

FUNDY SHOOTING SPORTS INC.

Minutes of Meeting September 10th, 2024

Meeting Called To Order at: 7:05 p.m.

Adoption of minutes of meeting August 13th, 2024

Moved by Tom Blakeney, seconded by Trevor Little

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported to those in attendance.

Old Business

- Mike Delaney said there is 1 case of 20 gauge shotgun shells left for \$120. The Dana Russell Memorial Shotgun Shoot was postponed due to weather. Bill Nason said the RSO course put on at our range by the RNBRA (Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association) had 6 participants. Dave Greene clarified that the rifle draw winner at our Youth Shoot this year was initially Gord Whitman's granddaughter but in a great show of fair-play & generosity declined the award as she was a previous recipient; this led to another draw & the rifle being given to Paul Barry's granddaughter.

New Business

- Member Liam O'Brien introduced Progressive Conservative candidate for Saint John West-Lancaster Kim Costain who is running in the provincial election October 21st. She stated that she is originally from McAdam and is a strong supporter of firearms ownership and our ability to use them. She encouraged all to get out and vote and make our voices heard at the ballot box.
- Mike Delaney said the bank statement for August has been received and balanced, all bills are paid except for bush-hogging of the range. The Dana Russell Memorial Shotgun Shoot was rescheduled to September 14th. A donation was made to the SPCA in memory of club member Leon Hayward's wife Marilyn. NB Power advised us the range will be receiving a "smart meter".
- We received a donation request from Ducks Unlimited Canada to support their Grade 4 Wetland Field Trip Program for \$850. A discussion ensued where Dave Greene said in his role on the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund a similar request led to due diligence showing that DU Canada CEO (Michael Nadler) salary was over \$285,000. Further investigation on my part (<https://www.charityintelligence.ca/charity-details/12-ducks-unlimited-canada>) showed DU Canada had over \$22 million in donations in 2023, over \$27 million dollars in government funding, and \$55 million dollars in international donations; they have over \$186 million dollars in reserve. They also have a seat on the Canadian Firearms Advisory Council but would not sign the petition against the OIC banning semi-automatic firearms. It's quite clear this organization has lost touch with it's founding principles and no longer listens to hunters and firearms owners. Their donation request was not supported by any member present.
- Mike Delaney said Ian Ross has volunteered to perform an audit of the club's 2023 financial statement; many thanks to Ian for stepping up. The 25 yard target stand emplacement railway ties have to be replaced as they have been in use for over 25 years and are worn-out. We need to schedule a work detail once we have a back-hoe lined up to assist. Please watch for the email and come help.
- Dave Greene said the club now has a key for the KBM.
- Blake Tibbetts said rimfire shoots are done for the season; shotgun finishes September 11th.
- Bill Nason asked new members to remain after the meeting for range safety orientation.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Liam O'Brien

Next Meeting at 7:00 p.m. October 8th, 2024

Bill Nason, PRESIDENT

Robert G. Roy, SECRETARY