



CATAWBA VALLEY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
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The meeting opened at 7:30PM. The September minutes were read and approved. The October 2011 Treasurer’s report was read and accepted. Balance brought forward was \$7,887.81, deposits were \$3,161.00 and disbursements for the month totaled \$1,663.81. Ending balance was \$9,385.00 . The treasurer provided an updated member count as follows: Total Membership – 124, Total Seniors – 47, Total Regulars – 77, Maximum Regulars – 125, Open Regular Memberships – 48. The treasurer also provided an estimated projection of known expenses through April 2012 totaling \$6460.80, which would leave us with an estimated balance of \$2924.23 to start the 2012 membership year. Guests this month were John Letterman, Jerry Yale, Todd Griffin and Jeremy Abbott, all attending their second meeting, with Tom Johansen attending his 4th meeting. Tom was subsequently voted into the club – welcome Tom!

Old Business: The survival course plans have been canceled due to insufficient response from the membership. Bryan Miller reported that the dead trees near the 2700 range power line have been removed, and the expansion of the parking area behind the 300yd firing line is nearly finished.

New Business:

- George Northam reported that the final intake for the club after the Lucas Elliott Jr. memorial HP Match is \$209.50 after payments made to the Lake Norman club and a \$500 donation to the Lucas Elliott scholarship fund. Details of expenses will be in the treasurer's report next month.
- A reminder was made regarding the necessity of coordinating shooting and target changing activities when there are shooters simultaneously using the 200-300 firing lines and the 100yd partition protected positions. See the range rules posted on the website for details on these practices.
- The .22LR rimfire indoor bullseye winter league matches will start Thursday, January 5th at 6PM. Practice matches will be held each Tuesday and Thursday during December, also starting at around 6PM. See the webpage or call Lonnie for more details.
- The all-around competition will be held the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of January and February as usual. See the webpage for details.
- Several members have recently inquired as to why our club does not allow suppressors (aka silencers) or short-barreled rifles (SBRs) to be used at our range, provided of course that all the Federal and local laws have been satisfied. Past President Ken O'neil recalled that when the original rule was created about 15 years ago, there were protracted discussions held on the subject over several months. This finally ended simply by including *all* class-3 weapons in the ban, but he could not recall that there was anyone steadfastly against using suppressors – only fully automatic weapons. Ronny felt that since times have changed and suppressor ownership has become more common, it may be reasonable to revisit the subject. Ronny felt that the use of suppressors would be beneficial with regard to noise abatement, but was concerned that if their use became common at CVRPC, it might encourage some members to start experimenting with home-built devices on club property. This, of course, could result in Federal jail time for the shooter, along with potentially bad publicity for the club. Ronny also pointed out that suppressors





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are illegal for hunting, and there is some increased possibility of an accident if the lower gates are left open by mistake. (The thought here is that a shooter using a suppressed weapon at the 200m or 300yd firing lines might not be heard by someone passing through the mistakenly open gates.) Other than that, no one at the time could think of a problem with using the devices.

- It was decided that there will be a planned discussion on the possible approved use of suppressors and SBRs at the next (December 1st) meeting, and that anyone interested in voicing an opinion should attend and be heard. We will attempt to get Shannon Lyndon of Riverview Sports to make a short presentation to the club on the licensing process that is required for purchase. Following the discussion, a vote will be held at the January 5th meeting regarding changing the rules to allow suppressors and SBRs.
- Note that there are no rule changes being considered regarding fully automatic weapons and 50 BMG caliber rifles. These weapons are still considered to be dangerous within the relatively small confines of our range property. They also tend to encourage destruction of targets, are debris creating and in general, are potentially quite annoying to the neighbors. Regardless of the vote on January 5th regarding suppressors and SBRs, fully automatic weapons and 50 BMG caliber rifles will continue to be banned from use at CVRPC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lonnie Hagadorn,
 Secretary

