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#### December Membership Meeting

**Sadly, a major snow storm prevented most members from attending that which had been planned as a joyous Christmas party including an outstanding dinner arranged by Lou Lopresti and Sue Parker. Nonetheless, a quorum was preset and the primary business of the meeting, the Audit Committee report and the formal election of the 2008 elected officers (Louis LoPresti, President; Mark Klove: Vice President; Brad Reichter, Treasurer and Dave Paradise, Secretary) were conducted as planned.**

#### President's Message 2007

##### *Dick Reichter*

As the December 13, 2007 membership meeting was my last membership meeting as your President I have taken this occasion to congratulate you on your selection of an officer team for the year 2008. I believe you have selected a group of officers that reflect an extraordinary level of intelligence, experience and competence. Those attributes include more than 40 years of ASC experience by Louis combined with the relative youth and outstanding professional capabilities of Mark, Brad and David. As such, there is no question in my mind that 2008 will be an outstanding year for our club. In addition to the officers, I hope that you, the membership, appreciate the type of BOD you now have serving the interests of our club. Unfortunately, I suspect that very few members have an awareness of the extraordinary amount of time, dedication and energy your Directors voluntarily put into serving the best interest of us all.

It should also be appreciated how efficiently your BOD now conducts its business. Once the BOD was reduced to a sensible size, and the makeup of the BOD reconstituted, the efficiency of the club's deliberations and the results achieved increased dramatically. For example, from a gross cash position slightly in excess of \$70,000 dollars, an amount that would have created insolvency in as much as it was substantially less than the then current annual cash operating requirement, our gross cash position has since increased to approximately \$189,000. It is essential that this occurred in as much as during the same period the club's annual basic operating cash requirements have risen to approximately \$113,000 plus necessary capital expenditures which have been averaging approximately \$35,000 annually. During the same period we have spent approximately \$100,000 on capital improvements and, as of March 2008, we will have paid off a \$50,000 emergency loan two years earlier and our \$50,000 standby credit facility remains untouched.

Of most importance we have now memorialized financial control procedures that will serve to protect and continue that which has been accomplished. Initially, these financial controls were difficult for some Directors to become accustomed. However, today they have become second nature. This is a direct result of every Director having made a dedicated effort to cooperate from the day these procedures were first introduced. Without that level of cooperation very little progress would have been made.

Although it required a bit longer to accomplish our membership meetings now allow us to complete our monthly business without needless arguing and rancor. The time saved has provided us the opportunity to offer special presentations throughout the year without causing the meetings to become tediously long. Those events have include; (1) a presentation by the Sig Arms Company, (2) a Cowboy Shoot Demonstration, (3) two NEMLEC-SWAT demonstrations, (4) a GOAL presentation on legislative matters and (5) the presentation a few months ago by Lt. Posselt, a young marine officer having recently returned from active combat in both Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Progress in other areas such as establishing the vital post of security officer, pursuing an active community relations effort, enhanced membership efforts and many others would not have been possible without the professionalism and dedication of your board. I therefore wish to publicly thank them for the incredible support and cooperation they have provided me during my tenure as Treasure and the past two years as President and it is my hope that you, the membership, will from time to time, express your appreciation to them as well.

I also wish to thank you, the membership, for allowing me to serve you the last three years. It has been a sometimes challenging yet always rewarding experience and I pledge to your newly elected officers and Directors, my unqualified support for their efforts during 2008. I wish each of you and your families the happiest possible holiday season as well as a healthy and happy New Year.

### **President's Message 2008**

*Louis LoPresti*

I would like to take a few moments to review where we are today at ASC and where we are going: I joined ASC in 1965, that's a long time ago...you could say this is not your grandfather's sportsmen's club....we've come a long way.I have been a member of your BOD for 8 of the last 9 years – but never have we made such progress and improvement than in the immediate past three years

We have a financial system, budgetary controls, and facilities, described by the Mass state police, as the Taj Ma Hal of sportsmen's clubs in the state. Our facilities are not only the finest, but they are monitored by an outstanding group of range directors who are dedicated to providing you with the finest facilities under the safest conditions. Our capital improvements are well funded and are progressing on schedule. We hope this year, to make several needed improvements to the main clubhouse without cutting back on the day-to-day operations of the club.

I would also like to thank the BOD for its work this past year, and especially to you, Dick, for your outstanding leadership and direction. You are a tough act to follow, but I shall do my very best and in closing I also wish to add my best wishes to all of you for a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year

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