

**MINUTES for Annual General Meeting  
Springfield Sports Club Inc.  
October 15, 2012  
(Held at the City Club, Hanwell Road, Fredericton)**

Present: Vice-President John Harper, Treasurer Tim Cairns, Secretary Glen Abbott, Steven Stewart, Laurence Gilbey, Mike Partridge and Robert Keirstead.

Absent with regrets: President Greg Gilbert

1. Welcome and opening remarks – (President) The President sends his regrets and the Vice President, John Harper assumed the chair and called the meeting to Order at 7:05 PM and gave opening remarks and welcomed the members present. The meeting is being held at the City Club, Hanwell Road, Fredericton, N.B. There are over 40 members in attendance.
2. Reading of Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting - (Secretary) The minutes were read by Glen Abbott and on motion by Murray Watt, duly seconded by a member, approved.
3. Financial Report for 2012 - (Treasurer) The Treasurer presented his positive financial report. The financial reports were circulated by email to members prior to the meeting. The Income Statement shows a small over expenditure but much less than the \$9000 over-expenditure originally forecast. The several capital improvements over the past year were outlined to the membership. Equity is approximately \$23,000.00 but all long term debts have been retired. A summary document outlining expenditures was earlier circulated and was referenced by the Treasurer. In past years a membership number of 165 members was used but this year SSC will begin to budget on the basis of 200 members. On question Tim Cairns pointed out that the lease was renewed in 2011 for a 20 year lease term. On motion made by Steven Stewart and duly seconded, the report of the Treasurer was accepted by the membership.
4. Membership Report - (Treasurer) The Treasurer indicated the membership total for 2012 was 233 paid-up members (2011-213; 2010-179; 2009-191). It was noted by Tim Cairns that interest in shooting has shown an encouraging resurgence in numbers. The report of the Treasurer was accepted by the membership on motion made by Frank Ryder and duly seconded.
5. The Report of the President was read to the membership by the Vice-President.
6. Election of Board of Directors: Before the election was called Dan Chisholm rose on a point of order. His point was over the election procedure as he held the view nominations should be permitted from the floor. He felt that there was

no provision in the Constitution setting out the obligation that directors sign a document of responsibilities and also commented on the special provision if less than six board members offer for election. Dan Chisholm moved and Larry Schriver seconded the following motion.

“I therefore move that this meeting accept nominations from the floor, should there be any. And I furthermore move that this and future Boards be advised to avoid making decisions in which they find themselves to be in a direct conflict of interest.”

The motion was approved by majority vote with 20 in favour, 16 against and three abstain.

7. A call was made for nominations from the floor and none were presented. Nominations were closed and the 10 members offering spoke briefly to the members present. The comments of Dan Chisholm were stopped part way through by the President who ruled his comments to the membership not to vote for certain identified board candidates to be out of order.

8. Election: The election was held. Greg Byrne and Peter Forbes were appointed scrutineers and tallied and announced the results. Glen Abbott, Lawrence Gilbey, John Harper, Tim Kairns, Robert Keirstead, Phil Pettipas, Jeff Seely & Steven Stewart were duly elected. The results of the balloting were opened to examination to the parties named on the ballot. Following that examination and upon vote of the membership the Secretary was instructed to destroy the ballots.

9. New Business :

*i.* Indoor Range Facility: The issue and history was briefly reviewed by Tim Kairns. Discussion of a fee for this potential was discussed. A motion was presented by Tim Kairns and duly seconded to empower the board to set a fee in the year 2013 up to \$200 for an indoor membership upgrade. The Motion read as follows:

“I move that the Board of Directors enter into discussion with the owner of the Killarney Range facility and that they (Board of Directors) have the direction to set the indoor membership fee upgrade to the outdoor membership not to exceed \$200.00 per annum (Jan – Dec).”

The question was called and the motion was carried.

*ii.* Budget & Annual Fees: The Board proposed a budget for 2013 & recommended Membership Fees: Yearly membership fee is to stay at \$150.00 and the budget document that had been earlier circulated to the membership was discussed. It was moved by Tim Kairns that Membership fees for 2013 remain at

\$150.00. The motion was duly seconded, discussed and carried by a majority of the membership vote.

Upcoming activities: Future Club activities were discussed with contributions by John Harper, Mike Partridge, and Steven Stewart.

#### **10. Business arising from the floor:**

*i.* Larry Schriver: Raised in discussion his concern that different shooting disciplines were being treated differently by Board decisions. The matter was briefly discussed and Tim Cairns for the Board explained that everyone was being treated equally. Time did not permit a full discussion. Mr. Schriver made the following motion that was duly seconded:

“I move that all shooting disciplines managed by Club members be treated in a consistent manner with respect to the planning and hosting of events on the Springfield Range.”

Upon question the motion passed.

*ii.* A question was raised on marketing by a member and the matter was briefly discussed.

*iii.* A question was raised by a member as to whether the Club would organize bulk membership purchases of reloading and other supplies. The board does not organize such purchases but members are free to get together to assist members in bulk type purchases. An upgrade to our website may permit the development of a bulletin board feature if it is not too expensive.

*iv.* A member in discussion brought up the difficulty in long range shooting because of grass on the range. It is a problem and the current individual looking after the lawn mowing has damaged his equipment and has refused to cut this grass next year. The Board will have to address the issue in some manner. This same member mentioned the trees on the left side of the range are encroaching on the range and something has to be done. The new board will address the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Sgd. Glen Abbott

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Glen Abbott  
Secretary  
Springfield Sports Club