



**Canadian Socialist Rifle Association
Association Canadienne Socialiste pour les Armes à Feu**

Spring Quarterly Meeting

**Held via Discord chat
March 23rd, 2024**

Meeting opened at 1:09 PM PDT/4:09 PM EDT by Jehde

Welcome and introduction from Jehde.

We covered the previous quarter's accomplishments, highlighting the following:

- Sock Drive: Over \$1000 was raised for socks, sundries, and other supplies, and donated to shelters, outreach organizations, and other mutual aid groups across the country
- Membership: Following an initial trial of memberships, we have opened general application to the public. As of the meeting CSRA had 30 registered members. It was noted that future official business will require membership in order to participate, such as forming chapters.

Reflections

Recap of the AGM.

Remmy reported making positive connections during the Sock Drive, including introducing firearm safety to folks who were interested.

Northy brought forward some lessons learned from the Sock Drive. Inconsistent methods of contact, submitting information, and no communicated requirements lead to logistics being a bit more ad-hoc than anticipated.

Updates

Tubes announced that CSRA email has been launched and can be used to replace the RiseUp address. Accounts are to be made available for all officers and roles as appropriate, such as official Media contact.

Discussed that this infrastructure and formal membership could alleviate challenges in coordinating future drives.

An official contact sheet was proposed for contacting various people in the organization.

Merchandise is in the works. Patches have been ordered! Northy and Tubes are looking into e-commerce options for how to best protect people's data and keep overhead down.

Next Project: Wildfire-Smoke Relief Drive

With the Sock Drive behind us, the floor was opened to discuss our next project. We settled on wildfire smoke relief and discussed supplying kits and equipment.

Corsi-Rosenthal air filtration boxes were discussed, but cost-prohibitive and of increasingly narrow impact. Organizing a workshop on how to assemble them was pitched, possibly at an event or in concert with some other mutual aid activity.

Distributing masks came up several times as an item of need for those unable to access sufficient shelter:

- Could be included in kits
- Could be distributed at local events, such as a CSRA booth
- Could be directly donated, in Sock Drive-style
- oypolloi will look into manufacturing masks

The idea of a full Wildfire Relief Kit went over well, with some specific appreciation from Worra, who is involved with Saskatchewan's public safety agency.

We discussed assembling kits after this model, including some basic First Aid supplies, masks, maps, and ideas for (perhaps making) potable water.

Logistics was discussed extensively, with concern on speed and cost. We settled on the idea of designating a handful of distributed 'depots' that would assemble kits and dispatch where necessary.

A new Discord channel, **#drives**, was created to coordinate these and future efforts.

Organizing

Jehde was making arrangements for a local breakfast get-together in Vancouver.

Northy has a visit planned to Haida Gwaii island as some folks may be interested in forming a chapter.

Peterborough folks discussed getting together to organize local activities, possibly forming a local chapter.

Setting up tables at Anarchist Bookfairs came up. Northy spoke about Vancouver and oypolloi hoped to make it to the Toronto one. Some discussion was had about a kit for such events that would make it easier to introduce the organization, such as pamphlets/zines.

The possibility of setting up a table at other community events or even gun shows was discussed, as well.

Remmy spoke about organizing a "Brutality"-style meetup, basically friendly competition with lunch.

Looking Forward

Following the success of last year's, Jess expressed that she'd love to do another online first aid-style training session. This is likely to be in the early summer.

A call was made for content to establish a YouTube channel. Mum offered to create a video on how to clean an SKS.

With Membership open and our by-laws being updated, Chaptering is our next major organizational focus. We discussed various ideas for chapter sizing and affiliation. The notion of having broad per-province or territory superchapter with internal, less-formal regional divisions, was discussed as a way to keep administrative and cost overhead down and prevent too many "At Large" members.

Some varying provincial requirements were discussed.

A reminder was given that the by-law update procedure is ongoing in the **#legal-research** Discord channel for all those interested in participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM PDT/5:18 PM EDT.