

## **FREDERICTON TRAP & SKEET CLUB Inc.**

Minutes , AGM, January 8, 2012 @ 3098 Hanwell Rd.

1. **Call to Order:** President Laurence Gilbey called the meeting to order @ 10:35am.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda as distributed at the meeting was approved, moved by Mike Stairs, seconded by John Johnston. Carried.
3. **Minutes, AGM, Jan.9<sup>th</sup> 2011:** The minutes were read by Secretary-Treasurer Gerrit van Raalte and moved for acceptance, seconded by John Lockerbie. Carried.
4. **Financial & Membership Report:** Membership at the end of Dec. stood at 114, with again a year to year increase in the “family” component, and in student membership. In reviewing the Statement of Operations for 2011, the Sec.-Treasurer noted that with one exception, the Revenue and Expenditures were in line with last year, but that Infrastructure/Capital expenditures had been very substantial including the purchase of 2LaPorte SC/Skeet machines and 2 lightly used Promatic Pro skeet machines. The clay target inventory is down but sufficient to last till the end of May. Recorded rounds shot in 2011 increased to 6441, which equates to 161,025 targets. The greatest increase was in Skeet. The bank balance as of Dec.31, 2011, while nicely in the black was at its lowest in some years, as are our current assets. The S-T recommended that in 2012 the club rebuild its current asset base, and moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by Bruce Beaton. Carried.
5. **Presidents Report:** President Gilbey gave an overview of another successful year for the Club. In his remarks, he expanded on the importance the Club places on the Novice program, and the significant role the many sponsors play in the success of Club’s programs and shoots. He thanked the many members who untiringly give of their time to improve and maintain the viability of the club, and its activities. Laurence Gilbey moved, seconded by Eric McLellan.
6. **New Business:**
  - **2012 Events: The shooting schedule as adopted:**
    - **April 28. (Sat):** George Lindsay memorial Skeet Shoot (4X50)
    - **May 26. (Sat.) :** Ruffed Grouse Society ; 75 SC
    - **June 16. (Sat.):** Winchester Ammo BBQ Blast; 75 SC
    - **July 7. (Sat.):** Beretta Sporting Clay Challenge; 100 SC
    - **August 11. (Sat.):** Browning NB SC Championship; 100 SC

- **Sept. 16, (Sun.):** RNBRA Prov. Shotgun Championship; **25 Skeet, 24 Trap, 50 SC**
- **December 2 (Sun.)** Christmas Charity Shoot; **50 Skeet**
- **Novice Program 2012:** Bev Bacon will again head this very successful program. The program runs for 4 Saturday mornings as follows:
  - **Mar 31<sup>st</sup>:** Intro to FT&SC, safety, shotgun techniques, skeet
  - **April 7<sup>th</sup>:** Safety, shotgun techniques, trap
  - **April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Safety, shotgun techniques, skeet & trap
  - **May 5<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date May 12<sup>th</sup>):** Safety, sporting clays (50 targets)  
Participants are asked to register with Bev Bacon  
([bevbacon@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:bevbacon@nbnet.nb.ca))
- **Sporting Clays:** 2011 was another very successful year with good turnouts at the shoots and enjoyable shooting on Tuesday nights during the summer. With the addition of the 2 LaPorte machines acquired in 2011, and the potential to utilize the “old trap field”, and the work done on the course by Mike Stairs, the future for SC at the club looks bright. Mike Stairs will initiate a roster for the opening and closing of the SC course on Tuesday nights, so he is looking for volunteers. If it is ***pouring rain*** on a Tuesday, the rain date will be the following Thursday for SC.
- **Skeet:** The George Lindsay Memorial Skeet shoot is the only NSSA registered shoot the FT&SC hosts. The format is 50 targets in each of 12, 20, 28 ga. and 410 bore. However all 200 targets may be shot with the same ga. Members who have never been members of the National Skeet Shooting Ass. may become members for free at the shoot. A number of club members also represent FT&SC at NSSA registered shoots at other venues.
- **Trap:** Trap is shot by 6-9 dedicated shooters on Wed. evenings in the summer and Sat. afternoon in the winter. The skeet field 2 is also open at these times for anyone who would like to shoot a round of skeet. The “new” Promatic skeet machines have been installed on field one to allow field 3 to be used for trap on Sunday afternoons if the demand is there. Again, trap shooters from FT&SC travel to Ont., Maine and NS to shoot in competitions.
- **Fees:** The Board of Directors recommended that there be no changes to membership (\$100/yr.) or shooting fees (\$45/rd.) for 2012.
- **Web Site [www.ft-sc.com](http://www.ft-sc.com)** President Gilbey emphasized that the web site continues to be a very useful outreach tool, with a number of enquiries responded to each week, but that it is looking a little tired. To that end, Dave Drysdale has agreed to work with Blake Stewart to refresh and update the site. As per last year, the minutes of the AGM and all written reports will be posted on the site, not mailed out, except to those who do not have access,

and did not attend the AGM. Financial reports will not be posted, but may be obtained from the Sec.-Treas. ([gdpavr@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:gdpavr@nb.sympatico.ca))

- **Maintenance & Improvements:** The President stated that a tremendous amount of work has been done in the past 2 years on the facilities. Thus aside from maintenance and some improvements to the SC trails, revenue generated should be directed to rebuilding our inventory of clays and current assets.
  
- **Other Business:**
  - Laurence Gilbey moved, seconded by Bev Bacon, that the Club donate \$400 to the O'Dell youth air gun shooting program, coached by Bob Keirstead . Carried.
  - Old Winchester Skeet Machines: The club has 7 of these, which are presently not used. Options are 1)to move them @ \$1500 a pair ( there is interest)or 2) use them in a permanent 5 stand setup. The SC committee will submit a written proposal to the Board by April 1<sup>st</sup> on the feasibility , operation and cost of a year round 5 stand setup.
  - The ruffed Grouse Society has reserved the Club on August 18<sup>th</sup> for a Grouse Workshop by the RGS Biologist. John Lockerbie may be contacted for details as planning for the WS progresses
  - Moved by Dave Bell and seconded by Eric McLellan that the Browning Summer Classic SC Shoot be renamed The Browning NB SC Championship. Ross Faulkner (Browning Sponsor) and Laurence Gilbey will meet with the Browning people at the Shot Show in Vegas to discuss prize options for this shoot. These changes are designed to make the shoot more attractive to a greater number of shooters.
  - Ross Faulkner indicated that increases in the cost of ammo and clays for 2012 would be minimal, with transportation cost the biggest unknown.
  - Mike Stairs informed the membership that anyone wishing to have a T-Shirt with the Club logo on it to see him. He can procure these for ~ \$23 each.

## **7. Nominations & Election of Directors:**

- The Board of Directors has asked Past President Bev Bacon to fill the vacant position of Past President on the Executive. He has accepted that position.
- Phil Hughes and Al Robichaud have both indicated their desire to step down as Directors. To fill these 2 vacant positions, the Board recommends Dave Oley and Frank Perry. The President called for nominations from the floor, and Ed Christie, seconded by George Phillips nominated Mike Stairs. Mike declined the nomination, and

Bev Bacon moved that nominations cease, seconded by Eric McLellan.  
Bev Bacon moved, seconded by Louis Caissie that Dave Oley be  
elected Director. Carried. Eric McLellan moved, seconded by John  
Johnston that Frank Perry be elected Director. Carried.

**8. Adjournment:** President Gilbey thanked all those present for their  
support and interest in the operations of the Club, and adjourned the meeting  
@ 12:10pm.

### **Board of FT&SC Inc. 2012**

Executive:

President	Laurence Gilbey
Vice President	Dave Bell
Past President	Bev Bacon
Secretary-Treasurer	Gerrit van Raalte

Director Emeritus: Don Downey

Directors: Louis Caissie, Ed Christie, Brian Lewis, Eric McLellan, Dave Oley,  
Ken O'Neill, Frank Perry, George Phillips

Respectfully submitted

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