

# POSC BULLETIN

1 Sept 20

## Next Executive meeting 6 Oct 20

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**\*During COVID-19 restrictions the BoD will provide monthly bulletins to the membership\***

### **Presidents Message**

Good evening all members of POSC

1. The BoD has convened and it was decided that all general meetings due to Covid-19 and being unable to guarantee social distancing all general meetings will be cancelled until its safe to resume.
2. The BoD has had in-depth discussion with the following recommendations ref the BoD elections that were scheduled to take place in November 20.
  - a. It was suggested and pasted that we postpone the in-person elections, due to social distancing concerns for 60 days and push it to the right to **Jan 21**, then we will re-visit and if it's still not safe to do the elections by that date. At that time, we still cannot do an in-person vote we will extend the postponement one final 60-day period to **Mar 21**. If the situation has still not improved enough for the in-person election we will then execute our digital elections.  
**Motion** by Vice President G Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director4 Kelly Ponewas, carried
  - b. Use Google forms and a nominations email run by non-BoD (neutral) members to execute a digital vote; not allot of time to prepare and possibly ostracize older members. We can go ahead and research this option if it comes to it. I will create a [posselections@gmail.com](mailto:posselections@gmail.com) email account.
3. Constitutional removal of Director 1, Chris Pombiere – brought forward  
Our constitution stipulates that no member of the BoD may miss 3 consecutive Executive meetings and maintain their seat on the board. Unfortunately, Chris has been deployed for up to 4 months and so we are left with no choice but to remove him at this time. This had to be done to ensure transparency and fairness. When he returns, he will be welcome to run again for a position. According to the Cooperate profile and this pandemic of being unable to have a general meeting, we will maintain this vacancy.  
**Motion** to remove Chris Pombiere as Director1 by Vice President G Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director3 Dennis Murphy, carried  
**Note:** BoDs and chairs that are finished their tour in December can be back filled by other chairs and members until we can vote.
4. On the 4 Aug 20 bulletin a point needs to be clarified. Under membership it was mentioned that if you allow you membership to expire you will have to do the RO course again. That is not the case, only if you allow your membership to lapse 1 year you will then become a probationary member for six months, have to attend a meeting, attend the Range orientation course, before you become an ordinary member to vote.

Stanley Mercredi

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## **Range Safety Officer / Range Operator**

1.

As your president, I'm concerned that this Liberal government and the RCMP have been quietly adding to the gun ban list on a regular basis. So along with the BoD we will keep you all informed.

2. here is the link to the RCMP website <https://mpfirearmspublicstore.blob.core.windows.net/firearms-reference-table/frt-raf-eng.pdf>

3. Re: Fuel Filter **Silencers (Solvent Traps)** I bring the following to your attention as CFO members have been engaged recently with the Canadian Boarder Service Agency (CBSA) and a number of Ontario Police Agencies regarding "fuel filter silencers". There has been a wave of firearm silencers (AKA suppressors) being imported into Canada over the past several months advertised or masked as solvent traps. These items are listed under a host of names, including but not limited to the following: solvent trap, fuel filter silencer, 4003 solvent kit, mock suppressor. They are imported in one of two ways as complete devices or kits requiring assembling.

A legitimate solvent trap attaches to the barrel of a firearm and is used to collect and trap gun cleaning solvent during the cleaning process. The RCMP has determined that several devices being imported as solvent traps / fuel filters are firearm suppressors/silencers based on a number of specific physiognomies: "metal tubes threaded on the inside of each end with the mechanical strength to withstand the forces of the discharge and passage of a bullet;

Threaded caps to be attached to the metal tube (with or without a pre-drilled bore) with the means of mounting firmly to a firearm. Baffles or an internal component such as a spring or rubber ring capable muffling or silencing the sound of discharge.'

These items are prohibited **devices**. Section 84(1) of the Criminal Code defines a prohibited device as any device or contrivance designed or intended to muffle or stop the sound of a firearm. The possession, transfer, importation or exportation of a prohibited device by anyone who is not authorized is engaged in a criminal offence under the Criminal Code.

This information is for your awareness and the awareness of your respective club and range members and instructors

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## **Treasurer**

1. Some trickling in of funds from rentals and memberships, not a lot of volume right now. Good volume from Shot gun. Bills being paid.

2. Please ensure when you use the club accounts (i.e. Home Hardware) to purchase anything for club you get your name on the paperwork, as a note or as the PO so Treasurer can allocate costs to correct area of the club.

3. Will set up email receipt with Home Hardware so email goes directly to Treasurer.

4. Reminder to President/House Chair price out Property insurance come January. Allen Insurance is current broker (not local) much higher premiums now. House Chair may have some connections.

5. Setting up Direct Deposit with CNL. Should do same with OPP as well

Deborah Mercredi

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#### **Director 4**

1. Dedication of Shotgun shack in memory of Gerald Cliche – brought forward by Kelly Ponewas, suggested we purchase a piece of nice wood to have engraved as “Cliche Cabin”, have a photo of Gerald in front of the shotgun shack printed up and framed/installed and dedicate to Gerald. If the Exec agree, Kelly will approach the family to gain their approval and if they agree, he will get some costs to put this together.

**Motion** by Kelly Ponewas to make inquiries 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Simms, carried

Kelly Ponewas

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#### **Membership Chair**

1. 371 members total with 29 open spaces available (241 Adult single, 81 Family, 43 Senior single, 6 Senior family)

Note: 12 still to take the RO course, majority are new members.

2. Membership Chair put forward the following members to be voted in as Ordinary Members: #019 - Christopher Carriere, #102 - Erik Dickerson, #162 - Brian Power, #186 - Sandor Kiss, #246 - Jason Pyoli, #251 - Mathieu Labonte, #304 - Stephen Wickware, #341 - Danton Claramunt, #369 - Rob Boal, #262 - Connie Jessup, #263 - Andrew Jessup

Motion past to accept members as ordinary members

Ashley Ponewas

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#### **Property Chair**

1. Still waiting to hear back on quote to install avalanche guard on lower range awaiting call backs. We really need to get the avalanche guards done as priority one. Valley Seamless is another alternate we can consider (VP provided # number)

2. Archery range has poison ivy infestation. Looking for resolution ourselves before calling on professionals

3. Plan to do a **big clean-up on garage and grounds Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, Sean will coordinate w/ Volunteer chair to get the hands and make a list of things to get done, so we can divide and conquer. Likewise, the Gong House rebuild on the lower range will also utilize that same day to do the modular pre-build and keep the mess all together. Executive is prepared to all be available if at all possible.

Sean Budden

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#### **House / Rental Chair**

1. Quote obtained for 6 new commercial grade carpets (mud guard) from Uline of approx. \$2,500 (tax and shipping). Expensive, but high-quality and should last us for many years

**Motion pasted to purchase** J Simms, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Budden, carried

2. Got battery back-up for our PC and telephone (approx. 600 minutes if power out). Ken Bell generously donated another battery back-up and we're using for security cameras and new soap dispensers were installed in the ladies washroom

3. Due to security issue with POSC keys, the clubhouse and garage have to be re-keyed – Garage already done due to safety concerns; indoor will be done this week or so. Speak to House chair if you require a key. Cost to re-key was only \$289 (40 keys for club and 12 for garage). Excellent vendor – Crewe Locksmithing.

**Note:** Make sure your keys are not stored with your pass!

4. Investigating the possible future key solution by replacing hard keys with key fobs and installing readers on the doors. If there is ever a reason to suspend entry privileges (i.e. a member leaves the club but does not return their key fob) their fob can simply be deactivated from the clubhouse PC. Investigation stage to find out cost and administration burden with House Chair.

5. Purchase of the new self-propelled lawnmower can be based on sale price (current equipment has been repaired should last out the season) – House and Property Chair to watch out for a deal.

### **Rental**

1.

CNL is paid up and training in September

2. OPP has cancelled their night firearms program and will not need POSC ranges this fall Oct 2020. However, they hope to be back to a normal schedule next year when Oct 2021 rolls around.

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### **Training**

1. President will be running a course on the 5 Sept 20.

2. Reminder to all members that minors cannot fill-in the sign-in sheet or own waiver form for any of the ranges, only parent or legal guardian are allowed to fill it in.

**Note:** RO's are responsible to ensure that all sign in sheets and waivers are properly filled in.

Stanley Mercredi

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### **Youth Chair**

1. The youth program is Shut down for 2020, it will resume in Spring 2021.

Kelly Ponewas

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### **Indoor Chair**

1. Chair to work on RO issues. Will take some research, archives are available to him.

2. POSC Training Officer will be consulted and decide about qualifying more RO's for the indoor range – Trainor must be CSSA qualified. Some of Exec have expressed desire for designation training.

James

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### **Lower Range Chair**

1. All equipment/supplies are here to build the gong house (pre-cut, pre-drill, pre-assemble) On budget

2. Need rubber mats for Gong house (post-build) and the Shotgun range also needs some for 'rabbit'

3. Sign-in book on the lower range still being filled in incorrectly. Take the time to properly fill it in.

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### **Archery Chair**

1. Backings are complete, extensions are nearing completion
2. Still looking for additional 3D targets, target quotes have been sent out however most locations on are out of stock. No single seller has all of the items I was looking for. Purchasing 1 target locally and hope to get other quotes filled in the spring
3. Looking to have some winter targets with covers

Brad Watson

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### **Website Chair**

1. No report
2. The website will be temp filled in by Dane Prosper, until Chris returns from deployment.

Dane Prosper

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### **Shotgun Chair**

1. August saw some busy days with 40 plus rounds shot on some days and other days no show due to weather. It was also a very sad month with the loss of Gerald Cliche. Gerald was a true leader and driver for POSC, especially the shotgun range. He was a very dedicated to POSC; a true passion in his life. He will be missed.

2. Finances as of Aug 30

- a. Expenses (Targets purchased) = \$3,457.70 for 189 cases
- b. Projects (New Shelter, Traps and Maintenance) = \$8,527 (New Shelter=\$1,624; Maintenance=\$48; Traps=\$6,646)
- c. Token sales for month of August = \$905, Total sales = \$2,960

3. Additional Info

- a. Power connected and all lighting and outlets functioning for new shelter.
- b. Atlas Trap machines for rabbit and teal basically ready with a few mods to the carts, including heavy rubber mats.
- c. BRB Voice Release System has been set up on Range #1. Feedback very positive.

4. Pending projects include:

a. installation of cabinets and counter top for new shelter and moving some items from the old shelter including mounting past shotgun plaques and trophies.

b. clearing trees and brush west side of Range #1 and setting up for 5-Stand traps.

Of course, any questions or concerns with the shotgun program please feel free to contact me.

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