present: Neville Henderson (Chair), Al Stewart, Matt Ysinga, Dale Harrison, Ed Janes, Lloyd Beecraft, Martyn Lear, Matt Moser (Treasurer), Robert Meisner, Brian Fergusson, Shawn Ryan, Dan Morris, Karen Stead (Recorder)

Regrets: Paul Julnes, Frank VanDerLiek

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm with approximately 40 members present. N. Henderson thanked M. Moser and T. Easton for their support in presenting the AGM electronically.

The board and the membership acknowledged the passing of one of the founding members The Sportmens Club, J. Dabrowski, with a moments silence.

The agenda for this meeting was:

1. Acceptance of 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Agenda.
2. Acceptance of the minutes from the 2019 AGM (No AGM held in 2020 due to COVID-19).
3. Review of The Sportsmens Club financial statements.
4. Introduction of the two (2) representatives elected by each of our eight (8) sections.
5. Review of significant events since the last AGM.
6. Question Period

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Meeting Agenda - 5 May, 2021

Motion: It was moved to accept the agenda of the 2021 Annual General Meeting as presented.

Moved: M. Lear

Seconded: M. Moser

Motion Carried

2. Meeting Minutes - 1 May, 2019

Motion: It was moved to accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting as presented.

Moved: B. Meisner

Seconded: E. Janes

Motion Carried

3. Financial Statements

N. Henderson provided a high-level overview of the club's expenses. As the board had anticipated, revenue has been reduced due to a shortage of shooting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Planning and conservative financial choices were made in advance and this has ensured the club has not faced financial challenges.

Building and equipment assets total \$2.5 million. This total excludes the value of the land. The club does not hold any debt.

An audit of revenues and expenses was completed in 2020 and recommendations were made to strengthen controls. The board is now completing steps to implement the recommendations. Income and expenditures continue to be reviewed and evaluated at the monthly board meeting.

4. Introduction of Section Directors:

The following section representatives will form the Board of Directors for the next year.

Archery	Ed Janes	Martyn Lear
Fishing	Dave McEachern	Vacant
Handgun	Al Stewart	Dale Harrison
Indoor	Matt Ysinga	Brian Fergusson
Rifle	Shawn Ryan	Matt Moser
Skeet	Dan Morris	Paul Julnes
Sporting Clay	Robert Meisner	Frank VanDerLiek
Trap	Lloyd Beecraft	Neville Henderson

5. Review of Significant Events:

- **Gun control:** The issue of gun control continues to be an area of great concern. On behalf of the membership and the club, the board of directors made a \$10,000 donation to Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights (CCFR) Legal Fight as well as a \$20,000 donation to Canada Proud.
- **Change from OFAH to CCFR:** The Sportsmens Club Galt will change the insurance provider from OFAH to CCFR. The coverage provided to members will not change. This will be a gradual process and while this won't result in a reduction of fees, it will help offset increases to fees.
- **Membership Growth & Safety:** The club has grown significantly in the last 18 months. The new introductions to safety orientation has slowed the introduction of new members but this is crucial to the safety of the members and the club.

6. Question Period

- 1. Will refunds/prorating be provided to compensate for the club closures?** It was expressed that the club's ongoing expenses are constant and as such refunds

will not be issued. Efforts are being made to keep the club open as much as possible.

2. **What is the reason for the change in insurance providers?** The decision to change providers was due to financial savings for the club as well and the desire to support an organization who are advocating for firearms owners.
3. **What is happening with the photo ID membership cards?** Members can email their photograph to membership.scg@gmail.com or visit the club to have their photo taken. Until you are able to obtain a photo ID, temporary membership cards can be printed at home by logging into the member profile on www.galtsportsmensclub.com
4. **Could you please explain what determines the limits on enrolments to new sections i.e. Rifle, Handgun etc.?**
 - Rifle limited the members based on the amount of damage & safety concerns to the range when the section reached numbers of approximately 400.
 - The Handgun section experienced similar problems. Previously the Handgun section accepted 20+ members per month but this became challenging during the probation nights and excessive damage was being caused. Limits were placed a number of years ago to 60 per year or 5 per month. This will continue until the section is confident that this can be managed with the systems that are in place.
 - Clay Target has now also implemented similar practices and monthly limits. A large growth in membership was experienced in 2020 and the section found that many new members are not experienced in proper gun handling. It is critical that we avoid any accidents; hence, the requirement that new members take a safety course.
5. **Is there a possibility that the reference requirement is removed? New members experience challenges meeting appropriate members. Could this requirement not be replaced with a specific strict orientation session?** The section realizes that this is difficult for people who don't know a section member and this is doubly difficult with the COVID issue in place. When facilities and functions are more readily available, it is hoped there will be opportunities for members of different sections to network and socialise. There are pros and cons to the requirement.
6. **Is the fishing section going to stock trout this year?** Yes. The pond has been stocked this year and the opening trout tournament will be held on the second Saturday from when the club is able to reopen.
7. **Are there still plans to build a covered pavilion area as well as an enclosed Five-Stand?** Plans have been made for both of these items however actioning these plans has been delayed until a better sense for the financial impact of the pandemic shutdown is obtained. As circumstances ease, these projects will commence.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm