



Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association

Incorporated

P.O. Box 10669, Fairbanks, Alaska 99710

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TVSA/TVR&P Members,

It's time to update you as to the status of our club and progress on replacing the range/clubhouse.

I prepared the attached building update report for some of our fundraising efforts, so rather than reiterate it, I'm just attaching it to this letter. Seems like things never go as fast as we'd like, but we have made considerable progress as you can see. We plan to resume construction as soon as the ground is thawed this spring.

This is where you come in. **We need volunteers!!** I plan to establish a "work party night" at least one evening a week starting this spring. The more work we do ourselves, the less \$\$ will have to come out of our bank account. Many members have been fairly inactive the last few years. Right now is an exciting time for our club, but the 6 or 8 of us who have been keeping things afloat (barely) can't do it all. We need worker bees, as well as committee chairmen/executive officers, for several functions. Our adult rifle and handgun programs have ground to a standstill lately. With some more volunteers, there are possibilities for resurgence of these and other programs in the new range. If you have an idea for resurrecting a past program or instituting a new one, share it with the board and devote some time to getting it going! The members will determine the future of this club. We have nearly a century-long heritage, let's not let it wither on the vine.

In working on bylaws for the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Foundation, which will give us a 501(c)(3) entity for our fundraising, our lawyer found the TVSA bylaws and articles of incorporation to be outdated. She recommends that we adopt new sets. This requires a quorum at two scheduled membership meetings to vote on adopting a new set of the bylaws, and at one scheduled meeting for amendment of the articles. We have not had a quorum at an annual meeting for several years, and have seldom had one at monthly meetings.

The quorum requirement can be met by signed proxies. Please sign the attached proxies and return them as soon as you can. We will have membership meetings at 7 PM on March 11th and April 8th of this year. The meetings will be in the E-range room at the Fish and Game Hunter Education Range on College Road. Please plan to attend, or send your signed proxy. An envelope is enclosed.

I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank those members who have volunteered thus far in efforts to get a new facility built and operational, and to urge all members to come out and participate in the exciting future of our club.

Sincerely,

Grant L. Lewis, President TVSA/TVR&P

P.S. Future correspondence will take place via e-mail, unless you specifically request written notices. Please provide updated e-mail addresses to: grantandpamlewis@alaska.net