

VICTORIA FISH AND GAME PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

2021

General Members Meeting & Annual General Meeting Minutes - Draft

Date: October 18th, 2021
Location: Strawberry Vale & District Community Club and via Zoom
Start Time: 7:10PM
End Time: 10:15PM

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order at 7:10PM by President Doug Bancroft
2. Quorum Established
3. **MOTION:** To approve BoD meeting draft agenda as circulated
 - a. Moved by Andrew Lemon
 - b. Seconded by Paul MacNeill
 - c. Carried
4. **MOTION:** To approve 2020 GM and AGM Meeting minutes
 - a. Proposed by Andrew Lemon
 - b. Seconded by Paul MacNeill
 - c. Carried

General Members Meeting

Officer's Reports

President's Report – Doug Bancroft

- (a) Approx. 1 in 75 residents on Southern Vancouver Island between the ages of 5-75 are now members.
- (b) Over the last 18 months, VFGPA has hosted national level events and, despite significant inflationary pressures, all VFGPA disciplines have survived or thrived, while complying with all government health directives.
- (c) The past 18 months have seen the greatest expenditures for support and maintenance perhaps ever in the same period of time.
- (d) VFGPA under threat by urban encroachment and government regulations.

1st Vice President's Report – Don Senft (on behalf of Glen Shiels)

- (a) Commendation to executive members for setting up the AGM in person and via Zoom.

2nd Vice President's Report – Paul MacNeill

- (a) Reported on: repairs/renovations to buildings, road repairs, addressing security concerns, development of new SOPs, and bring in of broadband internet.

Treasurer's Report – Dom Piluso

- (a) Overview of year-end financial statements.
- (b) Total of \$124,000 of improvements made to the property this year.
MOTION: To accept the September 2021 financial statement, as presented.
 - a. Proposed by Dom Piluso
 - b. Seconded by Doug Bell
 - c. Carried

Secretary's Report – Andrew Lemon

- (a) Due to COVID-19 and protocols attached there to, there have been no members meetings for this last year, so nothing to report.

Membership Chair's Report – Rick Rutherford

- (a) 5439 Members to date. Up 10% over 2020.

Manager/Caretaker's Report – David Michaud

- (a) Have not missed one day of range operations due to closure this year.
- (b) Call for more RSOs and volunteers.

Discipline Director's Reports

Action Shooters Report – Dom Piluso (on behalf on Cheryl Henley)

- (a) 4 COVID compliant matches this year (June through October), averaging 50 competitors per match.
- (b) 2 IPSIC BC matches on Sept 25th and 26th with 121 and 102 competitors respectively.
- (c) 18 people attended SIAS range safety course and a further 5 attend matches after earning their black badge.
- (d) Sport continuing to grow.
- (e) Conducted site cleanup, range maintenance, and installed a new 20 foot storage container.
- (f) Last match of the regular shooting season will be a 3-gun on Oct. 31st.
- (g) Looking for more volunteers.
- (h) With the passing of Waldo/Otis, T-shirts were made to memorialize him.

Airsoft – Jon Bell

- (a) Starting May we have hosted 12 events to date, with a further 4 events to come before the end of the year.

- (b) Average attendance has risen from 50 to 75 per event since ending COVID measures, and we expect to see the numbers to continue to increase back up to the pre-COVID levels of 85-90 participants per event.
- (c) Since COVID, family and female participants have increased.
- (d) Conducted improvements and maintenance to site and structures.

Archery – Ellen Vanderhoek

- (a) Hosted a number of Scouts and Guides groups.
- (b) Conducted site cleanup and maintenance.
- (c) Hosted first 3D shoot with 30 participants. Next 3D shoot scheduled for Dec. 5th.
- (d) Victoria Bowman Association lost their range and are now restricted to indoor shooting. Hosted them at VFGPA open house to showcase our facilities.

Black Powder – Doug Linton (on behalf of Steve Southin)

- (a) Held 2 rendezvous this year, in addition to monthly shoots.
- (b) Turkey shoot scheduled for the end of Nov.
- (c) Offered 2 courses this year, 10 people per course.

Frontier Shootists – Ashley Harrison

- (a) Site maintenance built up berms between A, B, and C, painted cowboy town.
- (b) Membership growing quickly

Police Pistol Combat (PPC) – Don Senft

- (a) Hosted Canadian Police Combat Association National Championships for the 3rd time. Very successful event. 10 first place finishes from local members and over 40 medals brought home by local members.
- (b) Conducted 8 monthly matches this year.
- (c) Ran an introduction to PPC course to qualify some new members.
- (d) Removed approx. 10 tons of garbage from the RP range
- (e) 2 further monthly events scheduled before the end of the year

Silhouette/rifle – Steve Shulhan

- (a) 3 group training sessions for over 41 participants
- (b) 10 monthly matches with 214 entries
- (c) Several small group training sessions
- (d) Presentations for RSOs
- (e) Orientation session for Victoria Womens' Shooters group
- (f) Site and range cleanup and maintenance
- (g) Have supported the introduction of the Outlaw Rimfire Precision Series (ORPS), and Project Maple seed including two events.
- (h) Plans to expand the frequency of training sessions, further site/range maintenance, and the introduction of air rifle silhouette.

Skeet/Sporting Clay – Paul Hagel

- (a) Upgraded 2 skeet machines.
- (b) Had to turn away shooters due to COVID measures, as too many were coming out to shoot.

Trap – Paul Hagel (on behalf of Mike King)

- (a) Have removed 2 old machines and built new regulation height tops for the new machines.
- (b) Currently have 1 new machine with a 2nd new machine expected to arrive soon.

Victoria Women Shooters – Tina Clark

- (a) After being inactive for over 1 year.
- (b) Events kept to 10 participants to keep within PHOs.
- (c) Made changed to the membership so that it is now a requirement to have passed the Canadian firearms safety course, or have their PAL.
- (d) 40 active members with more enquiries every week.
- (e) Plan to expand their course diversity to include firearms maintenance, outdoor survival, and compass and map navigation.

Initiative Reports

Access – President Doug Bancroft (on behalf of Jim Sprang)

- (a) Since the last AGM the number of Mosaic access cards has grown from 200 to 350 for the two current gates.
- (b) Mosaic is very happy with how our members have conducted themselves on Mosaic lands.
- (c) Negotiations and planning for a new access gate in process.
- (d) VFGPA has also been working with other BCWF member clubs who have been opening up other gates or obtaining access to other parts of Vancouver Island.

Fishing & Big Game – Wayne Zaccarelli

- (a) Largest deer: John Maze 141 lbs.
- (b) Largest blacktail antlers: 74 4/8"
- (c) Spring Bear: 18 7/16th
- (d) Archery Blacktail deer: Gord Adams 141 lbs
- (e) VFGPA conservation donations: Subsidized trapping wolves to increase blacktail deer population, and donated \$1000 to Nature Trust of BC to support salmon habitat.
- (f) Reported on salmon numbers, and salmon camera locations
- (g) Donations to fisheries: \$2000 to World Fisheries Trust, \$5000 to Millstream Fishway Project, \$2000 to Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society, \$2000 to Habitat Acquisition Trust, \$1000 to Public Fishery Alliance.

- (h) Halibut quota down this year, so 3 halibut under 90cm per day has been allowed.

Junior Program & Ranger – Megan McCool

- (a) Have been in contact with the North Saanich Rod & Gun Club regarding the use of the 50m range once open for use.
- (b) Planning to have at least 1 fun shoot this year.
- (c) Fishing events not held due to COVID.
- (d) Water testing underway for Frog Hollow.
- (e) Planning property maintenance to remove invasion broom around front of the property and along the Malahat, and replace it with natural flora.

Youth Groups – Paul MacNeill (on behalf of Tim Doherty)

- (a) 10 Scout and Girl Guide groups in the past years, over 100 youth in total
- (b) Archery training program currently on hold due to COVID.

Webmaster – Paul MacNeill (on behalf of Tony Bousquet)

- (a) Nothing to state. The web site said it all.

Annual General Meeting

- Call to Order for Annual General Meeting by: President Doug Bancroft

1. Presentation of 2020 Financial Statements – Treasurer Dom Piluso

MOTION: To approve the 2020 financial statements.

- a. Moved by Dom Piluso
- b. Seconded by Steve Shulhan
- c. Carried

2. **Notice of Special Resolution:** Presenter Don Senft.

MOTION: The following membership rate fee increases for 2022 as proposed by the Directors to meet both our short and long term financial commitments and pressures be approved as follows:

Adult Membership:	Currently - \$200	2022 Rate - \$300
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Family Membership:	Currently - \$235	2022 Rate - \$350
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Junior Membership:	Currently - \$50	2022 Rate - \$75
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Senior Membership:	Currently - \$100	2022 Rate - \$175
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- a. Moved by: Don Senft
- b. Seconded by: Dom Piluso
- c. Carried

3. **Notice of Special Resolution:** Presenter Paul MacNeill.

MOTION: The Directors hereby propose to adjust the VFGPA Bylaws to reflect the following:

Adjust paragraph **52** from "The President shall not hold office for more than two consecutive terms and there must be a gap of at least two years before he may hold the office again."

To read: "The President shall not hold office for more than three consecutive terms and there must be a gap of at least two years before he may hold the office again."

- a. Moved by: Paul MacNeill
- b. Seconded by: Stewart Churlish
- c. Carried

4. **Notice of Special Resolution:** Presenter Paul MacNeill.

MOTION: The Directors hereby propose to adjust the VFGPA organizational structure Bylaws, in view of continued VFGPA growth for which the current structure is challenged to keep pace with:

Adjust paragraph **11** from " Each member shall inform the Membership Chair or his designate in writing of his up-to-date mailing address, e-mail address (if any) and fax number (if any) for the purposes of receiving notices from the Society. This is an ongoing obligation."

To read: Each member shall inform the Vice-President Member Services or his designate in writing of his up-to-date mailing address, e-mail address (if any) and fax number (if any) for the purposes of receiving notices from the Society. This is an ongoing obligation.

Adjust paragraph **35** from "The President of the Society, the Vice-president or, in the absence of both, one of the other Directors present, shall preside as Chairperson of a general meeting.

To read: "The President of the Society, any Vice-President or, in their absence, one of the other Directors present, shall preside as Chairperson of a general meeting."

Adjust paragraph **46** from "The membership shall elect up to 12 Directors including the officers (President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair)"

To read: "The membership shall elect up to 12 Directors including the officers (President, Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Sports and Innovation, Vice-President Member Services, Secretary and Treasurer)."

Adjust paragraph **62** from "The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair shall be Directors and Officers of the Society, and shall be elected at the annual general meeting. The immediate Past President shall also be a Director and Officer of the Society."

To read: "The President, Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Sports and Innovation, Vice-President Member Services, Secretary and Treasurer shall be Directors and Officers of the Society, and shall be elected at the annual general meeting. The immediate Past President shall also be a Director and Officer of the Society."

Adjust sub-paragraph **84.e** from "Assign operational responsibilities to the First and Second Vice Presidents and directors."

To read: "Assign operational responsibilities and priorities to the Vice-Presidents and Directors."

Adjust the **first sentence** of paragraph **85** from "The First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall:"

To read: "The Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Sports and Innovation and Vice-President Member Services shall:"

Adjust paragraph **88** from "The Membership Chair shall maintain the register of membership, and is responsible for accepting applications for membership. The Membership Chair may appoint others to accept membership applications on behalf of the Association."

To read: "The Vice-President Member Services shall maintain the register of membership, and is responsible for accepting applications for membership. The Vice-President Member Services may appoint others to accept membership applications on behalf of the Association."

Adjust paragraph **120** from "There shall be a Board of Trustees to consist of Past-Presidents and past First and Second Vice Presidents. The immediate Past-President shall

be Chairman of the Board of Trustees."

To read: "There shall be a Board of Trustees to consist of Past-Presidents and past Vice-Presidents. The immediate Past-President shall be Chairman of the Board of Trustees."

- a. Moved by: Paul MacNeill
- b. Seconded by: Alan Hannebauer
- c. Carried

Note: Upon approval of proposed restructure by the BC Societies Registrar, 1st VP becomes VP Operations, 2nd VP becomes VP Sports and Innovation, and Membership Chair becomes VP Member Services

5. Elections:

Scrutineers appointed: Adam Piluso and Doug Bancroft

Officers:

- President: Doug Bancroft
- 1st VP: Don Senft
- 2nd VP: Paul MacNeill
- Membership Chair: Rick Rutherford
- Treasurer: Stewart Churlish
- Secretary: Andrew Lemon

Note: All officers above were elected to their positions as the only nominees put forward for their respective position.

Directors at Large:

- Fishing & Big Game – Wayne Zaccarelli
- Continuity – Dom Piluso
- Youth Groups & School Engagement – Tim Doherty
- Juniors Program & Ranger – Megan McCool
- Compliance – David Busch
- Risk Management – Martin Nichols

Note: All directors above were elected to their positions as the only nominees put forward for their respective position.

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:15PM