



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.

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MINUTES of the National Rifle Association of New Zealand held in the Provincial Rifle Club Rooms Seddon Rifle Range Tuesday 13 January 2015

Item 1 – Opening

The President declared the meeting open at 7:09pm and welcomed all clubs and representatives.

Officials

B Millard – President and Meeting Chair

Item 2 – Roll Call and Quorum

| Member Clubs | Delegate | |
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| Akarana City - | B Millard (Alternate) | Present |
| Ashburton - | J Snowden (Alternate) | Present |
| Bruce - | L Grimsey | Present |
| Cheltenham - | B Read (Alternate) | Present |
| Christchurch - | S Meldrum (Alternate) | Present |
| Clevedon - | B Millard | Present |
| Franklin - | P Neal (Alternate) | Present |
| Gisborne - | R Johansen | Present |
| Gore - | K Chittock (Alternate) | Present |
| Hamilton Whata - | B Millard | Present |
| Hawkes Bay - | R Gordon | Present |
| Invercargill - | K Chittock (Alternate) | Present |
| Kaituna Blenheim - | J Dodson | Present |
| Karori - | N McKee | Present |
| Malvern - | C Kershaw | Present |
| Masterton - | O Whiteman | Present |
| Oamaru - | J Fleming (Alternate) | Present |
| Otorohanga - | M Lane | Present |
| Petone - | A Benbrook (Alternate) | Present |
| Taranaki - | P Tidswell | Present |
| Te Puke - | M Buckley | Present |
| Trentham - | K Win | Present |
| Whangarei - | I May | Present |

Individual Financial Members Present;

S Bower, L Houghton, G Piper, L Grimsey, D Woods, J Scobie, J McLaren, G Smith, J Hastie, K May, B Lindsay, E Fourie, L Arthur, D Collings, C Clarke, K Flanagan, S Flanagan, M Alexander, D Alexander, S Percy, C Ledbrook, L Marshall, P Greaney, C Snowden, R Ruiterman, C Flanagan, K Harper, D Swaney, A White, C Burgess, B Mehrtens, A Whiteman, R Wait, T Penrose, D Chisholm, A Hatcher, S Kapere, I Cameron, J Ball

Item 3 – Apologies

John Hand, Alan Drake, Haddon Donald

Item 4 – Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved that the minutes of previous AGM Meeting be taken as read and these minutes be recorded as a true and accurate record.

B Gordon / C Kershaw – Carried

Item 5 – Matters Arising

No matters arising from the previous minutes were raised.

Item 6 – Receive Financial Reports

Andre Doyle, NRA Treasurer presented the Financial Report.

A brief discussion followed before the Treasurer asked that these reports be received and approved by the meeting.

A Doyle / K Win – Carried

Item 7 – Distinguished Service Medals

Roger Wait from the Trentham Rifle Club was awarded the DSM for services to the NRA, he has worked for the last 20 years putting up flags during the Nationals, MC of the NRA Prize Giving also for 20 years.

Colin Clarke from the Trentham Rifle Club was awarded the DSM for organising the WRA Championship for the last 20 years.

Item 8 – Life Membership of the NRA

John Hastie from the Hawkes Bay Rifle Club was awarded Life Membership of the NRA for outstanding services and representation of the NRA.

Tom Penrose from the Trentham Rifle Club was awarded Life Membership of the NRA for services, advice, Editing of the Bullseye and representation of the NRA.

All awards were presented by the President to the acclamation of the meeting.

Item 9 – Receive Presidents Annual Report

The President, B Millard read his Annual report to the meeting.

Moved that the Presidents Annual Report be accepted.

B Millard / N Mckee – Carried.

Item 10 – Postal Delegates to Council

It was announced to the meeting that Di Collings, Te Puke Rifle Club and new member to the Council, John Ball, Te Puke Rifle Club, were Councillors for the next 2 years.

Item 11 – Election of Officers

All standing Officers to the NRA were re-elected except the Treasurer

It was moved and seconded

B Millard, Clevedon Rifle Club / K Win, Trentham Rifle Club - Carried.

Patron – Mr HV Donald DSO MC of the Masterton Rifle Club

Vice Patrons – the three Defence Force Single Service Chiefs of Staff

President – Mr B Millard of the Clevedon Rifle Club

Deputy President – Mr M Dodson of the Kaituna / Blenheim Rifle Club

It was moved M Dobson, Kaituna-Blenheim Rifle Club / C Kershaw, Malvern Rifle Club that the Council are to select a replacement and appoint a Treasurer – Carried

Notice of Motion:

It was moved M Dobson, Kaituna-Blenheim Rifle Club / Anita Benbrook, Petone Rifle Club that the Constitution changes to allow an unqualified auditor to examine the NRA Financial Report was adopted - Carried

Item 12 – Other Business:

R Masson as Chairman then addressed the meeting, he has taken over the position of Chairman 6 months ago and wanted to update clubs on the website which is being remodelled, 2019 World Champs, Range improvements, plans and Judicial Review, all have taken great amounts of time and effort.

2019 World Long Range Champs. 2019 is fast approaching with money needed to promote the event, 400 shooter expected, and general range improvements required between now and the event, UHCC, NZDF and NZ Tourism have all been approached. The expected cost to upgrade all mounds, build new headquarters, improve access is \$1.1 million, this is the Rolls Royce option. The Trentham Range is the Associations greatest assets, without Trentham no other venue in NZ could host the event and support is needed from all clubs to host this event, all clubs will benefit from this. It was suggested that individuals contribute approx. \$30 per year for the next 4 years as an additional affiliation to fund the event, this was discussed in full. Another option was Club contribute over the next 4 years, again this was discussed in full. What would help is more members, new and existing to affiliate can support the Association, it is run by volunteers and done on a shoestring budget. M Dobson reminded the meeting that a very important question was being asked, “Do clubs of NRANZ want to host the 2019 World long Range Championship and Palma Match?” The clubs need to give the Council their backing to continue.

Darren Swaney asked for a cost breakdown, can we afford to host the event, costs have been estimated at \$1.1m and funding is being actively sort to cover this, we have a magnificent range and facilities.

John Ball asked what holding the WLRC will do for Fullbore shooting in NZ, only local hospitality, service providers such as Air NZ, local clubs will benefit from this event, and most member clubs will gain no benefit. Money is forthcoming for rugby, cricket, netball etc but we receive no funding and limited sponsorship from current sponsors. Clubs need to get involved, all are asked to contribute and support the event, clubs will gain exposure so that recruitment can improved, new members introduced to the sport, pathways to NZ representation, International Matches, aspire to represent. Lindsay Arthur asked how the

NRA and ICFRA work together with ICFRA representatives required to be at the event. In 2011, only 6 International Teams competed for the Palma. In 2015 more teams are expected to attend with World Veterans, Under 21 & 25 and the Palma Teams, we do live on the wrong side of the world and travel can be difficult.

Eben Fourie asked about F Class participation. F Class have their own World Championship so this event will be for TR shooting only, but the NZ Nationals will have F Class participation, they are separate World championships. At present membership is around 50% F Class, 50% TR shooters, all members need to contribute. The Council has made enquiries about hosting F Class WLRC but this will not be possible until 2030 at the earliest.

Richard Rowlands asked if money was the main concern. Businesses will give money with the right approach and a business plan. What is the prediction and forecast for the event, is it feasible? Predictions are \$800k to run the event based on a max 400 shooters running 50 targets, markers will be a major expense and with the event planned to be held later in January to early February, it is expected that markers will be easily found. 2018 will be a major trail of processes with a mini event planned.

Mark, Christchurch Rifle Club, has continued expenses on their own range and struggle to see the benefits or value to their club, the WLRC would need to be well promoted countrywide and the \$30 levy would not go down well with the club, but realize that the NRA has to proceed with the events.

Jono Phillips, Petone Rifle Club spoke about losing International standard ranges as has happened with TSNZ and the Ardmore Range in Auckland. Currently the attendance at their Nationals has fallen to less than 25 competitors, no Oceania events can be held in NZ, Junior Development is struggling. Fullbore shooter participate in their National Championship, a lot of members choose to only shoot at their clubs, juniors can partake in Under 21's and 25's World Championships.

Colin Clark, Trentham Rifle Club spoke on the need for clubs and members to support the Council and contribute as the benefits will be returned, proposed that member contribute \$100 as a one off to cover costs.

Chris Kershaw, Malvern Rifle Club, spoke on the Trentham Range, it is one of the best ranges in the world, others are in a lot less condition and are we expecting too much, the NRA has reserves that can be used but clubs are being asked to contribute, maybe a badge of some kind could be produced to recognize this, some clubs will contribute and others will not.

It was moved that NZ Rifle Clubs support going ahead with the 2019 World Long Range Championships and Palma at Trentham

Lee Houghton, Clevedon Rifle Club / Amy Hatcher, Trentham Rifle Club – Carried with no objections.

June Council Meeting to discuss and continue with their planning for the event.

Bevan Mehrtens, Malvern Rifle Club commented that having recently shot at Bisley that the Trentham Range is in top condition compared to Bisley, a bit of perspective is required.

The President thanked the meeting for their contribution, ideas and input into the 2019 WLRC, they are 4 years away and it will not take long before the event is on us.

2018 & 2019 Championship Dates. Malcolm Dobson then addressed the meeting about changing the dates of the 2018 and 2019 Nationals to avoid the Christmas period and Horse Racing events held at the same time of year. Dates being proposed are the last week in January and the first week in February. There are also issue with component sales, clubs are encouraged to buy their components from the NRA, 50% of the Associations sales come from ammunition sales. There are problems getting powder delivered with only limited carriers available to transport powder, these sales keep your subs down so please support the Association.

F Class Projectiles. Graham Piper, Hamilton Rifle Club asked about stocking more F Class projectiles, this is a difficult issue with numerous calibers and bullets available, a stock of popular bullets and calibers to be looked at with F Class shooters needing to advise what should be held. Steve Collings from Steve's Wholesalers is traveling to the USA Shotshow and if popular bullets and calibers can be scoured and stocked by the NRA, cost will also be an issue with bullets easily imported from overseas. This has been happening and again everyone present was made aware of the benefits to NRA members.

Membership. Fullbore Target shooting as a sport has been through many changes over the years and will continue to do this to survive, currently numbers in F Class are growing and clubs need to give directions to their Council Delegate of the direction the Association can grow. We need more members, this is not an easy process, with so many other sports also struggling and competing against working weekends, play stations, higher profile sports, etc. The Council is working to increase F Class recognition and trophies at the Nationals. The Council will look at any ideas for increasing membership, even crazy ideas can be put to council and they will be discussed.

Associate Membership. Associate Members to the NRA can shoot 6 times in a year, but not in Championships or the Nationals, a lot of clubs are using this instead of signing up for full affiliations. Most other sports you have to affiliate to the National Body, its compulsory. NRA Full affiliation is approx. \$3 per week which pays for a lot of services, the rest is done by volunteers for free. This issue will be addressed by Council at June Meeting.

F Class Representative on Council. Currently there is no F Class Representative on council, this needs addressing by F Class shooters, if you want a say then someone needs to step up. F Class shooters are to get together either during the week of the nationals or by email and discuss options. The Council need some input from F Class, we make decisions that affect F Class and need help to make the right calls.

Club Advertising. Clubs need to promote themselves, through Face book, websites, articles in local newspapers, using the NRA pamphlets, etc. Anything that can be done to increase membership needs to be discussed and implemented, there are hundreds of potential members out there that need to be able to contact clubs in their areas.

Item 13 – Date of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next Annual General Meeting was set for 12 January 2016 at 7:00pm

Item 14 – Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9:00pm with a vote of thanks to the Provincial Club for the use of their clubrooms.

Confirmed as a True and Accurate Record.

B Millard
President