

# UCFA 4TH Annual General Meeting Minutes

## **Call To Order:**

An Annual General meeting of the University of Calgary Firearms Association was called to order at the University of Calgary on April 5th, 2017 at 7:10 pm. Seconded by Thomas.

## **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

- 1.) Executive Reports
- 2.) Amendments
- 3.) Election
- 4.) Appointments

## **1.) EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

**Chinmoy:** I am VP comms. Marketing, advertising, social media etc. Volunteered at spring great outdoor days forabela's. Red Deer Gun Show: people lined up to give us cash to buy tickets for the giveaway. \$4000 dollars made. Firearms Institute for Rational Education took half of the money, and gave us half for our efforts. Last May we volunteered at the Safari Club's annual fundraising dinner. June 8th we volunteered at the Waterfowl Fundraising Dinner, great cause. Did an Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation shoot. Delta waterfowl workshop in September, good intro on waterfowl hunting followed by a trap shoot. Aug 20th fall great outdoor days forabela's. Aug 28th volunteered at Milo Alberta 3 gun match. Sept 1st Cabela's gave us member discounts as token of our partnership with them. Young guns shoot, clubs week etc. Drummond Shooting gave us AR500 steel targets in late September, used in the .50BMG long range shoot. Oct 5th we had an interview with CJSW Radio. Oct 13th, New Shooters Canada podcast. November, giveaways for 3 items. Membership drive in Mac Hall in January which increased our membership roster by 40. \$2500 dollars given to us from SCI. Great people. 34% increase in likes on Facebook. Twitter, we gained 73% more followers. Instagram account has 160 followers. Reddit account made and managed from time to time. Outreach to other clubs on campus like ethnic

clubs, Mental Health Clubs, and societies for the purposes of private shoots. Made a centralized google drive account to store our stuff, which was extremely important in increasing the efficiency of our archives. New training procedures. Real shout out to Delano, he has been a good boss and guided myself constantly. But all other executives deserve a shout out too. Ops Team, important job and they fulfilled it without major hitches. Thank you for this opportunity, I had a great time.

**Delano:** I will give **Rachel's** report. Grown the club a ton. New event types like .50BMG shoot, 36 events total this year.

**Keenan:** 2 or 3 ammo buys. 36,000 rounds of 9mm and other calibres. I bring in new guns and ammo. 4-5 new guns owned by me or the club. I love guns!!!

**Thomas:** We did clear 300 members as of March. Thanks for everyone who worked towards that.

**Mesa:** I made the Website Great Again. (applause)

**Delano:** I am now going to talk about finances. Our bank account at the end of last year was 4,937.20. Total amount spent last year was \$7091.68. Total revenue last year was \$11,115.85. To this year, total bank account is \$6748.70, 36% increase. Total amount spent this year was \$17,958.86, 153% increase. Total revenue this year was \$19,519.11, 76% increase. 45% of our AHEIA donation is left. We had 217 members last year. We have 305 members as of today. 41% increase. Lots of trap and skeet events, and .50BMG shoot. Tons of volunteering. More social events! Educational seminars. We have a done a lot on the academic front. My capstone project was for Colt Canada. Lots of new students and engineering students out. 3 amounts on average per month. Largest event, trap tournament and waterfowl hunting seminar brought out 35 people. Well done guys.

## **2.) AMENDMENTS:**

Proposed By Delano

1st Amendment: All positions introduced in this AGM and any AGMs going forward can be appointed by their superior, excluding, VPs, Presidents, and EOs. Seconded by Sam. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

2nd Amendment: Rename membership Co director to membership director and only have one position for it. Seconded by Thomas. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

3rd Amendment: Remove the position of Corporate Affairs Director. Seconded by Sam. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

4th Amendment: Remove the position of Recruitment Director. Seconded by Sam. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

5th Amendment: Introduce the position of External Affairs Director, Social Media Director and Marketing Director, Appointed by the VP Comms. Seconded by Chinmoy. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

6th Amendment: Introduce a 2nd Operations Director Appointed by the VP operations. Secodned by Mesa. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

7th Amendment: Introduce a 2nd Operations Team, which is a copy of the first, same positions as before. Peter seconded. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

8th Amendment: Introduce the Position of VP Design. Seconded by Chester. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

9th Amendment: VP Design will appoint the Engagement and Jr Engagement Director. Seconded by Oscar. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Proposed By Delano

10th Amendment: Introduce a rule that the President and the President Elect will serve side by side as CO Presidents until Sept 1st, if a new president is elected. Chinmoy seconded. PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Floor is now opened to new amendments from any executives.

No additional amendments were proposed.

## **SPEECHES:**

**Delano:** It really makes me feel great that you guys have all come out. Everyone that came out to support me. I did write a speech for this. I want to start off of the history of this club and what we are making. We are the first firearms related University club that has ever got this big. The calibre of people we have is fantastic. The greatest accomplishment is that we took an idea that something as taboo. We have taken this off from nothing. Baby steps: the man in the room who came up with this idea Is Austin Slobodian. Thank you so much. Was it founded at a bar? No. It was founded on Google Plus. Initial executive team was formed there. Our first event was pitiful. It was stressful and badly organized. No one had their own guns. We had 2 bays in CSC. We kept pushing on. 6 events in one month. Our first clubs week. We had media attention, professors, students. One iconic

picture of Henry and Adam struggling to put together the clubs week table. Our first AGM was 3 hours, about the non specific list. Over \$6000 dollars in just membership money. This has been a vision of mine for a long time. Thank you all for contributing to my vision. I would like to thank the current executive team, and at how recognized this club is in the firearms community and the campus community. A lot of other large organizations like the government have come forward to us and expressed how we are doing a good job. Ops team is people who have shot a lot and are professional range officers and worked at stores, with a lot of hands on experience. We have a communications team, born to communicate and lead. Design team, amazing programmers and graphics designers that do very well. I will not thank people individually but i would like to thank Adam Strashok who has been here since day one, and Henry who has been here since day one as well. Two of the original founders. Without them this club would not exist. I will talk about myself for a while now.

I'm not one to brag, but if it was not for myself, we also would not be here. We would not have a of relationships. We would not have slung as many rounds down range. My mom approached me and asked me if i was proud to graduate. It's not the iron ring that matters. It's this that matters (points to executive t-shirt) Once again, thank you guys. I would like to take this time to now announce my resignation as President of the UCFA. I would also like to give my formal endorsement for President as Sam Belin. He will do a fantastic job. Gives him the HAMMER. This hammer is to bring order to any club meeting or event. You hold on tight to that. Before i am done, i also want to introduce a new award for hardest working executive in the past year. Countless nights and adderall to making the clubs website. It goes to Mesa for the 2016-2017 academic year. Thank you.

**Sam:** So roughly 8 months ago when Delano announced he wanted to step down as President I thought oh shit, now what. What are we going to do. Thomas told me i should be president. But i was eventually convinced that yes, i should become President. It's a job no one wants to do. Big shoes to fill. Pretty low expectations and hopes from me. Transition efforts for me started off decent, went to absolute shit. Tons of school work bogged me

down. But I then came back and said let's keep going. Delano wanted to stay another year because he didn't feel that anyone was ready to take over yet. I do not blame him. I was not ready yet. I made a point to prove it to him that i could do it. We meet an hour every week to bounce ideas off of each other. This happened until our meet and greet, and when Delano came forward and said to me that he believed that I could do it. We have an all star executive team. They have their flaws. Averaging out though they are pretty good. I want to increase and expand the exec team. We are nearly doubling the team. I always have thought that we had a lack of manpower. But no one believed me. This is all for the members. We will have weekly events, with two teams. I do not want this to just be a firearms club. I want us to be a social club as well. I think we can achieve this. We have companies who want to reach out to us to give us free things.

### **3.) ELECTIONS:**

**1st Election:** President. Delano nominates Sam Belin. ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

**2nd Election:** 1st VP Operations. Delano nominates Rachel Ward. ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

**3rd Election:** 2nd VP Operations. Sam Belin nominates Chester Liu. Chester accepts. Seconded by Delano. ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

**4th Election:** VP Comms. Sam nominates Thomas Lijnse. Seconded by Delano. ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

**5th Election:** VP Design. Sam nominates Mesa Komarevich. Seconded by Delano. ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

**6th Election:** Executive Officer. Sam Belin nominates Keenan Peterson. ELECTED UNOPPOSED.

#### **4.) APPOINTMENTS:**

**Sam:** I announce on behalf of **Rachel Ward** that she will be VP Operations,

**Oscar Wronski** is appointed as **Operations Director #1**

**Regina Ordonez** is appointed as **Operations Director #**

**Peter Stegeman** is appointed as **Range Logistics Officer**

**Sean Stegeman** is appointed as **Junior Operations Director**

This is the first Operations team.

**Chester Liu** Appointed the following Team:

**Janek Widomski** is appointed as **Operations Director #1**

**Aaron Lim** is appointed as **Operations Director #**

**Patrick Ziemianowicz** is appointed as **Range Logistics Officer**

**Evan Orisko** is appointed as **Junior Operations Director**

This is the second Operations team.

**Thomas Lijnse** Appointed the following Team:

**Delano Civitarese** is appointed as **External Affairs Director**

**Michelle Nguyen** is appointed as **Membership Director**

**Nikolai Denisov** is appointed as **Social Media Director**

**Melissa Ritchie** is appointed as **Marketing Director**

This is the communications team.

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Colin: Not enough visuals during the AGM.

Delano: We will try to have more visuals next year.

Brandon: What about more PAL courses?

Sam: May courses are up now and are full. We always put them up a month in advance. We are working on getting private courses, and getting more, but it is a bit of a drag. As long as i can fill it, i will fill them. But it's hard to get them 100% filled all the time. As of right now it's once a month, unfortunately.

Thomas: We are going to try to benefit you guys, we will look for more and more industry partnerships. We want to get as many partnerships as possible.

Delano: The money SCI gave to us has no strings attached, it has to be firearms related.

Oscar: We will always need volunteers such as for Young Guns on April 22nd. And next year we will need new executives. Thanks.

Sam: With that being said, let's do the Ear Pro raffle. Winner is Michelle!

**Sam: I will conclude the 2017 AGM at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Mesa.**

Newly Elected Executives:

**Communications:** Nikolai Denisov, Melissa Ritchie

**Operations:** Regina Ordonez, Sean Stegeman, Aaron Lim Chester Liu, Evan Orisko.