

## FUNDY SHOOTING SPORTS INC.

Minutes of Meeting February 21, 2017

Meeting Called To Order at: 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of minutes of meeting of January 10, 2017

Moved by Dave Anderson, seconded by Nick Tooley

### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported to those in attendance.

### Old Business

- Bill Nason asked if the range road had been plowed. Blake Tibbetts said it had been done last week & Dave Greene mentioned it was cleared down to dirt with all ranges accessible. Blake said it would be kept open for the rest of the winter.
- Dave Greene said the financial report for last year was available for any member to review if they wished. Blake Tibbetts asked if Dave had been able to find someone to perform an audit. Dave replied that he was discussing the matter with a knowledgeable member and was seeking an auditor.

### New Business

- Dave Greene read a letter from a local youth who is a national level athlete in biathlon. His parents are club members and he was seeking financial support to attend a national event in BC. Dave made a motion to donate to this effort; it was seconded by Mike Kean. The motion carried unanimously. Dave said he would follow up with a cheque to the individual.
- Dave Greene said he had forwarded event entry fees to the Fredericton Trap & Skeet Club for two squads to participate in their upcoming summer shoots (Winchester, Beretta, and Browning). Contact Dave if you wish to attend, spots are still open on the squads.
- Dave Greene reminded members to make sure they renew their PAL or RPAL early to avoid legal issues and the loss of firearms. This is especially important for those holding 12.6 category prohibited arms. If you let your RPAL lapse, you will lose the 12.6 qualification; it cannot be regained by taking the restricted course over again. Blake Tibbetts also cautioned members to ensure they follow the requirement to belong to a club as well. A former member did not join for one year and was recently advised by the RCMP that his 12.6 qualification had been rescinded and he had to dispose of his prohibited arms. He was unable and unwilling to incur the legal costs to challenge this heavy handed and unfair abuse of power. There is obviously a push by law enforcement to confiscate firearms by using dubiously written acts and orders. Ensure you follow the letter of the law and have proof of doing so.
- Dave Greene shared statistics of member use of the range for the past season. It was visited 305 days for a rate of 85% use for the year. There were 1728 person-days of visits, averaging 4.5 trips per member. We remind all members to ensure they sign in to the log book at the range to prove to the CFO & law enforcement that they are using their firearms for sporting purposes.
- Dave Greene showed a sample turkey scoring target he had obtained with the intention of holding an organized .22 shoot this season. The target has scoring rings on the front and a random grid on the back to allow for a fun competition. Dave will announce the event later in the year.
- Dave Greene was advised by email that the sea can at the range had again been left open. If you are unsure if others are at the range it is your responsibility to lock the sea can before leaving. Anyone found leaving the sea can or gate open will forfeit their membership and be banned.

- Dave Anderson asked if power had been connected at the range. Dave Greene replied that it was now operational.
- A member asked why there were no full-bore rifle events in the club. Bill Nason and Dave Greene replied that there was no interest shown by the membership and the chair for the rifle committee has been vacant for years. If any member wishes to come forward and organize events it would be welcomed by the executive. Blake Tibbetts said he has put on several all caliber rifle shoots over the last few years and they were fun but had small turnouts.
- Dave Anderson asked if the executive knew how many members had black powder firearms. Dave Greene said he would consult his records and provide an answer.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Anderson at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting at 7:00 p.m. March 14, 2017

Bill Nason, PRESIDENT

Robert G. Roy, SECRETARY