



**CATAWBA VALLEY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB**  
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October 6, 2011

The meeting opened at 7:30PM. The September minutes were read and approved. The September 2011 Treasurer’s report was read and accepted. Balance brought forward was \$43,249.62, deposits were \$846.00 and disbursements for the month totaled \$36,207.81, including the yearly land payment. Ending balance was \$7887.81 . The treasurer again reported that there are still 9 members from last year that have not paid their 2011 dues. Ronny advised that there is a balance of roughly \$90K left on the land payment, which equates to 3 more yearly payments of roughly \$30K.

Guests this month were Chuck Johnson, Tom Johansen and Mark Thompson, third meeting, with Todd Griffin, Jeremy Abbott and John Letterman, attending their first meeting. Chuck Johnson and Mark Thompson were voted in as members this meeting (but Tom Johansen still needs sponsorship -) welcome gentlemen!

Old Business: The skeet range high house still needs work to repair the doors. Ronny reported that one of the string trimmers has been fixed for ~\$40 worth of parts, but the second one still needs work. The secretary reported that the information on the membership process has been finalized and is now on the website.

New Business:

- George Northam reported that the most recent Hi-power match attracted 29 shooters the first day and 33 the next day. Several National records were set, and he anticipates approximately a \$400 to \$600 intake for the club, after expenses. Nice work George and all involved.
- Joe Lassiter suggested that the club take advantage of an offer from Tres Moncerat to run a survival course at the club in the near future, tentatively scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> this year. The cost would be ~\$50 per person. The course is popularly known as “Necked Into the Wilderness”, and details can be obtained on Tres's website “Wildernessmeans.com”. A motion was made and approved to attempt to schedule the event as described. (No outdoor shooting ranges need be closed for this event.)
- The 35 yard pistol range will be closed on October 22 for a concealed carry class being presented to members of the First United Church. The 50yd range and plate range can still be used during this event.
- The next TSC-22 match will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Details are on the website.
- Norm Goetzler asked that consideration be given to extending the 300yd covered firing line in the near future. As estimated costs are somewhere North of \$1000, and we are short of funds this year, it will go on the list for consideration and prioritization next year.
- Ronny reported that Bryan Miller and others will work to fell the several dead trees that threaten structures and power lines on the property. This will take place before the next meeting.
- Ronny asked that each member take the time to remove all paper targets from the frames after use. He also reported that the hanging chains for the new steel disk targets have been apparently purposely severed by gunfire. This lead to a discussion on what to do about any individuals who are observed doing willful damage to club property, and ended with the general consensus that if such behavior is observed and reported by others, the offending individuals can be removed from the membership role.





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Members are reminded to act accordingly, be on the watch for careless shooting, and please repair (or at least report to a club officer) what you mistakenly damage!

- Tim Drum, our ERO, expressed his displeasure at the obvious misuse of target frames on the pistol ranges, along with use of inappropriate cartridges being fired at steel targets. Tim pointed out how paper pistol targets should be properly used, specifically with regard to repair centers and pasters. Tim cleaned out the 2700 target storage shed and subsequently reported that there are only a few serviceable wooden target stands remaining, and that some of these needed to be refaced with cardboard. Many of the target frames have been damaged by shot pellets, and these frames should NOT be used when shooting a “judge” or any other firearm dispensing shot.
- Tim also advised that he observed 4 shooters down range while a rifle was left at the line without an empty chamber indicator in place. The bolt was open, but all are reminded that it is now a requirement to have an empty chamber indicator in place along with an open bolt, whenever anyone is down range.
- The secretary will post drawings and instructions for building replacement pistol target frames on the web in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Lonnie Hagadorn,  
 Secretary

