



Mission & District Rod & Gun Club

General Meeting Minutes

November 7th 2022

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

Quorum:

- The Secretary confirms there is a quorum with 27 members in good standing present
- **See Attachment A**

Adoption of Agenda

- **Motion by Joe Jut, that the agenda be accepted as presented, second by John\Gumienny, Motion carried**

Adoption of the September 12 MDRGC General Meeting Minutes

- **Moved by Wayne Busilla, that the minutes of 09/12/2022 be accepted as circulated, seconded by Ron Tarnawski, motion carried.**

Delegation:

- No Delegation

Correspondence:

- Letters to all BC MLAs and MPs
- Don Hall
- Mel Macintosh
- **See Attachments B, C, D, respectively**

Discipline Chair Reports

- 100/200-meter Rimfire
 - Last shoot in October
 - 6 people shooting at 6" round bullseye
 - 7 ring is at 6.5 inches
 - 10 ring is about 2 inches
 - Proposing a reciprocal with Ridgedale Rod & Gun Club
 - Covering 25 benches
- Archery
 - Committee meeting next week.
 - Shoots for most of the year in 2023
- Black Powder
 - Really doing well, and getting more people involved.
- BR50
 - We have completed another successful season of BR50 Matches. We have some new members to add to our roster and some of those who were previously absent due to health concerns are active once again. Our Bob Goehring Memorial Match in July was well attended with a group of shooters from the Island attending, in fact one of those shooters won the bench gun category so the competition seems to be getting tougher. Our end of season lunch will be held in November and everyone is looking forward to the start of our new season next March. If anyone has questions regarding our matches, they should call Paul Koivukoski 604 802-4485



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- Brass Recycling
 - Paul Boegel recently made a deposit to the club of \$ 2200.00 from brass sales and brass recycling. Well done, Paul!
- CBR
 - Centerfire Benchrest held its monthly shoot on Sunday. We are one of the few disciplines that shoots year-round, unless the snowdrifts get too deep!
 - In 2023 we are expanding our BRSC registered Spring shoot to 2 days (April 29 – 30) to make it more attractive to shooters from Alberta, the interior and the island.
 - We encourage club members to come out to our monthly matches to shoot or even as spectators. Come out and see the cutting edge of extreme accuracy in rifles, ammunition, equipment and shooting methods. If you want to join in, we can offer a fair bit of local expertise to help you get going.
 - Please contact me (markdumont750@gmail.com) or Joe Mendham (joemendham@telus.net) to register for our matches or for further details.
- Cowboy Action/Wild Bunch
 - Thank you to the board for taking on the challenge of adding security to the ranges, we are looking forward to the changes.
 - Our recent monthly matches have been well attended, we are seeing an increase in visitors and consistent attendance by local shooters.
 - We have only 2 fun shoots and 2 Wild Bunch matches left this year. On November 6th, we will be holding the fun match in the morning and a planning session for both disciplines in the afternoon. Despite the snow, rain, and wind we had 26 Cowboys come out for our monthly match on Sunday, November 6th. We also had our 2023 planning meeting and we are looking forward to a busy and fun year!
 - On the May long weekend in 2023, we will be hosting our annual match, Shoot Out on the Ridge. Our theme this year is the Wild West Show and will be part of the planning on November 6th
- F Class/Club 300
 - No Report
- Field Target
 - No Report
- Hunting and Fishing
 - The Game Banquet was held June 25th and was a success by all measures a delicious gourmet dinner created by Chef Hans-Peter Bucher and funds raised to donate to Wild Sheep Society and support hunting and fishing at our club. In August, 12 attendees at Hunting 101 completed three evenings of basic instruction in all facets of the art of hunting finishing with 2d animal target shooting, a discussion on hunting optics and live practise with bear spray. We are hoping an offer to conduct a fly-tying course will come to fruition in November when the rains arrive. I am pursuing a lead to get a professional award-winning wildlife photographer to come to our club for a seminar on wildlife photography and taking good quality hunting harvest/trophy pictures. I'm thinking this could be a public community event and raise club profile.
- IDPA
 - The IDPA year is winding down, we held a practice last week and our final match for 2022 will be on October 17th. This year we held 5 matches and they were all sold out prior to match day. We have another full slate of matches and practices in 2023 and I don't anticipate that recent restriction of the purchase and transfer of handguns will not significantly impact IDPA next year. There will be a constant



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cloud hanging over this discipline now, but until such time as the interest dies out, we will continue to offer safe fun events.

- Multi Gun
 - Had 5 matches courses this year and 4 course matches
- Pistol
 - New overhang on the size of the sea can. The gutters going
 - Target supplies for plywood and 2 x 4s
- Speed Steel
 - Speed steel match was cancelled in October due to lack of enough shooters to make the dedication of the cowboy bays and the pistol range for those attending the event unreasonable. Require a minimum of at the very least 25 shooters. Speedsteel also needs a great deal of effort to set up steel targets on four ranges, and requires enough core volunteers to make for light and easy setup
- Shotgun
 - Not much has happened in the last couple of months with shotgun
 - Wednesday night shooting has stopped for the winter.
 - The shotgun calendar and the Shotgun budget has been submitted for 2023
 - Looking ahead to the January 1st royal pheasant shoot.
 - Shotgun needs to enlarge the volunteer base in shotgun, as it is getting difficult to put on events , asking the same people to volunteer.
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- Silhouette
 - As you may have been updated that we have lost our long-time serving silhouette chairman Bernd Meier. He will be missed.
 - We have welcomed anyone who expressed interest in trying out our sport even if it's for curiosity, to just hone your skills for hunting.
 - If you are interested in our discipline, just pop an email to our club's email link and I will answer all questions.

Old Business:

- Elections, positions coming up for election at the AGM
 - President – Incumbent Tex Mahler
 - Secretary - no nominations
 - Director of Membership – Incumbent Ron Tarnawski
 - Director of Family and Junior Services – Incumbent Brian Cummings
 - Archery Trustee – Incumbent Mario Beaulieu
 - Trustee #1 – incumbent Travis Kienas
 - Treasurer Vacancy For remaining year No Nominations.

Handgun freeze

- Liberal government announced the handgun freeze, it did not get gazette
- No transfer etc. etc.
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Handgun acquisition

- 9mm's Purchased were Sigs, Cz's and Glock
- Ruger wrangler(22)



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- Pietas for Cowboy Action 357 (2)
- Ruger Vaccaro 357 (2) for Cowboy

No handloads are permitted to be used in Club handguns, so only Factory ammo and or purchases from custom reloading

New Gate Access

- Cards are being printed in Member # order starting with the oldest member # to the newest.

Bylaw Notice of Motion – Mike Davies

- **I, Mike Davies Chair of the Bylaw Committee hereby make a motion to the Membership of MDRGC to accept the proposed amended constitution and Bylaws in accordance to our bylaws 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3. September 12**

Changes to By-Laws

12.1 The Society, in addition to these By-Laws, shall be entitled to implement whatever rules, regulations and policies it may deem necessary for the orderly functioning of the Society. Should a conflict arise between the By-Laws and the said rules, regulations and policies, the provisions of the By-Laws shall prevail.

12.2 Notice of proposed changes to by-laws must be submitted in writing as a notice of motion at a general meeting and voted on at the next general meeting.

12.3 The foregoing By-Laws revoke and cancel all previous By-Laws and amendments thereto.

Background:

- The Society's Bylaws had not been amended since April of 2013. The current bylaws were reviewed by committees over the last several years and amended to keep in step with current times and the ever-expanding needs of MDRGC as well as the new BC Society regulations. The proposed bylaws were accepted by both the Board of Directors and Trustees to be forwarded to the membership.
 - The proposed amended bylaws were reviewed and discussed by the Membership on July 18th and on August 8th 2022. At these two meetings the membership presents further amended the proposed bylaws. The membership present at the bylaw meetings voted to accept the proposed bylaws in principal and to have the proposed bylaws presented to the membership in a motion to be voted on for acceptance at a General Meeting.
- **Motion Seconded by Joe Jut**
 - Mel asked if he can make a resolution tonight before the vote.
 - There is an issue with both the constitution and the bylaws have a clause about the dissolution of the society.
 - It is the opinion of some that the clause in the constitution is not a threat.
 - Mel Mcintosh believes it is counterproductive to have it both the constitution and the bylaws.
 - 17 yay, 5 nays, 1 abstention. Tex did not vote

New Business:



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- Sandra Acutt Resignation
 - Sandra was offered a very good position that was better for their family and for her. She made the choice and tendered her resignation. Sandra has been a great employee and is well liked by all the membership.
 - Thank you, Sandra, for tenure at the club
- AGM
 - First Monday of next month, December 5th a Meet and greet before the meeting.
- Honorariums
 - Have been increased from 15 dollars and hour to 20 dollar an hour for RSO and Orientation officers
- Kitchen Contractor
 - Riverside College has been approached
 - A couple of members have expressed the want to explore this
 - The survey does show the members want the kitchen operating on the weekends.
- Candle Lite Parade
 - Friday December the 2nd
 - Marshalling on railway travel from East to West on 1st Ave.
- Language of Command
 - The Board of Directors has adopted a policy for the use of a command language on all firing lines at the MDRGC.
 - English will be the only language to be used on our firing lines. All shooters must understand and be able to reply for all basic commands. There are no exceptions.
 - No shooter will be permitted to shoot at our ranges unless they can understand and reply to all basic commands in English. The use of a translator is not appropriate in this case, as the shooter must be able to respond in an emergency situation without translating help.
 - This is for safety, and is not in any way to be view as a discriminatory issue. This is not unlike the use of English in the air by all the airlines.
 - Our RSO's have been asking for clarification for a while. This practice is employed at other clubs.
 - This was put into effect as of the end of September 2022
 - The policy reads as follows: **See Attachment E**
- Budgets
 - Budget meeting coming up, so all disciplines and Range chairs, should have the budgets submitted for inclusion in the proposed document.
- MP Brad Vis to attend April Gen. Mtg
 - Wayne Busilla sent a message to Mission Member of Parliament Brad Vis, asking him if he was interested in attending one of our General Meeting to meet our members and see our facility.
 - MP Vis has accepted our invitation to be at our April General Meeting. We will have a meet and greet before the meeting so members can approach Brad and speak to him.
 - It was important to me that MP Vis gets to speak to our members and not just key people who manage the affairs of the club. This is your chance to meet one of the up-and-coming MPs in the House of Commons.
 - It is important to this club and others that we have voices in the House of Commons, and possibly in the BC Legislature. The political climate in this country to our pastime and traditions is very strained at this time and anything we can do to put on who we are, what we doing, and what we want to continue



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doing is important. I hope everyone that attends that meeting in April realizes this is an opportunity for the good of the club and not for any personal agendas.

- Scholarships
 - Developing a proposal for a scholarship/bursary for a student interested in a career in conservation/

Executive Reports:

President

- It has been a good year for the club, looking forward to 2023
- Thanks to all whom have participated this year in the work that keeps this club functioning.

Vice President

- Working on Budget proposal for major initiatives for 2023

Treasurer

**Mission District Rod and Gun Club
Treasurer Report
For meeting dated October 24th, 2022
(Amounts as of September 30th, 2022)**

| | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| RBC Chequing Account 03040-101-020-6 | \$ 116,558.36 | |
| Envision Chequing | \$ 162,294.42 | |
| Envision Mutual Funds | \$ 811,531.11 | |
| BMG Gold Bullion Fund Class A BMG200 | \$ 333,109.72 | |
| BMG Silver Bullion Fund Class A BMG400 | \$ 176,594.36 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE: | | \$ 1,600,087.97 |
| | | |
| Outstanding cheques | \$ 1,004.95 | |
| RBC Visa | \$ - | |
| Envision Mastercard | \$ - | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | | \$ 1,004.95 |
| | | |
| BALANCE: | | \$ 1,599,083.02 |

Secretary

- The Calendar for 2023 is available and is up on our website, all range and discipline chairs as well as our directors have been asked to verify all their events. This year was a challenge as space and availability is at a premium while trying to keep available time open to the members to come up at the will and enjoy their past time.
 - It is really evident that we need our newest range to become operational before the spring. We need the additional ranges to take some pressure off the Rifle and Pistol Ranges. Their addition will make it easier for a number of disciplines to host events as well. It will also help to not see the facility closed down for large matches that occur over multiple dates.
 - These ranges will give us options unlike we had before, as well as to keep our 300 yd rifle range open to members and not closed down for our community event public sight in.
 - Lots of great events and activities are planned for next year, so when you have time, please take a look. Beware of the new format which is Monday through Sunday, while not



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traditional it is the best for event planning when matches for championships occur over multiple days. It is also better for conflict resolution. You will get use to it.

Just a reminder on November 11th prior to 11:00 am all shooting is to cease. From 11:00 am there will be two minutes of silence to honour all those that served for our country and for those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for Canada

- Would also like to confirm that the VP of Public Relations for the CCFR Tracey Wilson has confirmed here attendance at our 2nd Woman's Day at the Range Event. Joanne Oikawa our Director of Social Activities can bring you up to date on this event occurring on May 6th of 2023
- I would like to ask our members to check out the SECU hearings, in particular Hearing # 46 to listen to what Rod Giltaca had to say to the committee. Pay attention to how interested those from Ministers from the Federal Government used their time to ask Questions of Rod. It is interesting to see how they related to asking pertinent questions and where they took their time to try a do character assignation of Rod Giltaca and Tracey Wilson. This just reiterates how seriously they take this issue and wanting to get the truth of the issues. Also interesting is Dr. Caillin Langmann's testimony and his comments on how "Bill C21 would have very little impact on gun violence in the street". His testimony as a physician and surgeon completely repudiated that of Dr. Najma Ahmed and her Doctors for protection from guns group and testimony whose statistics are not fact based.
- Support of the Firearms Lobby in this country is necessary and needed. I personally support the CCFR but if you choose to go with the NFA or the CSSA or some other organization, please do so, but get involved and put some of your money to the fight. I recently saw a challenge issued, and I have answered the call, and it was just asking CCFR members to send 25 dollars to the defence fund. I challenge all those hear today to meet the challenge and donate to whomever you choose to support to keep our firearms and be able to use them
- You need to take a stand and hopefully you are not one of those that sits back and watches because everyone needs to be involved or our grandkids and their kids will never know or get to follow our heritage traditions.

Director of Communications

- Continue to upload vintage newsletters for the club archives
- Continuing to work on the revival of a quarterly newsletter.
- Requested budget for printing of this newsletter.

Director of Family & Junior Services

- No report
- Next years Youth Camp is sold out.



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Director of Membership

| Membership | Primary | Spouse | Dep 1 | Dep 2 |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Complimentary | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 |
| Family - New at the Clubhouse 2022 | 269 | 253 | 161 | 110 |
| Family - Renew 2022 | 627 | 571 | 337 | 222 |
| Individual - New at the Clubhouse 2022 | 508 | | | |
| Individual - Renew 2022 | 1093 | | | |
| Junior - New at the Clubhouse 2022 | 1 | | | |
| Junior - Renew 2022 | 3 | | | |
| Lifetime | 15 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Senior - New at the Clubhouse 2022 | 42 | | | |
| Senior - Renew 2022 | 393 | | | |
| Senior Couple - New at the Clubhouse 2022 | 7 | 7 | | |
| Senior Couple - Renew 2022 | 82 | 82 | | |
| Student - New at the Clubhouse 2022 | 23 | | | |
| Student Under 25 - Renew 2022 | 36 | | | |
| Total Memberships | 3119 | 931 | 504 | 338 |
| Total Members | 4892 | | | |

Director of Social Activities

- Candlelight parade coming up, still looking for some volunteers
- AGM
 - A social will be held prior to the meeting, come out for camaraderie with your fellow members.

Trustee Report

From the last meeting held on October 27th

- We received clarification on assets from Shane Kerpan
- Mario still out hunting so no update on the policy manuals or minutes from last meeting.
- Looked at how the new provincial electoral boundaries may affect the club and whom are MP is?
 - Residents from Maple Ridge/Mission make up the bulk of the club.

Wildlife report

- No Report

Health and Welfare

- No News is good news

Next Meeting:

Executive Meeting: November 28th 2022
Annual General Meeting Dec 5th 2022
Range, Discipline Chairs, & Admin Budget Meeting Dec 14th 2022
General Meeting: February 6th 2023

Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn the General meeting at 9:00 pm by Mel McIntosh , Seconded Ben Madsen, motion carried.



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Minutes compiled by Secretary Wayne Busilla

Attachments

Attachment A

MISSION AND DISTRICT ROD AND GUN CLUB
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PLEASE PRINT

| Member # | First & Last Name | Signature |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 11300 | CAROLINE JACKSON | X |
| 4499 | Yvette Sabo | X |
| 5850 | Joanne Oikawa | X |
| 4199 | Wayne Busilla | X |
| 6310 | TEX MAHLER | X |
| 8218 | LISA SCHUEHLER | X |
| 8218 | JAIL CETHAL | X |
| 869 | Mel McINTOSH | X |
| 7231 | SCOTT Wilson | X |
| 1463 | Brent Lockhart | X |
| 1463-8 | KAREN LOCKHART | X |
| 4887 | MIKE DAVIES | X |
| 4465 | TRAVIS KIRNAS | X |
| 9125 | Tom Mackson | X |
| 4703 | RON TRENWICK | X |
| 3739 | GARRY LASH | X |
| 9177 | Kevin Brock | X |
| 5677 | JOE JRT | X |
| 11347 | MIKE MORGAN | X |
| 1463-5 | Karen LOCKHART | X |



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PLEASE PRINT

| Member # | First & Last Name | Signature |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| - 9396 | BLAKE ELLINGHAM | X |
| - 1150 | John Gurneany | X |
| - 10637 | Lee Ramsay | X |
| - 7337 | RON NEWMAN | X |
| - 9502 | Jean Ault | X |
| - 0622-S | SANDRA ACEY | X |
| - 4235 | DAVE FREW | X |

Attachment B

The Honorable Mike Farnworth, MLA
 Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
 107A-2748 Lougheed Hwy
 Port Coquitlam, BC V3B6P2
 Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca
 Re: Federal Firearm Buyback Program

Dear Mr. Farnworth,

I represent 4700+ legally licensed British Columbia firearms owners and I am here writing to you on their behalf. Alberta has instructed the RCMP and all Municipal Police agencies not to render any funds and or resources to the Federal Liberals Buy Back Program on the recently Prohibited long arms which were once legal mostly unrestricted long arms owned by legal licensed Canadian firearms owners. These are legally owned firearms that have not been used in any illegal activity.

Saskatchewan as well has told the provincial RCMP Federal Liberals as well that they will not be allocating any provincial funds to the Liberals firearms buyback program. Christine Tell, Saskatchewan's Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, wrote a letter to the highest-ranking RCMP officer in the province telling them not to use provincial resources for the program. "The Government of Saskatchewan does not support and will not authorize the use of provincially funded resources for any process that is connected to the federal government's proposed 'buyback' of these firearms," she said.



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Manitoba's attorney general Kelvin Goertzen has said that he had also written to federal Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino to oppose the buyback program. "We feel many aspects of the federal approach to gun crimes unnecessarily target lawful gun owners while having little impact on criminals, who are unlikely to follow gun regulations in any event," he said. "In Manitoba's view, any buyback program cannot further erode precious provincial police resources, already suffering from large vacancy rates, from focusing on investigation of violent crime.

The Canada Post has also advised the Liberal Government that the agency cannot handle the volume of parcels to be sent by the lawful Canadian firearms owners through the Canada Post system. If this was to go ahead through Canada Post, the agency would be ripe for theft internally as well as postal carriers would be sitting ducks to be robbed of their packages containing firearms by those who have connections to organized crime.

Will British Columbia too take the lead and advise the Provincial RCMP, Municipal Police Forces and the Liberal Government that BC will not be allocating any funding and or resources to the Liberal firearm buyback program? The Parliamentary Budget Officer estimated reimbursing gun owners could cost up to **\$750 million**. That number doesn't include administration costs which could add **billions of dollars** to the final tab.

When the Liberal Party first announced the policy, it told voters the gun buyback would cost about **\$200 million**. In 2021, Public Safety Minister Bill Blair then **said** the costs would land "somewhere between \$300 and \$400 million dollars."

"We continue to find more and more evidence of rising costs, and that should be a huge red flag for a government that is already more than \$1 trillion in debt and hasn't bought a single gun," said Terrazzano. "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau needs to cut our losses, and scrap his gun buyback."

The **\$2.2 Billion to \$5.8 Billion** estimated to cost Canadians for the buyback program would be better spent if it were allocated for additional police to each province and to enhance crime fighting capabilities in the police war on gangs and the trade in illicit firearms. In addition, there is an estimated cost of **\$200 million** to destroy the confiscated firearms.

If these funds remain allocated to the buyback program and when this is all said and done there will still be gangs wars, murders with illicit firearms, smuggling etc and no money to allocate to gang violence as it was all spent on the buyback.

As a former law enforcement officer, I can tell you first hand that the confiscation of legally owned firearms from legally licensed firearms owners does nothing in the way to curb the illicit gun trade and or to reduce the shooting and violence in the province's cities with illicit firearms

This all the while as the Liberals pushes through their soft on crime bills to reduce the sentencing for crimes committed by criminals involving firearms. This only places this criminal element back into our communities earlier to commit further crimes at the increased expense of BC residents, businesses, increase your insurance rates as well as increased costs to all levels of Government. All this further reducing the safety of our residents in this Province.

What will this program end up costing the people of British Columbia in addition to the lost Policing time and manpower to deal with the buyback program?

I look forward to hearing of an announcement by the British Columbia Government Informing the Federal Liberals and the RCMP that there will be no financial and or resource commitment to the Federal buyback program.



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I encourage you all to talk to the Hon. Mr. Farnworth and the Hon. Mr. Horgan to do the right thing and side with Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This is an expense that British Columbians and Canadians can do without. Money is best to be spent on combating the gang element in this province.

Respectfully

Tex P. Mahler
President

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To all British Columbia MLAs

Attachment C

MEMORANDUM

To: The Secretary, and members, Mission and District Rod & Gun Club

From: Don Hall LM171 03/10/2022 First, an apology, I know everyone is busy but please take a moment to reflect on the commitment everyone made when they signed an application to join the clan at MDR&G, i.e., to support the Constitution. There are two parts, #1 focusing on conservation, and #2 focusing on juveniles.

As hunters and fishermen wildlife management and conservation is of paramount importance particularly as habitat is continuously being eroded by creeping urbanization. In the early 90's MDR&G members extended their impact on Provincial proposals by including membership in the B. C. Wildlife Federation as a condition of membership. As an aside



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the MDR&G conservation role benefits from access to ranges where improving marksmanship skills helps to prevent wounded or lost game in addition to serving as a means for attracting new members to the fold!

Secondly, and equally important, the MDR&G provides a learning platform for our successive generations to understand the need, and “how to” maintain the hunting/fishing opportunities we have enjoyed.

At the MDR&G, on joining, most members understand the importance of their commitment as it pertains to perpetuating the tradition of hunting and fishing. Some applicants however, as non-supporters of MDR&G principles, may find their interests better suited at other Clubs.

As a result of recent Club activities which included the “shock wave” of the Executive committee cancelling membership in the B. C. Wildlife Federation as an “expense item”, I have several motions to table for the next Club meeting.

Red lights should have flashed as members read the current proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, changes that included a dysfunctional political proposal plus provision for termination of the MDR&G whereby Club funds are donated to causes other than those specified by the Constitution.

For the uninformed – the Lower Mainland duck pond has created quite a history. A group of sportsmen who later became known as the Mission and District Rod and Gun Club took action to stop market hunting there. Fast forward, they built a clubhouse with an indoor range, later moving to the present location as noted on the website.

To perpetuate their interests for the future they incorporated as a Society in 1943 clearly stating their intent in their Constitution, i.e., conservation of wildlife and education of juveniles. As the Club expanded at the new site in the early '90s members voted unanimously to have membership in the MDR&G automatically include membership in the B. C. Wildlife Federation to enable direct contact with B. C. legislators. Also, a future fund was established to ensure the perpetuity of the MDR&G Club by way of owned premises.

The Club became a win, win, win scenario, ie, the wildlife won, the juveniles won, the members won with recreational facilities providing R&R practice for everyone. In addition, the Club discipline chairs became active in all the Club affairs plus 1) managing their own balanced budgets, and 2) contributing articles quarterly to the Club's widely distributed public newsletter outlining the progress and achievements within their group. Individual achievements include multiple championships including national and world levels plus having two MDR&G members honored in the Mission District Hall of Fame.

The MDR&G operates on several levels of rules, Society regulations, various government regulations, specific safety rules applicable to each discipline, the Club's Constitution and By-Laws, Club monthly meeting minute authorities, plus Committee minutes from the Executive and Trustees. It is all glued together by collective focus on purpose, trust, integrity, and common sense gained from experience relevant to conservation and the needs of the stewards of the future. For over 100 years the MDR&G system worked exceedingly well. Problems that arise usually involve money matters caused by management impropriety or faulty cash flow control procedures. It can be expected that when the rules are ignored the system is subject to personal agendas which adversely impact the importance of due diligence and good governance.

As a result of the above the following motions are submitted:-

1) Moved that the present proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws be cancelled in its entirety.

Reason – #1) Adding political agenda for funding firearms protesting to the Constitution is not only against the purpose of the MDR&G but has also proven as completely useless from the time archery was first developed for throwing arrows! #2) The provision outlined for closing MDR&G is incomprehensible showing complete disregard and respect for over 100 years of progressive work to protect the future of fishing, hunting, and juvenile conservation education in British Columbia!



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2) To reflect the spirit and intent of the MDR&G, moved that the relationship with the B. C. Wildlife Federation be reinstated with all MDR&G members being members of the BCWF as a condition of membership as was previously approved in the '90s.

Reason – The BCWF membership dues as well as the “future fund” donations introduced in the early '90s are in addition to the MDR&G dues and represent no cost or impact on MDR&G funding. BCWF dues are simply “flow through trust funds”.

3) Moved that the following be added to para 5.2 of the By-Laws – Directors, if re-elected, shall serve for a maximum of four years total.

Reason – The intent of By-Law 5.2 is to limit the volunteer commitment to two years as clearly stated. Misinterpretation and disregard resulted in re-elections which has led to problems brought on by personal agendas in direct ethical conflict with By-Law 3.2. This amendment would provide flexibility should the need arise and be consistent with the limited four-year tenure of Trustees.

4) Moved that in addition to the Club general meeting minutes and the Executive Committee minutes the Trustee Committee minutes be posted on the Club's website commencing with the Y2015 minutes.

5) Moved that the Club's financial statements be posted on the Club's website commencing with Y2015.

Reason – To re-establish the MDR&G as a “member's club” it is necessary to provide full transparency as was the practice prior to the past ten years.

6) Moved that the Quarterly issues of the newsletters be reinstated to enable the discipline chairs to be pro-active in Club affairs by keeping all members informed of the many achievements within the disciplines. Cost control can be maintained by encouraging e-mail access while ensuring hard copies are provided to those who do not have access to this media.

Attachment D

From: Mel McIntosh <melmcintosh@shaw.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5:03 PM

To: Tex P. Mahler <president@mdrgc.ca>

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Subject: Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution and By-law Amendments

The Mission and District Rod and Gun Club is a member-funded society and a members' Club with a primary purpose to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. Upon its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and property to its members.

This statement must be more definitive . . . “may” is not appropriate. Also, it may be in conflict with Section 11.1 and could create confusion amongst the “Liquidators”. Shall distribute its money to the membership after the sale of the Club property, assets and considerations . . . might be more meaningful. It must address the Future Fund, relocation and who the members are on that date.

Board of Trustees

4.1 The board of trustees shall be responsible for

1. a) Developing and recording a long-range strategic plan;



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2. b) Holding meetings a minimum of four (4) times per year with minutes taken;
3. c) Reviewing the year end financials of the Society, including all expenditures and income;
4. d) Providing an annual report to the membership at the annual general meeting;
5. e) Hearing and ruling on appeals against the board of directors' disciplinary rulings;
6. f) The trust fund known as the Future Fund shall be administered by the board of trustees. The Future Fund shall not be used for any other purpose other than for purchase of property for the club, relocation of the club or for the expansion of the club.

While there are responsibilities assigned to the Board of Trustees, similar responsibilities are required for the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors

1. 5.1 The board of directors shall be responsible for all functions related to the day to day and month to month operational activities of the Society;
2. Developing and recording short term plans, complete with budgets and outlining the benefits or deficiencies and reporting these plans to the membership for approval;
3. Holding monthly meetings with minutes taken and forwarding those minutes to the Board of Trustees within fourteen (14) days;
4. Providing reports to the membership at all general meetings;
5. Making emergency decisions that protect the assets of the Club;
6. Bring all proposals to the membership at general meetings for approval where financial considerations require approval;

I make these suggestions after careful and diligent considerations based on past performance by the Board of Directors.

Attachment E



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POLICY MANUAL – Language of Command

This policy manual is to be read in conjunction with the Constitution and By-laws of the Mission and District Rod and Gun Club, as well as the Society Act, R.S.B.C.

DESCRIPTION:

The Mission & District Rod & Gun Club recognizes the diversity of the Country of Canada and all the different cultural groups and ethnicity of the people that compose this country.

Members of the club come from many different countries where English is not the principal language that is used. The club also recognizes that Canada has two official languages, English and French (French in the bilingual areas of the country).

In the Lower Mainland and in the City of Mission, English is the official language of the country which is spoken, written and thus with the club being located in this area, we recognize English as the common language spoken amongst our members.

English is and will be the “**Language of Command**” at the Mission and District Rod and Gun Club.

In the interest of safety for our members on the range, we will require that all members and their guests have an understanding of English Commands while on the range and shooting.

It is not reasonable to assume or expect our RSO's or other members to understand all the various languages of our multicultural membership.

Those members whom cannot understand the “English Commands of Safety” on the range will not be allowed to shoot or occupy a space on the Range until such time as they can successfully acknowledge the “**Language of Command**”.

This policy is strictly for the Safety of our members and their guests.