

# Silver City Trap Club Directors Meeting

**Time: November 11, 1:30 PM**

**Place: Clubhouse**

**In Attendance: Brian Kittson, Rick Miller, Ron Ready, Glenn Smecher, Geoff Smith, Willi Terpin, Carl Thesin,**

**Note taker: Bill Chapman**

**Attachments: Revised AGM Minutes**

Presented below are the points for discussion in bold and the recorded notes of discussion and action are presented after each bold point. Rick Smith, President, presented each topic and led the discussion.

**1. We have received \$18,000 from CBT to reclaim our club after the recent works. The premise of the donation from CBT is to restore and enhance the rubber boa and reptile habitat on our club as we had a number of individuals of those species before the works were undertaken. The grant requires a few things of us including building 4 snake hibernacula, doing extensive rockworks like we had before, revegetating in a way that is conducive to rubber boas and reptiles, establishing a log book to indefinitely keep track of reptile sightings, preparing a brochure describing the reptile aspect of our facility and using our facility from time to time to raise awareness of reptiles, e.g., the Wild Kidz would be a perfect venue for that activity. We are hopeful that Guy will be interested in doing the work and we could pay him something for his efforts this time. Does the club support this initiative given that it requires some commitments from the club that are beyond what is normally found in a shooting club? If not we should turn the money back now.**

After a small amount of discussion which was generally supportive of the initiative, Bill Chapman moved and Ron Ready seconded that we move ahead with project as was outlined in the proposal to CBT. The vote was unanimous in favour.

**2. Gift for Guy. Rick has made suggestions for a gift to recognize Guy for his extraordinary amount of donated work. He has received some feedback and a decision needs to be made on how to move forward as there will be some club expenditures involved.**

There seemed to be general agreement that providing Guy with some token of recognition of his approximately 350hrs of volunteer time would be very appropriate. Points of discussion included whether we should give money or a gift or the choice of money or a gift. A suggestion was made that Guy be given pay for future time on the rehabilitation work. It was further suggested that paid time and a gift might be appropriate. Ultimately Rick moved and Bill seconded that the Club give Guy the choice of a gift or cash equivalent. The gift would consist of a gun, 1000 rounds of ammunition, 4 punchcards and a lifetime membership. . It was noted that it was somewhat subjective what the value of a lifetime membership should be but Willi

proposed and Geoff seconded that the cash equivalent of the gift be set at \$2500. This was unanimously approved. The matter of approving the expenditure will be put to a general vote of the club next week.

**3. Brian has pointed out that there was an omission in the minutes in that one of his motions was not recorded. Bill who is currently secretary but was not at the time, remembers the vote and but not the specific content of the motion (but as it was not his role, did not keep notes of what transpired). Brian has provided Bill with his written copy of the motion so we can tell pretty precisely what was proposed. Bill did not know who seconded the motion. There was some discussion in the AGM, initiated by Don, that a motion could not be passed that made a change to the bylaws that could be construed as being against the constitution. Brian points out to Bill that the motion (17a in the attached) does not propose a change to the bylaws but is simply a poll of the opinion of the club with regard to direction the Club should be taking. The wording of the proposal is not extremely explicit about what its intent is (e.g., a poll of the club, a new bylaw or what). Bill and Rick have referred to Robert's rules of Order and there is not very much guidance on what to do in a case like this. The minutes should record exactly what was put forward and not be revised post-meeting to make them conform with the constitution. However, in this case, Bill thinks that it might be appropriate to include a footnote to the minute to note that a post meeting discussion confirmed that the purpose of the motion was to poll the club with regard to its opinion about the direction of the club and that it was not a motion to make a non-permitted change to the bylaws. The reason for doing this is so that in a year or so when memories have faded we do not leave a minute that will create confusion.**

Rick introduced the topic. Bill elaborated that his concern was with entering a motion into minutes which he had not personally recorded and of which he did not have clear recollection of what transpired with the motion except that there had been some discussion about the validity of the motion. Bill pointed out that in his opinion the motion did not explicitly state its intent and therefore might be misconstrued at some point in the future. There followed some general discussion about the need for the club to clearly designate itself as a shotgun sports club but the most germane argument was presented by Brian which was that the motion meant exactly what it said and that it was clearly a poll of the membership with regard to their desire to keep the club dedicated to shotgun sports and that it was clearly not a proposal to change club bylaws. When asked directly by Bill whether or not those in attendance were generally in agreement that the meaning of the motion could only be construed as Brian had stated, i.e., a poll of the club, there was general agreement that the intent of motion as worded was clear and so should go into the minutes as worded by Brian.

**4. At the last AGM, the number of directors was limited to eight and this has not been the case in the past. The limit on the number of directors has resulted in some very important changes to the Directorship for which the club is probably worse off. Can this situation be rectified or at least some clarification developed so that we avoid this sort of situation in the future?**

Rick pointed out that the club's directorship was missing two active members as a result of an amorphous decision at the AGM to limit the number of directors to 8. He also pointed out that it was awkward to have George as treasurer but not director as his input would be required at directors meetings. Discussion pointed out that a previous president had somewhat arbitrarily limited the number of directors to 8 but as far as anybody was aware, that rule was not in the bylaws. Cases of historical precedent for having more than 8 directors there were presented. It was suggested that the appropriate place to add more directors would be at the next AGM which will be next spring. No motion was put forward.

**5. Rick noted that he would like to put a notice in the paper thanking the long list of people who have contributed to rebuilding the club. The notice would also serve to make the public aware that the club is still open and functioning.**

Brian suggested that we not make the public aware that the club is still functioning until we have the skeet venue approved. There seemed to be murmured agreement on that point and no motion was put forward.