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Minutes of a Council Meeting of the National Rifle Association of NZ – Held in the HQ's Board Room – Friday 6 April 2012

Opening

The meeting was declared open at 10.13hrs.

Item 1 - Roll Call and Apologies

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	D Crow
Dep President	M Dodson
Chairman	(Vacant)
Deputy Chairman	R Vine
Secretary and Treasurer	A Doyle
Northern Delegate	B Millard
Central Delegate	R Gordon (not present)
Wellington Delegate	C Goldsmith
Southern Delegate	C Kershaw
Councillor by postal vote – 2011-12	J Forrest (not present)
Councillor by postal vote – 2011-12	Di Collings
Councillor by postal vote – 2012-13	L Meredith
Councillor by postal vote – 2012-13	J Dunn (not present)

Apologies

Apologies were recorded for John Forrest, Jim Dunn and Bob Gordon.
L Meredith / M Dodson – Carried

Item 3 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Time was made available for final reading of the previous minutes - meeting held Sunday 8 January 2012.
Moved that these minutes are a true and accurate record of the 8 Jan 2012 meeting.
B Millard / L Meredith – Carried

Item 4 - Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

International Invites. This matter was noted as an outstanding item but as invites were an agenda item for this meeting it was agreed to address this subject later in the meeting.

Reduction of numbers in the National Final. B Millard raised the issue of the number in the final stating that in his opinion the reduced final run smoothly and that he had received few comments post the running of this event.

Copeland Cup. M Dodson informed the meeting that his action points from the last meeting remained outstanding and that he would attend to the upgrade of this trophy over the next few weeks. M Dodson to coord a wooden base for this cup and possible silver dip treatment. Donor thank you letter also to be sent.

Seddon Range Licence Clause 5.1 User Disciplinary Committee. L Meredith to draft a letter on behalf of council to the WRA explaining the obligations of both the Council and the Wgtn Executive in the event of an alleged breach of Range Standing Orders as per clause 5.1 of the range licence.

2011 NZ Palma Team Captain's Report. The formal adoption of the 2011 NZ Palma Team Captains report by council was overlooked in error by the NRA office over the xmas and new year period. Formal adoption by council of this comprehensive report was now moved. This report being well received and will form the basis of moving forward to the 2015 WLRC at Camp Perry.

M Dodson / Di Collings – Carried

2011 NZ Palma Team Manager's Report. It was agreed that the 2011 NZ Palma Team Managers report be circulated to council members for adoption by email.

Electronic Target Update. A verbal update report was presented to council by D Crow, correcting a comment from his previous report re NRANZ involvement with NRAA working group. That NRANZ involvement with NRAA re electronic targets would not be possible. The NZ agent with a system under development has made considerable progress of late overcoming technical issues, the identification and replacement of modules and sensors causing errors. One of the unintended consequences of delay has been an overall reduction in retail price due mostly to the development of alternative hardware to operate this system.

Item 5 – Confirmation of email decisions since last meeting

No council email decisions were necessary since the last meeting.

Item 6 - Correspondence

A list of correspondence dating from Jul 2011 to 5 April 2012 was presented the meeting for consideration. One matter arising was raised by L Meredith re the setting up of a separate NRANZ Trust that will enable the receipt of bequests as well as gifts. L Meredith to keep Council informed of progress. Moved that outward correspondence be approved and inward received.

C Kershaw / R Vine - Carried

Item 7 - Financial Reports

Payments. Two payment reports were presented to the meeting for consideration. The first list of payments covering the period 2 July 2011 to 5 January 2012, payments totalling \$109,422.45. The second payments list covering period 6 Jan to 4 Apr 2012, payments totalling \$39,382.05.

Financial reports covering the financial year to date were also presented and explained in detail, it being likely that the Association would incur a loss at the end of this financial period once depreciation was taken into account.

Moved that payments totalling \$109,422.45 and \$39,382.05 be approved and that the financial reports as at April 2012 be received.

A Doyle / L Meredith - Carried

Item 8 –Chairman's Position (Vacant)

D Crow addressed council to highlight his concern of the continuing absence of a chairman within the current NRANZ Secretariat. The chairman being a key appointment normally filled by a Wellington individual, that this position being a council appointment and is normally appointed at the midyear meeting. Council was asked to give due consideration to identifying a replacement and was asked to look future afield than Wellington if necessary. D Crow explained that the workload heading toward the 2019 WLRC will be significant and that this key appointment cannot be left vacant.

Item 9 – Championship Debrief Points

A summary of points contributed by members of council and key range appointments were discussed. The merits of each point quickly discussed and either highlighted or discarded.

Points to be considered for the next championship committee:

Length of day for markers – washout days and the level of reimbursement to markers.

Possible increase in marker rates for next year.

F-Class team entry options – Promote availability to club selectors both belt and grand concurrent and the Saturday morning club teams.
EFTPOS payment options at meeting office – add to entry form and or promote.
Continue to review and improve publishing of results.
Advertise for volunteers early – office – range – butts.
Review the addition of extra helper in butts.
Scorers incorrect use of cards – how to penalise?
Schedules start time of final move back 30 minutes.
Use a factor of 8 and not 7.5 in determining squad sizes.
Size of short range targets, are we able to convert surplus mid range targets to shorts?
Decisions on cancelling or proceeding in the advent of foul weather – communicating decisions.
Finals plot cards – drawn to correct dimensions and sized to fit on check score boards.
Finals number clause on entry form – Red book.
End of week coord meeting must be held Friday afternoon
Trophies still an issue – cleaning, sorting and laying out.
Table drapes for both the board room and for trophy layout.
Current formulae for TR final numbers is – number of targets used during week. Possible review?
Cloth TR queens badges to 25 only?
Isolate championship office – cut down on office traffic.
Venue for main prize giving.

Item 10 – Ballinger Scholarship Review of Criteria

The experience from the 2012 championships has revealed some shortcomings in the eligibility criteria for this scholarship. B Millard to draft revised criteria and circulate to council for consideration.

Item 11 – Member Rifle Range Inspection Programme

D Crow to ring and check with Tony re an update on the member range inspection. T Loughnan has since provided and update as follows:

Brancepeth, Masterton (inspected 6/2/07); Whatawhata, Hamilton (10/11/07); Patutahi, Gisborne (16/12/07); Otorohanga (8/3/08); Okato (17/2/08 and 14/2/10); Westport (22/3/09); Ashburton (15/9/09); Kaituna (October 09); Cheltenham (25/9/10); Clevedon (27/11/11); Horonui, HB (2012).

Report and certificate for Masterton completed and needs to be peer-reviewed. I will start on the others next weekend. The ones still to be inspected etc. are: Whangarei, Franklin, Te Puke and Cashmore which Mike and Trever should do between them. Tai Tapu, Malvern, Oamaru, Tapanui and Gore for Snowdy to do.

Item 12 – The 2019 World Championship of Long Range Rifle Shooting

12.1 Planning Committee. It was agreed a council working group will be appointed at the July council meeting where the first half day will be dedicated to a planning session for the 2019 event. A call for volunteers wishing to assist with the planning and running this event is to be posted. Volunteers may on request attend the July half day planning session. Diane Collings to request formal confirmation from ICFRA of the 2019 event being allocated to New Zealand.

12.2 Seddon Range Upgrade and Development. Discussions on the way forward for development of Seddon Range in conjunction with the 2019 World champs. D Crow recapped on the current situation of electronic target technology and possible adoption prior in time for the 2019 event. That considerable reluctance to move away from a conventional 50 paper target range could be anticipated by the ICFRA members. That the approval of new technologies would need to be installed and tested no later than the 2015 world champs to receive a full sign off by ICFRA. It is most probable that NРАНZ would be looking at preparing for a conventional 50 target world championship for 2019.

D Crow to approach T Loughnan re an Engineer's report on works required to implement a full electronic target development programme. Such a report would need to be in draft form for the midyear meeting. An update on these discussions to be circulated to council when available.

12.3 State of Amenities Seddon Range Village area. D Crow led a short discussion re the state of the Seddon village amenities. That little or no new works had occurred within the village within the last 15 to 20 years and in most cases building maintenance is well overdue. The Seddon village in its current state would indeed fall well short of what is needed to support a world championship event.

The number of individual members that Wgtn can muster is a clear indicator to the current health of the Assn. That volunteers needed to fill key NRA appointments remain lacking as are volunteers during January to assist with the running of the national champs. With the current crop of WRA volunteers becoming weary at best and with gaps not being filled the Wgtn Assn is at risk of not fulfilling its obligating of support to the Wgtn based national level events yet alone a world event.

D Crow suggested it was time that both the National and Wellington Associations faced up to a number of tough decisions as both Associations prepare to face the future. D Crow suggested a letter be drafted to each of the four Wgtn Clubs with a view to encouraging discussion and debate and eventual agreement of a common pathway (programme and timeline) to share and maximise resources. Simple ideas such as eliminating multiple bank accounts, club treasurers and secretaries, Power and insurance bills, the huge cost of maintaining separate and old club rooms which are uninhabitable during winter months.

The following was agreed. That the suggested letter to each of the four Wgtn clubs be drafted and sent. That the first half day of the July council meeting, 14/15 July 2012, be allocated as a planning meeting commencing at 0800hrs. That a general call for volunteers be made with attendance at the Jul half day planning meeting requested and welcomed.

D Crow / B Millard - Carried

Item 13 – 2015 NZ Palma Rifle Team Management Process

Short discussion on progress to date being two team captain nominations being received to date. It was agreed to issue a final call for nominations with a cut-off date of 27th of April 2012. That one nominee is to be appointed as the 2015 NZ Palma Rifle Team Captain. That the appointed Team Captain would seek and appoint independently a team manager. That the 2015 NZ Palma Rifle Team Captain be appointed by email decision within two weeks of the 27th of April close-off date.

D Crow / C Goldsmith – Carried

13.1. Under25 Team Manager. Short discussion of the need to appoint a Manager for the next Under25 Team to attend the 2015 world champs. It was agreed to wait until the appointment of 2015 NZ Palma Rifle Team Captain was made. The appointment of the Under25 team Manager would be reviewed at this point.

Item 14 – Commonwealth Games Process

Convenor of selectors M Dodson provide a quick update to council on the call for Comm Games trialist nominations and selection criteria. That this stage it is unlikely that a Commonwealth Championship will be held the year prior to the games. That the NRANZ selection criteria will involve an Aust Cup match which hope to run alone side. Confirmation from NRAA is still outstanding on this matter. That the draft NZ selection criteria will be posted less the Aust confirmation if need be.

Moved that a final call for 2014 Commonwealth Games Trialist nominations be posted based on the tentative programme and selection criteria. That a close off date be set for 31 May for the final call notice.
M Dodson / D Crow - Carried

Item 15 – NZ Service Rifle Assn Affiliations

An item which remains outstanding from previous meetings. Current Wgtn delegate to be brought up to date – Secretary to brief Casey.

Item 16 – NRANZ Web Site

D Crow explained to the meeting that our previous web master (Graham Derby) has lodged a request for ongoing web expenses to be reimbursed out of general funds. D Crow thought it was time to recap on background and other events with regards to nranz.com prior to Council considering the request from Graham Derby.

Late 2006 / early 2007? the then existing NRANZ website was taken off line by the NRA official responsible for its development and maintenance. This site has not been available to members since. Council decided to ask Graham Derby if it would be possible, as an interim arrangement, to host a page on the gderb.net site on behalf of the NRANZ. This would enable the nra to retain a presence on the web and at the same time start the process of establishing a new stand alone site. This was agreed and the association remains grateful for this assistance. Part of this assistance involved the capturing of regional and national level event results.

2008/9 Council began the process of establishing its user requirements and gathering commercial sector expressions of interest to construct a new nra web site.

Jul 2008 Council begun to pay a monthly fee of \$147 to assist Graham with costs associated with the hosting of the nra page within gderb.net.

Approx Jun 2010 council engaged Visual Computing Services to construct a new web site for nranz.com. It was agreed that gderb.net would continue to gather scores and results on national and regional fixture list events. Gathering of results was not a phase one capability planned for in the new nranz.com go live site, but rather a function to be implemented once the new nranz.com site was up and running.

Sept 2011 the new nranz.com site goes live.

Oct 2011 Initial shooting results are recorded on nranz.com while the NZ Rifle team attends palma champs in Australia.

2012 national champs results captured on nranz.com, refinement still needed. In February 2012 the monthly contribution, of \$147, to Graham Derby was discontinued.

Regional fixtures results for second half of 2011/2012 season captured with buy-in of regional associations and clubs.

D Crow explained to the meeting the need for ongoing site development within nranz.com and that the following objectives become the basis of moving forward:

- That nranz.com becomes the primarily recognised site for NRANZ.
- That nranz.com becomes the primary web site for the capture, display and archiving of shooting results.
- That the responsibility for publishing of event reports and results be delegated to regionally trained members with access to the nranz.com.
- That the emphasis of use for nranz.com be focussed on use as a membership tool.
- That development of nranz.com be ongoing.

The adoption of this new direction with regard to nranz.com provides for a comprehensive change in the way the official nranz.com site is positioned and the outcomes expected of it. The interim support needed by council and provided by Graham Derby was required during the tendering and construction phase only. That should this interim support arrangement continue it

would only contribute to confusion among members and would restrict the development of nranz.com.

With these thoughts in mind it was decided by council not to approve reinstating monthly interim support payments to Graham Derby. Council does however owe Graham Derby a very big vote of thanks for his contribution over this very testing three to four year period.

C Kershaw / L Meredith - Carried

Other web site related points

Auto member Subscriber Update Notices. There were differing views on the benefits of this feature and the resources required to implement. However it was agreed to investigate with our web site engineer what was needed to implement.

Buy Sell Page in members Area. A short discussion on the location of the buy sell page. It was agreed for the time being that the buy sell page remains in the member's area.

Training of Regional Representatives to post results. Bruce Millard volunteered to coord results in the northern area. Training will be required.

Item 17 – Membership Committee Report

The convenor of this committee (John Forrest) has handed over this project to Bruce Millard as an interim arrangement while John deals with earthquake repairs to his Christchurch home.

Club Business Cards. Ray Vine provided an update on the business cards. Four club cards had been completed and send. Others were ready to print. A short discussion on capturing map images as part of the rear of each card.

New Shooter Booklet. Ray Vine distributed to the meeting a draft hard copy of a new shooter booklet. A quick check of content was completed with a request to email a copy to B Millard, L Meredith, Chris Kershaw and M Dodson for proof reading.

Item 18 - Other Reports

ICFRA. A recent letter, post 2011 Palma Match, from ICFRA requesting decisions on the following matters:

1) That the Winners of the unofficial World Individual Championships held in conjunction with the 1992, 1995 and 1995 Palma Matches should be formally recognised by ICFRA for the years in question. WCC was satisfied as to the scope of the competition and scale of entry for each of these events, and this is seen as a 'regularisation' of a widely-accepted informal accolade.

Agreed: Di Collings / L Meredith – Carried

2) That the Match Committee for the U-25 and Veterans World Team Championships should be that appointed for the subsequent Palma. Currently the Match Committee is that of the Host Nation. This was felt by the 2011 hosts to be inappropriate as the matches are not shot concurrent with Host Nation events; and the Match referees concurred unanimously with that view. Veterans Committee has concurred in respect of the Veterans Match.

Agreed: M Dodson / Chris Kershaw – Carried

3) That the rules for the Australia Match in respect of 'multinational Teams' be as originally proposed and agreed by NRAA. IRRG was asked to check its original recommendation, which it did. The NRAA cast an affirmative vote in Committee.

Agreed: Di Collings / M Dodson – Carried

4) Following agreement in Committee that "Under-25 matters" should be a standing item for WCC Agendas, a new sub-clause to this effect has been inserted in Standing Order no 24.

Agreed: Di Collings / C Kershaw – Carried

5) That the current standing ICFRA Rules in respect of change of rifle during the course of a Team Match should replace the current complex rules in respect of the Palma Match, drawn up when the Match was shot with 'issue batches' rifles to which severe restrictions applied. This is agreed by WCC to be an anachronism. The rules have been tightened to reinforce the principle that the Armourer is a Team Member for that purpose alone and no other. An attempt was made to subvert that principle in Brisbane.

Agreed: L Meredith / R Vine – Carried

Three Councillors raised with me at Brisbane the rule (U3.1) in the U-25 Match conditions which permits nations to enter more than one Team for the "Unders" WC events, with all Teams being eligible to win. The original intention was to make as many opportunities as possible available for "Unders" shooters to participate in top-level competition, and was done in the context of Team sizes having been reduced from 8 shooters to 5.

This issue was put to WCC which has divided 4:4 on the issue (hence no majority for change). Of the customarily competing nations, four were in favour of limiting to one eligible team, and two were in favour of the status quo. No-one objected to further Teams shooting 'alongside' for honours. I attach a copy of the Age-Group WC rules with the relevant provision shown with a yellow highlight.

“Q3) - Do I have Council's endorsement of 'no change' in the 'Unders' rules? NRAA has agreed that the Australia Match will follow suit either way”.

New Zealand's Position. Discussed, and the “no-change” position was not supported by New Zealand. New Zealand has agreed on one team per nation only, eligible to win a medal. Additional Under25 Teams may enter and shoot alongside for honours. Bevan to be informed of NZ's position to enable ICFRA to be notified.

Item 19 – Invites to Events - Home and Away

It was agreed place on the next agenda the item of international invitations. A draft 10 year calendar to be produced for consideration in July. Bruce Millard to prepare a draft.

19.1 Australian Ladies Rifle Team. It was agreed to issue an invitation to the NRAA ladies to attend the 2013 NZ national champs and participate in a Collinson Shield match.

19.2 Australian Rifle Team. It was agreed to issue an invitation to the NRAA to attend the 2013 NZ national champs and participate in a New Zealand match.

19.3 Australian U25 Rifle Team. It was agreed to issue an invitation to the NRAA for a Under25 Rifle to attend the 2013 NZ national champs and participate in a Trans Tasman Juniors match.

19.4 NRANZ to accept a formal invitation from the South African Bisley Union (SABU) to send a New Zealand Ladies Rifle Team to South Africa in 2013 to complete in a Tri Nations Match.

19.5 NRANZ to forward to NRAA an invitation to participate in an Oceania Match (seniors and juniors) to be held in conjunction with the 2013 New Zealand national champs.

19.6 West Indies Australia Match 2013. It was agreed to post a notice calling for nominations of those interested in participating in an Australian match to be held in conjunction with the West Indies national champs 2013. Closing date of 27 April 2012.

19.7 2013 World F-Class Championships. It was agreed to post a notice calling for nominations of those interested in participating in the 2013 World F-Class Championships to be held in Raton New Mexico. Closing date of 27 April 2012.

Item 20 – NZ Juniors – Plan for 2015 world champs

Agreement was reached in principle that NRANZ would support the further development of a under 25 team, with an aim of attending the 2015 World Champs to be held at Champ Perry USA. It was agreed that M Dodson with assistance from co-opted individuals would produce a document that would lay out a pathway to 2015 for under 25 and junior member development. This item to be added to the July agenda.

Item 21 – Grading Policy Review

After a short discussion it was agreed that no changes to the grading policy were currently required and that the current policy should remain in place.

Item 22 – Bullseye Magazine Review

It was felt that the Bullseye magazine no longer added sufficient value to the organisation compared to the cost of printing and distribution. Contributions of news items have been falling away leaving the editor to produce each issue with very little in the way of new news.

It was agreed to produce a “Members Update” newsletter to be published quarterly. All councillors responsible for contributions of news items. B Millard offered to co-ord the first publication of this newsletter. Such a newsletter to be in pdf format posted on nrantz.com accessible to members via a notice by club secretaries.

With this in mind it was agreed that the Bullseye magazine be discontinued.

L Meredith / R Vine – Carried

Item 23 – Component Update

A verbal update was provided to council with the decisions of the Secretariat in managing NRANZ stocks of components. The reduction in the price of the lapua in a move to encourage sales of this bullet. The decision to place a hold on any purchasing in the short term. The need to manage closely the cost of component distribution to clubs. It was also agreed to monitor closely any new trend in component sales and to bring these to the attention of council if necessary.

Item 24 – Other Business

Donation to assist with 2013 National Champs Marketing. Di Collings brought to the attention of council that Brian Carter had indicated he would be prepared to contribute a sum of money to assist with advertising our 2013 national Champs. NRA Secretary to liaise with Di Collings and Brian Carter.

Date Next Meeting. Proposed dates for the July council meeting were discussed. The weekend of 14/15 July was agreed.

Item 25 – Closure

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1845 hours.

“Minutes confirmed as true and accurate”.

DE Crow
Chairman

Date: