

PSC NOTES

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Welcome to the middle of summer. There are a couple of things on our plate that you might find interesting or heard a little news about and a thing or two that I would like you to think about.

The first thing is minor but in the short term important; due to time conflicts of board members we will not have a quorum for the July General Meeting currently scheduled for the 5th. Of necessity the meeting is cancelled; we will carry the agenda forward to the August meeting.

Our biggest project is the rebuild of the 50 and 15 yard lines from edge to edge and from bottom up. The planning is in progress and has had a couple of fits and starts. I think all of us expected to be farther along then we currently are but the project is still on tap.

We have made one major change to the process that will enhance our efforts and it is a change to two phases on each range instead of completing one range at a time. Our first effort will be to replace the baffles on both ranges at the same time, late this year if we are lucky and rebuild the berms on both ranges as one project in 2017. We can get by with an ugly berm, we can't operate with a busted baffle. We are seeking funding to cost share in the total project.

Our financial position remains strong and is sufficient for ordinary operations plus the total baffle project. We will also maintain our contingency fund (a fund set aside for surprises) and we will still have a good start on our berm project.

Anybody that is allergic to volunteering can stop reading here...time's up I'm glad you're still in. I know you all know this but it's worth saying again, the club has no employees, not one. We have a lawyer, an accountant, a web manager and a book keeper that we pay for service and we contract for some technical work and some heavy lifting but the day to day is run by members, about 70 of them including RSOs. So here is your chance, there are a couple of jobs that need to be filled and sooner is usually better than later.

We need a Membership Chair. Doug Forsyth has served for three years and is stepping down. He is apparently not moved by pleading and tears, anyway, the club needs a replacement; we need someone who is organized, can read and follow the rules and see that they apply to everyone and develop a bit of a thick skin when an applicant or a member doesn't get that 'thing' they wanted on membership.

We have plenty of time before the membership season starts and Mr. Forsyth has agreed to give the new chair a solid grounding before the process starts. If you want an indoor job that is critical to the health of the club this is a good one.

We have an executive board of eight, three at-large directors holding three year terms, three area-directors holding one year terms, a VP holding a one year term and a president with a two year term. This fall we will elect a VP, Three area directors and an at-large director, if my math is right that's 5 of 8. There is an additional consideration here as well: All of our officers have term-limits of three consecutive terms, the president, that would be me, term limits out in December 2017. One way we can maintain continuity is to have planned succession, so if any member is considering the president gig, running for vice-president in 2016 can be a great start. Like any other undertaking it takes a minute or two to figure things out and the VP seat can be a good start.

At our August membership meeting, Liz Heath, a professional in the area of non-profit organization governance will present the nuts and bolt of a board's responsibilities and how individual directors should approach their jobs. This will be a good general interest meeting, perhaps answering a question or two about why we do some things the way we do. EB members will attend and the general membership is heartily encouraged to attend.

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