

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP DUES

In 2002, the Club voted to increase membership dues from \$50 to \$100, with the \$50 increase going into a "Land Fund" to protect future operation of the Club from urban sprawl.

In 2012, the fund balance had grown to \$250,000, and the Club looked around for more money to fund needed capital improvements. The need for a dues increase was discussed, and the Club decided to cap the Land Fund at its level, change the name to "Contingency Fund", and direct the \$50 go into the General Fund. Since that time, our checking account and savings account have grown. At the end of August 2026, the Contingency Fund balance was \$251,935, and the Checking and Savings accounts totaled \$332,145. Total monies available are \$584,080.. The Contingency Fund and the portion of Savings that won't immediately be needed are invested in Federally-insured CDs, earning interest.

Many of our organized shooting disciplines took a major hit during and following COVID, and some are still seeing shortfall. As each of you is doubtless aware, inflation is still a factor in our lives, and shooting related costs remain high. The Club has seen increases in insurance, taxes, utilities, targets, etc. We project a shortfall in our revenues this year. and we had a couple of large capital expense items (that likely will not repeat any time soon), and some Disciplines are short of budget revenues. Eliminating Work Hours will remove about \$14,000 of Club revenues annually.

There is mixed opinion on the solution to this issue. Some feel we should navigate these issues for a year, and dip into the surplus savings accounts as needed, and then revisit the need, and amount, of a dues increase.

Others think a moderate dues increase should be considered now, and during general talk at Club meetings during the past several months, the consensus seems to be that \$50 increase might be reasonable. The Board has voted on this, and a majority voted to recommend a \$50 increase effective with the 2027 dues.

Therefore, the Executive Board recommends to the Club the following Operating Rules Change to Section 3.1:

"The membership dues shall be increased to \$150 beginning with 2027 dues."

President _____
Recording Secretary _____

We recognize this is an issue many members would prefer a secret ballot, and in accordance with Roberts Rules, a secret ballot will be provided for this vote at the October 7, 2026 meeting.