

**December 3, 2007 Meeting of the
Springfield Sports Club Inc.
Odell Lodge, Fredericton**

Present: Steven Stewart, president, Dan Toner, acting-recording secretary and approximately 26 others members.

Constitution: Steven Stewart said the existing board of directors had approved an 8-page constitution for the club; copies of which were available.

Membership fees: Steven Stewart advised that there were 45 paid-up members of the Fredericton Recreational Shooters Association, which is owned by the Springfield Sports Club Inc. He said only paid members of the FRSA could vote at the meeting. He proposed that a 2008 membership fee of \$100 for regular members and \$50 for Junior Members (under 18). It was moved by Bill Hancock and seconded by Tim Ross that the club adopt these membership fees for 2008. Accepted.

Report of Nominating Committee/Election of Officers: Steven Stewart reported that he and Dan Chisholm have prepared a list of nominees to the executive of the club. He stressed that nominations were also open from the floor for all of the positions. He explained that any member interested either in offering for a position or in nominating another member must be seconded for their motion. Steven had materials on hand to hold a secret ballot vote for cases where there is more than one candidate for a position. Each position would be called three times from the floor for nominations.

The nominating committee recommended Greg Gilbert, previously president of the Fredericton Fish & Game Gun Club and an active shooter, as president of the Springfield Sports Club Inc. There being no other candidates, Greg Gilbert was selected by acclamation as president.

The nominating committee recommended Dan Chisholm as vice-president. Bill Hancock nominated Dan Toner as vice-president but Dan declined. There being no other nominees, Dan Chisholm was selected by acclamation.

Tim Kairns was recommended by the nominating committee as treasurer. There being no other nominees he was selected by acclamation.

Sidney (Jake) VanCuren was recommended by the nominating committee as secretary. There being no other nominees, he was selected by acclamation.

Steven Stewart was recommended as Chief Range Officer. There being no other nominees, he was selected by acclamation.

The nominating committee recommended Laurence Gilbey, Bob Kierstead and John Harper as the three directors-at-large on the board. Doug Cain had been nominated but he said that after further consideration he wished to withdraw. There being no other nominees, the slate of three directors-at-large was selected by acclamation.

Change-over: Steven Stewart said the Government and the Firearms Office would need to be notified of the change in the Board of Directors and - as of January 1, 2008 - of the formal creation of the Fredericton Recreational Shooters Association. He stepped down as president and handed the meeting over to Greg Gilbert.

Greg Gilbert assumed the role as president with Tim Kairns as treasurer. Dan Toner continued as acting-Recording Secretary.

Signing Authority: Greg Gilbert asked for a motion from the floor to give the new executive authority to sign club membership cards. It was moved by Gerald Conroy and seconded by Joe Lawrence that the members of the executive have signing authority for membership cards. Accepted.

There was a question from the floor about new members and whether they would need to be sponsored by an existing member. Tim Kairns said there was no such requirement.

The issue of range security and safety was raised. CRO Steven Stewart explained that any member acting in an unsafe manner at the range would be asked to leave and their membership could be revoked. Such an action could have repercussions for the individual as the Firearms Office would be notified. Bill Hancock reminded members that all firearms laws apply on the range plus range rules.

Shooting Schedule for 2008: Greg Gilbert presented the draft shooting schedule for Springfield Range for 2008. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Joe Lawrence that the shooting schedule be adopted. Accepted.

Range Report: Steven Stewart presented a range report, noting that over the past year the .22 shoots had progressed well but that the pistol shoots had declined in numbers. He said the range book showed 1,300 visits for 2007 and estimated that about 30 % of visitors neglect to sign the book. He estimated that the number of individuals who visited numbered less than 100. He said that repairs have been done to the roof of the larger range building and are on-going to the windows and walls. Some road repairs have been done and a new gate is being prepared and donated by club member Don Goodine. A new range sign is needed as the previous one was destroyed due to vandalism. Steven said a team of about a dozen club members carried out a range clean-up a few weekends ago to prepare for winter.

New club structure: Doug Cain said that as a member of the Marysville Club, he knows some members were wary of the pace of change to the Springfield Sports Club Inc. and the creation of the Fredericton Recreational Shooters Association. Some Marysville members have concerns over such things as multi-year memberships. He stressed the need to keep dialogue going to ensure unity among shooters.

Greg Gilbert said he and the new board will listen to the members and to concerns raised by Marysville. He noted the board includes members from several different clubs and shooting sports. He thanked all those involved in the process which led to the new structure and FRSA. It required a lot of meetings, discussion and advice and this process will continue. The board will meet within a few weeks to start conducting the business of the club.

Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Bob Kierstead that the meeting adjourns. Meeting adjourned; 9:05 p.m.

Board of Directors

Greg Gilbert	Steven Stewart
Dan Chisholm	Laurence Gilbey
Jake Vancuren	John Harper
Tim Cairns	Bob Kierstead