



LUNENBURG ROD AND GUN CLUB
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Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club ***President's Report for AGM*** **12th December 2023**

Members,

As in earlier years, I have prepared a few notes that provide a summary of the non-routine activities of the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club (LRGC) during 2023. I will discuss the highlights at our Annual General Meeting (AGM), 12th December. Each club section will briefly report out at the AGM so I will try not to cover those details here.

Club Administration/Communication

With Covid restrictions in the past, we were able to hold 6 in-person Members' Meetings and the Executive (Board) also met once in person through the year (with most Board business conducted by email).

Generic section email addresses were in use throughout the year and proved successful in streamlining communication. Our website has remained up to date and current throughout the year (thanks to Greg Singer for his work) and will continue to be used as our main information hub.

The software used to host our membership database was upgraded and a new club laptop purchased.

Following incorporation of the club under the Societies Act and registration in the Joint Stocks Register of Nova Scotia last year, the club financial reports were issued to the Joint stocks Registrar and CRA compliance forms were submitted (both for the first time).

Plots plans of our land holdings have contained two errors for a number of years (showing parts of our property belonging to others). Following a rigorous land search process and successful lobbying of the land registration office, both errors have now been rectified. Thanks to John Mosher for spearheading this. The purchase of two land lots from the Conrad family was initiated (and completed late November, early December).

Re-certification of the Club ranges by the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO)

Progress on range re-certification continues to be very slow (due to Firearms Office constraints). However, updated approval certificates for the club and the Indoor Range were received in February 2023 - a significant step forward. Following a CFO request to resubmit forms for the remaining ranges, up to date information was obtained from the MODL planning department and NS Department of the Environment and Climate Change and all forms were completed and submitted. Our shotgun fields were inspected in the summer of 2022 and we await a report with any findings. The 100 yard range has not yet been re-inspected.

Whilst these delays are very frustrating, we have maintained excellent relationships with the CFO office and kept lines of communication open. We have been assured that since our operating licence has not been revoked, we are good with continued operation as we are. I will

ensure that achieving formal recertification of our ranges remains one of our top priorities as a club during 2024.

General

During late May/early June, the Board proactively closed the club due to wildfire risks. A “formal” request was also received from the CFO a few days later. The club was reopened as soon as restrictions passed. Thankfully, we suffered no damage from this or the several heavy rain events this summer.

Throughout the year, we continued with improvements to our ranges and facilities including a clean up of the skeet and trap fields, the weather proofing of clay storage containers, the construction of a new clay storage shed on the Sporting Clay course, improved access to stands on the Sporting Clay course, continuing the work on reconditioning posts on the 100 yard range, maintaining the cleanliness of the indoor range and improvements to the rain troughs and roof drains on the clubhouse. Going forward, the exterior of our clubhouse is showing signs of wear requiring maintenance efforts and a major upgrade to the baffles on the outdoor range is required. Stand upgrades and road/pathway improvements on the sporting clay course are also planned. So, a lot of work, but with your help, we will get this essential work completed. Watch out for specific requests for assistance; your support is appreciated.

The club was able to host several shotgun competitions, including two of the four Nova Series events (hosting the AVSSC shoot due to their range compliance issues). As in earlier years, the RCMP carried out their regular training on our outdoor range. We also hosted the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables training both indoor and outdoor.

Our archery chair had to unfortunately step back due to health issues and we have since been unable to restart the programme. Anyone able and willing to take on the Archery section, please contact me or any Board member directly.

In Conclusion

None of the above could have been achieved without those who volunteer their time and skills to the Club. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of LRGCC in 2023 and we would ask for your ongoing support in 2024.