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I have been the Treasurer for the Escambia River Gun Club (ERGC) 501(C)4 organization for the past two terms of office.

I, like many of you, joined ERGC looking for a convenient and affordable place to go enjoy shooting. Also, I wanted to be a part of supporting the beliefs I grew up with including our 2nd. Amendment Rights.

At some point, I wanted to be a part of sharing my commitment, so I started attending board meetings which included a forum for general membership attendance. In a short time through inviting conversation, I was offered the seat of Treasurer.

As time presented itself and established board members learned of my background in accounting, marketing and real estate, I was tasked by the current board to explore all opportunities that might potentially allow the club to “be all it could be” going into the future.

One immediate result of findings allowed our membership application process to forgo the requirement that a potential new applicant also be a member of the NRA. This would reduce the initial cost to join and make it easier for our community to be a part of ERGC.

And, most IMPORTANTLY, while working with the expertise of our CPA, we were able to receive an acceptance from the IRS to change our organizational structure from 501(C)7 to a more accommodating tax free entity the 501(C)4 to best carry the club into the future of “Shooting Sports”.

One of the most significant benefits of our new organization status is that it will allow the club to generate income from multiple sources while retaining most of that revenue for the fulfillment of our membership.

As you know, planning and continual day-to-day operation of our facility like ours requires diligent and prudent management of membership funds to insure a successful and safe longevity.

Vision and Leadership are managed best by those committed to the entrusted desires of its membership. I am open and transparent to meeting those needs.

I would appreciate being able to “stay the course” and am respectfully seeking your vote for Treasurer of ERGC for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

Thank You,

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