



Mission & District Rod & Gun Club

General Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Tex Mahler at 7:30pm

Quorum

- Tex Mahler confirms we have a quorum with 19 members present
- See Attachment A

Adoption of Agenda

- Motion by Paul Bogel that the agenda be adopted as posted and presented. Seconded by Mike Davies. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes from April 11th, 2022 General Meeting

- Motion by Travis Kienas that minutes from 20220411 be adopted as posted and circulated at the meeting. Seconded by Brent Lockhart. Motion carried.

Delegation:

- No delegation.

Correspondence:

- Canadian University Shooting Federation (CUSF) who represents institutions such as UFV, UBC, BCIT has contacted us. Ron Tarnawski will be contacting them to gather further information.
- Maple Ridge Rotary Club has requested the use of our facilities as well as a tour. A Tuesday will be chosen for them to come. The hope is that this will educate more people and bring a positive outcome.

Discipline Chair Reports:

- 100-meter Rimfire
 - Absent. No report.
- Archery
 - Joe Jut submitted the following:
 - Unfortunately, I am unable to make it tonight to tell you guys about all the fun we are having. We have been riding the momentum that was started in November with our special archery meeting. To date, in 2022 we have hosted a few successful shoots and are hosting a weekly Wednesday night shoot.
 - Wednesday night shoots have had some prizes sponsored by Boorman archery, Marv Jones Honda and BC Outdoor Education.

- These shoots are open to all archers and will run from May to the end of August. All events have proven to be great revenue generators and we plan to keep these ongoing throughout the year. We have hosted three 3 d shoots this year that have all generated great revenue for our discipline. We have one planned for June 18th that we suspect, weather pending, will see over 75 shooters. With more 3 d dates on the calendar for July, August and September, mixed with our Wednesday nights we are on track to grow even more. So far, we have two 20 target trails and we are working hard to make another 20-target extreme trail. We have named it the "Arrow Donation Trail." This trail will include some longer distance shots. For example, an 85-yard shot at an elk and a 75-yard shot uphill at a standing black bear are set up and ready. 2022 has proven that there is a hunger for this discipline to grow and we are working at adding more events to fund the growth that we desire.
- We have placed an order for some new 3 d targets to replace the aging ones on the course and plan to purchase a couple really large "show piece" targets for 2023.
- The Archery committee is happy to report that we are getting support from the membership through volunteer time and suggestions. Archery is a viable discipline here at MDRGC and hope that we grow and are able to continue to offer a unique archery venue in the lower mainland and Fraser valley.
- We WILL be the premier archery club in BC coming out of 2022 and going into 2023. Our committee has some great ideas for future events and we are already planning for a major event in the summer of 2023.
- I am proud of what we have done in the first half of 2022. Whack as we continue to build and grow. Great things are happening over at Archery. ***The Mission BowMasters are back.***

- Black Powder
 - Absent. No report.
- BR50
 - Absent. No report.
- Brass recycling
 - Paul Boegel reported that another deposit of \$1700.00 was submitted today, giving a total of \$3100 for 2022 thus far.

- Centerfire Benchrest

Mark Dumont and Joe Mendham submitted the following:

The Centerfire Benchrest Discipline shoots short range (100, 200 and occasionally 300 yard) benchrest as sanctioned by Benchrest Shooters Canada, the World Benchrest Shooting Federation and the National Benchrest Shooters Association in the US. We shoot both Group (precision - all shots in as small a group as possible, anywhere on the target) and Score (accuracy - all shots as close as possible to the center of the target.) We run a match a month, with 2 formal events in a year, the Jim Latham Memorial VFS Championship and the BRSC Group Shoot. For the rest of the year, our monthly matches are informal, with no strict rules on guns, no target backers and shooting at 100 and 200 meters instead of the official 100 and 200 yard distances. The informal matches usually fill all 12 benches, or come quite close to doing so. These informal matches use the Rifle range until roughly 1pm on the assigned Sundays.

As of June, we are going into our busy season with 3 matches between now and the end of July. We will be shooting two BRSC sanctioned Group matches as well as the Jim Latham Memorial Score match. The first BRSC match is Heavy Varmint (13.5 lb. gun) match at 100 and 200 yards on June 12, while the second is the BRSC Nationals on July 30 & 31 where we shoot both Light (10.5 lb.) and Heavy Varmint rifles at 100 and 200 yard. We expect a full slate of 24 shooters for the Nationals.

The Jim Latham Memorial on July 3 is a little less formal with no strict limits on guns (no muzzle brakes please) shooting standard Score targets at 100, 200 and 300 yards. This makes for a full day of shooting and we expect another strong turnout. If you want to try your hand at our discipline, this might be a place to start! We would also encourage any interested F-Class shooters to participate.

We continue to look for new participants as well as people to help with match details like running targets and scoring. We hope to run a "BR 101" course in the near future to introduce new shooters to some of the more technical aspects of the sport of Benchrest.

Please contact me (markdumont750@gmail.com) or Joe Mendham (hoemendham@hotmail.com) to register for our matches or for further details.

- Cowboy Action/Wild Bunch

- Maxine and Marg submitted the following:

We won't be able to attend the general meeting so here is a quick overview since April 11.

Cowboy has had new shooters interested in Cowboy Action since the last General meeting. Our volunteers are making them feel welcome and the new shooters have joined our discipline.

The monthly matches, both Cowboy and Wildbunch are well attended and with the weather improving, there are more shooters coming out.

Clean up weekend was more of a repair everything weekend. The train was rebuilt as well as a new walkway in one of the bays. We found that there are a few dead trees that are dangerous and need to be taken

down. Thankfully, the club is taking care of this. It was wonderful to see so many volunteers eager to help.

We hosted the 20th annual Shootout at the Ridge on the May long weekend; the theme was Women of the West. The attendance was lower than in previous years, most likely because of COVID and the cost to travel, as we usually get more shooters from far afield. All in all, the event went really well. Thank you to the staff for helping us. We did have some spectators; some had attended the Women's Day at the Range.

Marg Fair, also know as Goldie Stone, co-chair for cowboy, resigned effective yesterday, June 5th, 2022.

- F Class/Club 300

- Absent. No report.

- Field Target

- Absent. No report.

- Hunting and Fishing

- Absent. No report.
- President Tex Mahler inquired about the Tunkwa Fishing Derby that took place this past weekend and was informed that it was good with low attendance. The winner, with a 2lb 10oz trout was Ted Kooiman.

- IDPA

- Blake Ellingham submitted the following:

IDPA continues to attract more participants. Our May 14th match had about 45 people attend and there was a wait list of another 6. We continue to hold monthly practice nights, which are always sold out in advance. The next match will be on July 16th. We hope that recent events will not diminish the enthusiasm for this pistol sport.

- Multi Gun

- Absent. No report.

- Pistol Chair

- Absent. No report.

- Rifle Chair

- Ron Newman submitted the following:

This being Sunday still testing positive for Covid and feeling the s***s.

We have had a bit of a setback my partner in the construction of the gongs, has found himself to be too busy with his business at the present time but he is worth waiting for. We have stockpiled all the components with generous donations from members which are setting with you thanks Kevin and Thomas. We have the materials to build the 3 benches which the Rifle Range requires, The public sighting is upon us. Could we get these benches built by a professional, it's just the labour? Maybe someone at the meeting knows a person to help us out. I still have the dream of refacing the front of the building and adding 8 windows I have all the glass. With a fresh coat of paint to finish it off.

- Speed Steel

- Absent. No report.
- Shotgun
 - Scott Wilson reported that Ladies Day went well thanks to all who helped out with the shotgun discipline.
Intro to trap and skeet also happened in May with a turnout of about 12 to 16.
Again, thanks to those who came to teach trap and skeet.
An order has been placed for clays for this year. They were expected to arrive around the 15th of June however due to a shortage of products, it has become unclear when our order of clays will be filled. Because of the increase in cost for the clays and for shipping, we have been forced to raise the price for round of shooting to \$7.00 from \$6.00. There has not been an increase in the cost per round in a number of years. And this follows suit with other clubs in the area. The increase took place June 1st, 2022.
June 11th and 12th shotgun will hold the PITA shoot and shotgun will be closed for those days for the shoot.
MDRGC members trophy shoot will take place on July 9th and 10th with trap on the 9th and skeet and 5 stand on the 10th.
- Silhouette
 - Absent. No report.

Old Business:

- The bylaw committee has finished making their recommendations and the trustees have approved. They are now with the Board of Directors for final review. Dates will be set in the summer months for this review and discussions by the Board. Once the dates have been affirmed (they will be on Mondays at 6:00pm), an email will be sent to all members.
Copies of the proposed bylaws are posted in the Members Only section of the website as well as in the clubhouse in the glass enclosed case.
- Some good news on the new ranges. Tex has spoken with the Chief Firearms Officer and things should begin to progress quickly. The hope is that the ranges will be reviewed during the summer months. Gongs were also discussed for the 200 and 300 at the rifle range. Ron is absent but Tex will contact him to pick a time.
The gate at the new range is in progress as well as target stands and berms may not be required.
- Tex was hoping to get an update from Ron on the range clean up day in April however Ron is absent. There was an exceptional turn out this year and much was accomplished. Approximately 150 people attended which is the biggest turnout the club has ever received.
- Women's Range Day was a huge success. There were 60 participants and 40 volunteers. Everyone enjoyed themselves and positive feedback has been received. Thank you to all the mentors for the super efforts as well as a thank you to Tracey Wilson and Rod Giltaca from CCFR. Additional comments made from members who helped out is that it was impressive to see smiling faces and positive energy when entering the clubhouse on that day.
- There was not much put together for the recent National Range Day as it was new this year and unfortunately, there was no much attendance. Next year, it will be better scheduled and organized.
- **Motion put forward by Kevin Breti:**
I, Kevin Breti, MDRGC #9177, present a motion that Mission and District Rod and Gun Club work within a \$60,000.00 budget to build up the berm between the skeet field and the new multipurpose range to prevent sho-fall into the new range.

**Kevin read his motion and explained in detail and responded to questions asked.
Motion seconded by Alex Boivin and vote made. Motion carried.**

- **Motion put forward by Kevin Breti:**
I, Kevin Breti, MDRGC #9177, present a motion that Mission and District Rod and Gun Club work within a \$50,000.00 budget to replace the existing entrance gate with a new gate including security upgrades.

Kevin read his motion and explained.

Motion seconded by Ben Madsen and vote made. Motion carried.

- **Motion put forward by Wayne Busilla. Read aloud by Tex in Wayne's absence:**
 - **CCFR Donation Motion – Wayne Busilla**
The actions of the current Federal Government toward firearms are detrimental to many disciplines in place at the Mission & District Rod & Gun Club. The OIC alone has made many of the firearms used by some of our members prohibited and as such they are not able to use their legal acquired firearms, which the government now wants to buy back. The potential of a successful Order in Council in this country, threatens the existence of legal ownership of firearms not only those currently within the OIC but also could be used towards the prohibition of handguns and long guns that have the ability to be semi-automatic, pump or lever action. If allowed to proceed this would have a serious effect on this club, and threaten the existence of the following disciplines. Cowboy Action, Wild Bunch Shooting, Speed Steel, IDPA, Multigun as well as the recreation target shooting of our members using the firearms noted above.

Therefore: I Wayne Busilla, MDRGC # 4199, presents a motion that the Mission & District Rod & Gun Club send a Mission & District Rod & Gun Club MDRGC General Meeting April 11th, 2022 a donation of \$5000.00 dollars to the CCFR Legal defence fund in 2022

In speaking to the motion, the CCFR is a non-profit organization funded by firearms owners, and firearm user associations across Canada. The CCFR has embarked on the largest charter challenge on the behalf of gun owners in Canadian history. As you can imagine the cost of such actions within the legal system of this country can and will be expensive. The CCFR will take this challenge all the way to the supreme court if necessary. All the money contributed to the legal challenge is held in a legally binding trust fund, which can only be used for this purpose. If you want to preserve the historical traditions of firearm ownership in this country, then I urge to support this motion, so that our club can continue to enjoy the shooting discipline and heritage of firearm ownership in Canada.

Motion seconded by Paul Bogel and voted. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion for Life Membership:

Alex Boivin motioned that we move to suspend regular procedures in order to have this dealt with while Wayne is absent. Seconded by Ben Madsen and voted. Motion carried.

BE IT MOVED, that a Life Membership in the Mission and District Rod and Gun Club be bestowed upon Wayne Busilla, pursuant to Section 2.5 of the By-laws, commencing January 01, 2023.

2.5 *Life Memberships may be conferred upon any member who has a record of meritorious service, has made significant contributions to the Club, and has been a member in good standing for 10 consecutive years. All nominations for life memberships must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing. Their recommendations for life membership will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for review and, upon their concurrence, will be tabled at a general meeting for approval by the membership at the next general meeting.*

In Speaking to the Motion:

Wayne Busilla has been a member of the Club for 16 years, of that Wayne has been the Secretary of the club for 12 of those years.

Wayne has also been a Range Safety Officer in addition to being the club Secretary. Wayne has participated in IDPA and Multigun. In addition, Wayne has volunteered at events and Range Cleanup weekends.

As Secretary Wayne has kept meticulous notes for the Executive and General meetings. Wayne has each year also organized the annual calendar event meetings as well as maintaining the calendar throughout the year. In this capacity Wayne has spent hundreds of hours each year. Wayne of late also has been maintaining the club's website in addition to the Facebook page.

Wayne has over the years has been a strong component in the organization for countless events such as Ladies Range Day, Youth Camps, Cleanup Weekends, Bow, served on the covid committee.

Wayne has also been a strong advocate for firearms rights as well as those for hunting. Wayne has been a BCWF rep on behalf of MDRGC at the BCWF annual general meetings.

There are many other areas that Wayne has been involved with, too numerous to mention.

Wayne's efforts overall have created a better environment for our Club and its members, and as such for all of his hard work I recommend that Wayne Busilla member #4199 be considered for a Life Membership.

Submitted by:

Ron Tarnawski Dir. Of Membership

On Behalf of

Tex P. Mahler

President

Motion seconded by Mike Davies and voted. Motion Carried.

a. Bill C71 – Tex Mahler

Implemented on May 18th, 2022, this bill has created havoc for firearms in Canada. A reference number is now required for individuals and businesses which is valid for 90 days and only between the seller and the buyer for handguns and long arms. It's a mess which affects the club's business license as well. It is up to each individual to keep this information on hand (not RCMP)

b. Bill C21 amendments – Tex Mahler

This was publicized last week and tabled. Basically what it entails is the government wanting to prohibit sale, transportation, etc. of handguns. The biggest handgun sales in history took place this past week. There are now slim pickings and new inventory is sold within seconds. For example, Italian sold 6 months of their inventory in less that 24 hours. With no buy back.

c. Membership Fees – Ron Tarnawski

A committee was created to discuss and review the membership fees pricing. Funds were reviewed, compared with other clubs and the economy and the conclusion was that at this time, there would be no increase to the current membership fees. This will continue to be reviewed again as required.

d. Range Fees – Tex Mahler

Currently, each range collects \$1.00 as a range fee. It has been agreed upon that commencing September 1st, 2022 for 2023 memberships, there will be a fee of \$25.00 in lieu of the \$1.00 collected at ranges. The primary member will state at time of purchase, which range is their preferred range and funds will be applied accordingly.

10. Executive Reports:

- President – Tex Mahler
 - Thank you to all the volunteers and the volunteer dinner is this upcoming Saturday but unfortunately, I will not be attending. Please get politically active with Bills C71 and C21, as well as with provincial bill for gangs, etc. so that not all amendments are taken away.
- Vice-President – Kevin Breti
 - Appreciate the support of previously mention motions, especially regarding the gate
- Treasurer – Dereck White (absent)
 - See attachment B
- Secretary – Wayne Busilla (absent)
 - No report.
- Director of Communications – Yvette Sabo
 - Dereck will be implementing a new projector and screen in the clubhouse
 - Some past newsletters have been uploaded in the historical archives tab of the members only section of the website
- Director of Family and Junior Services – Brian Cummings
 - Youth has been very busy. A special thank you to Paul Bogel for his continued efforts and contributions with the brass recycling. Everyone applauded. Tex interrupted to also thank Brian for his continued contributions and generosity for youth.
 - Recent youth outdoor event was a success
 - Summer camp is sold out and underway
 - Six (6) new compound bows have recently been purchased and new youth shotguns to soon follow.
- Director of Memberships – Ron Tarnawski
 - There are currently 2646 primary members as of the end of May 2022. 4129 overall memberships. An increase compared to last year's memberships which were 2565
 - See Attachment C
- Director of Social Events – Joanne Oikawa
 - The Wild Game dinner will be held on June 25th, 2022. This is a fundraiser and if anyone has any donations of meat, it would be appreciated. Cost per tickets is \$50 which can be purchased on Eventbrite. Contact Joanne directly for any inquiries.

11. Trustee Report:

- Trustee – Travis Kienas

- Under review are the new policies for the Trustess for future growth as well as discipline appeals. Working on nailing down the responsibilities of the Trustees.

12. Wildlife Report:

- No report

13. Health and Welfare

- No report

14: Next meeting:

General Meeting: September 12th, 2022

Executive Meeting: June 27th, 2022

Have a safe and warm summer!









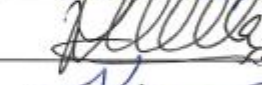







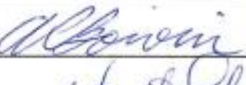


- Question regarding club range rules. RSO manual should cover most of this and is located in the members only section of the website. Volunteers needed to put together a club range rule manual – no one elected.
- Support your club by joining CCFR or other supportive organizations. Bring a guest, educate, be mindful and responsible, especially when posting on social media. Alternatives to educate are podcasts, YouTube, etc. Rod Giltaca has many good podcasts

15. **Motion to adjourn meeting by Brent Lockhart. Second by Paul Boegel. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.**

Attachment A:

MISSION AND DISTRICT ROD AND GUN CLUB
 General Meeting 2022-06-06

PLEASE PRINT

Member #	First & Last Name	Signature
11300	CAROLINE JACKSON	X 
348	Don C	X 
11101	Art DeVries	X 
9177	KEVIN BRETT	X 
7231	SCOTT WILSON	X 
1463	BRENT LOCKHART	X 
4287	MIKE DAVIES	X 
11347	MIKE MORCAN	X 
6240	TEX MAHLER	X 
4465	TRAVIS KIRNAS	X 
4902	ROBERTO TRAVASSER	X 
5330	BRIAN WUMMINGS	X 
4163	PAUL BOEGEL	X 
5850	Joanne Oikawa	X 
8844	Philip Weiss	X 
8713	Donald Weiss	X 
6129	Alex BOVIN	X 
4499	Mnette SABO	X 
1313	Ben Madsen	X 
		X



**Mission District Rod and Gun Club
Treasurer Report
For meeting dated May 30th, 2022
(Amounts as of April 29th, 2022)**

RBC Chequing Account 03040-101-020-6	\$ 397,146.78	
Envision Chequing	\$ 151,758.20	
Envision Mutual Funds	\$ 236,225.27	
BMG Gold Bullion Fund Class A BMG200	\$ 354,691.69	
BMG Silver Bullion Fund Class A BMG400	\$ 196,712.87	
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 1,336,534.81	
Outstanding cheques	\$ 307.78	
RBC Visa	\$ 1,096.97	
Envision Mastercard	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 1,404.75	
BALANCE:	\$ 1,335,130.06	

Attachment C:

Membership	Primary	Spouce	Dep 1	Dep 2
Complimentary	21	12	3	4
Family - New at the Clubhouse 2022	164	155	101	63
Family - Renew 2022	592	535	318	208
Individual - New at the Clubhouse 2022	319			
Individual - Renew 2022	1000			
Junior - New at the Clubhouse 2022	1			
Junior - Renew 2022	3			
Lifetime	13			
Senior - New at the Clubhouse 2022	25			
Senior - Renew 2022	376			
Senior Couple - New at the Clubhouse 2022	4	4		
Senior Couple - Renew 2022	80	80		
Student - New at the Clubhouse 2022	14			
Student Under 25 - Renew 2022	34			
Total Memberships	2646	786	422	275
Total Members	4129			