



# CATAWBA VALLEY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

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## July 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by club president, Randy Clark. The June meeting minutes were read and approved. The June, 2015 Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Balance brought forward was \$40,299.13, deposits were \$1,436.47 and disbursements for the month totaled \$4,530.24. Ending balance was \$37,205.36. Guests this month were Mike Sigmon – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; Reggie Sigmon and Tom McReary – 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. No additional members were voted into membership due to recently revised new member requirements and as such will be voted on at the next regular scheduled meeting providing all requirements are met.

### Old Business:

- Clubhouse / Meeting room remodel status: Steve Roe advised the meeting room and lobby renovation is nearing completion with the suspended ceiling installation complete, and the wall and trim painting completed. The next portion will be preparation and painting of the lobby and meeting room floor. Work on the floor will continue Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Work on the bathroom remodel will begin in the fall, likely September or October.
- Ronny Brown advised the clubhouse roof has had two coats of sealer applied and will likely require an additional 1-2 coats.
- Ronny Brown advised the Three Gun Action Challenge match for Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
- Steve Roe advised the .22 TSC regular monthly match will be held Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business:

- Randy Clark advised the members present of a recent break-in which occurred at CVRPC. The range was entered by cutting the entry gate chain; then access through a window at the 100 yard storage building. Club property items taken included two welders, a welding helmet, a Stihl chainsaw, three string trimmers, and a Kawasaki 4-wheeler. The Catawba county sheriff's department was notified and investigated. The club's CCTV video footage was reviewed and a suspect and vehicle were depicted on the video footage. The sheriff's department investigation is continuing.
- Randy Clark advised the club's insurance policy only covered listed items and stipulated reimbursement at actual cash value only with no replacement cost endorsement. It was advised that our property coverage policy be reviewed and additional coverage quotes secured. Future purchased club property items will be listed, photographed, and serial numbers (if applicable) recorded.
- CVRPC would like to thank Alan Yancy for his efforts in installing additional CCTV cameras and a higher quality DVR on club property. The additional camera provides additional coverage at the entrance gate area.
- The tractor tire has been repaired at a cost of \$155 for tube replacement due to puncture by a roofing nail.
- Tim Drum advised the club to please fasten/secure paper targets with a staple gun instead of tacks or nails to avoid tire punctures to range equipment.
- Tim Drum requested that an estimate be secured to concrete the clubhouse indoor firing range floor. Footage and yardage estimates will be obtained and material and labor estimates secured and discussed at a future meeting.
- Keith Harper requested (via Larry Cline) the usage of the range facility on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> for a CCW class; and Saturday, October, 17<sup>th</sup> for a Defensive Handgun class. The dates were approved.



- The Executive Committee presented suggestions to the membership present regarding various items in need of addressing as follows:

1. **Membership Vetting Process:** Article III (a) (4) The following was presented to the membership. :
  - A. **Any and all prospective new members must have 3 (three) sponsors whom with they have more than a once-met casual acquaintance, and whom they have actually physically shot with in an event or extended practice or range session, whether at CVRPC or at another event or facility. All three sponsors must be present at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting at which time the person intends to join CVRPC. Sponsors are required to be prepared to give a full account of their history and relationship with the applicant; and their experiences of the applicant's gun handling and safety behavior. If all three are not present, no vote will be held and any voting will be continued at the next monthly meeting when all 3 sponsors are present. This will not adversely affect the prospective member's application process in any way. No exceptions will be granted.**
  - B. **A copy of a current active CCW permit, handgun purchase permit, or background check from the Sheriff's department or local LEO from the county of residence of the applicant will now be required as part of membership application. This document must be provided to a club officer at or prior to the applicant's 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at which time he/she intends to join. If the applicant has not provided the required document, no vote will be held and any voting will be continued at the next monthly meeting when the applicant has provided the required documentation. This will not adversely affect the prospective member's application process in any way. No exceptions will be granted.**

The motion passed and will be incorporated into practice immediately. No by-law change is required per Article III (a) (4).

**2. Former Members rejoining CVRPC.**

- A. Providing that a former member left the club in good standing less than 3 three years prior to the re-application date, no sponsors are required; however the applicant must complete a membership application, and must submit the required CCW permit, handgun purchase permit, or background check, and must also complete a range orientation / walk-around with the club Executive Range Officer. Any land assessment fees paid while an active member will apply toward his/her current membership requirements. The rejoining member must be voted on by the membership at a regular scheduled monthly meeting.
- B. In the event that a former member has been away from active CVRPC membership in excess of 3 three years from the re-application date, the full membership process discussed above shall apply including sponsorship, documentation, range orientation / walk-around, approval vote, and all new member financial requirements.

The motion passed and will be incorporated into practice immediately. No by-law change is required per Article III (a) (4).

**3. Membership Capacity and Limits.** (requires bylaw change) The current by-laws read as follows: *Article III (c) The maximum number of club members shall be 125, not counting all club members who are 62 or older.*

Our current membership consists of 76 regular and 61 seniors totaling 137 members. 55% and 45% respectively. We have a limit of 125 "regular" (under 62) members, however no limit is imposed on senior members. Current members and any prospective new members over the age of 62 do not count toward this limit of 125. The membership of CVRPC is aging and the average median age of the membership is estimated to be in the mid 50's. Our seniors currently constitute 45% of the total membership. As such, in the next 5-10 years our membership will reach a "tipping point" where the number of senior members will exceed the "regular" membership. This, in turn, will annually add to the number of open regular memberships. The current manner of membership limitation only regulates regular members and with our aging membership we could realistically reach an excessive number of members in coming years that pose capacity and safety concerns. With this in mind, the executive committee recommends that a total membership limit of 175 members, regardless of age, be adopted with the respective



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applicable bylaw amended as such. This will still enable growth (38 current openings) but will limit unnecessary and unregulated overexpansion.

A motion to submit the following bylaw change to a vote at the next monthly meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

*Article III (c) The maximum number of club members shall be 175, including all members, regardless of age.*

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE: In compliance with Bylaws Article V (d) Quorum, and Article IX Amendments, this newsletter \*\*\*\*\* serves as notice that at the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 6, 2015 at 7:30 PM, a vote will be held regarding this proposed bylaw change and is posted on the club website [www.cvrp.org](http://www.cvrp.org) and a hardcopy posted in the clubhouse for access by all members.

**4. Senior Member Exemption:** (requires bylaw change) *Article IV (d) Club members age 62 and with at least 20 years of membership are exempt from annual dues.*

Currently, members 62 years of age and older with 20 years or more of membership are exempt from annual dues, and are also exempt from membership dues cost reductions through work hours and regular meeting attendance. Members exempt from paying dues under this provision retain all rights and range privileges as any paying regular member. At the time when this provision was written, there were 7 members receiving this exemption. Currently, there are 27 members exempt (20% of total membership), with this number expected to rise in the coming years. We are approaching 30 members receiving full use of the facility with no cost to the member and no revenues paid for range usage. It is the executive committee’s recommendation that all members 62 and older with 20 years of membership remit payment of the minimum annual dues amount of \$65. The exemption for work hour and meeting attendance shall be retained as is.

This proposal was discussed and tabled for discussion at the next scheduled meeting. No motion for vote was made.

**5. Club Property and Grounds Maintenance:**

Currently, CVRPC has 57 acres inside our boundary fence and an additional 25 acre buffer area. Several acres require regular mowing and upkeep on the various ranges. In years past, regular maintenance was performed by the membership, however in recent years despite an overall increase in membership, the number of active members willing to help in normal range maintenance has declined. The number of members who donate the full 10 hours of time toward range projects and upkeep has likewise declined and is now less than one-third of the total membership. In reality, the range maintenance and upkeep of the facility is now performed by an estimated 10% to 15% of the total members. Multiple options to promote increased range maintenance were discussed including member required work hours, increased incentives, or a stewardship program.

The executive committee recommends that a “steward” or group of “stewards be formed to perform, oversee, and/or ensure regular maintenance of their respective chosen ranges. A group would be appointed to each range area to aid in spreading the workload over a broader number of members.



After discussion, the membership agreed to a stewardship program approach in an attempt to care for the facility. Please note that any number of additional stewards or assistants to maintain the respective areas may participate, and are encouraged.

Volunteers were as follows:

Skeet range: Sam Birchfield, Neill Sipe

Pistol range: Bob Metts, Mike Greco

300 Yard: Bill Shamblin

200 Yard: Steve Roe

Additional volunteers for the 100 yard line and clubhouse road frontage areas are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Roe  
Secretary CVRPC