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Minutes of a meeting of NRANZ Council held in the Petone Rifle Club Rooms over the weekend of 14/15 July 2012

Item 1 – Opening

The meeting was declared open at 9.09am. The Chair welcomed all present in particular the guests present by invitation or arrangement.

Item 2 - Roll Call and Apologies

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	DE Crow
Dep President	M Dodson
Chairman	(Vacant)
Deputy Chairman	R Vine (not present)
Secretary and Treasurer	A Doyle
Northern Delegate	B Millard
Central Delegate	R Gordon
Wellington Delegate	C Goldsmith
Southern Delegate	C Kershaw
Councillor by postal vote – 2011-12	J Forrest
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. The following apologies were recorded; Councillor Jim Dunn, Dep Chairman Ray Vine.

C.Kershaw / M.Dodson – Carried

Guests Present. Tony Loughnan, Alan Whiteman, Peter O’Flaherty, Trevor Oliver, Jonno Phillipps, Helen Freiman and Kevin Win.

Item 3 - Confirmation of Agenda

Moved that the agenda be confirmed as is.

B.Gordon / L.Meredith – Carried

Item 4 - 2019 WLRC Planning

The Chair outlined to the meeting how he would like this session of the meeting to proceed. Background. New Zealand has bid for and has been allocated the 2019 WLRC’s by ICFRA. This was confirmed at the meeting of the ICFRA Council at the WLRC’s in Brisbane Oct 2011. NZ last hosted this event in 1995 with the facilities at Trentham as they exist today, 17 years later, range, buildings and village all very much as they were in 1995. As we have recently witnessed in Australia, October 2011, the world has high expectations of a host country providing a venue and facilities that are modern and efficient. The Trentham rifle range and village no longer meets this criteria when measured against world standards.

The most pressing problem for this Council and the NZ Association is indeed the need to grow membership and this must take priority. The creation of an environment of growth means the NZ Assn must embrace technology and advancement and must commence a programme of upgrading facilities throughout the country, wherever possible. The integration and adoption of technologies will pave the way for future generations of shooters and the resurgence of rifle shooting as a sport and it will happen at the grass roots level, the rifle clubs throughout the country. Australia is already demonstrating this right now.

The timing could not be better with the award of the 2019 World Championship to New Zealand and the recent signing of our 30 year licence for Seddon Range. With these points in mind, the Secretariat had asked Tony Loughnan if his engineering firm, LHT Design, would prepare a concept plan for the development and conversion of the Seddon Range to a modern, single firing point electronic target rifle range.

Tony being present today to present to council and guests his concept and a forecast of costs etc. It is pertinent to note that the Wellington Rifle Assn is about to embark on a process of review. A process by which it will determine if its current structure of four clubs is a model that best suits the WRA as it heads into the next decade and beyond. All of the above lead the Secretariat to propose investigation of a plan to take advantage of a wide range of opportunities and change and was the brief given Tony.

At this point the meeting was handed over to Tony for his address and presentation. The Chairman reiterated that the meeting needed to consider what is being presented today with a view to the planning and preparation necessary by council and the Association to provide a 2019 world championship event we will all be proud of. It is also the belief of the Secretariat that such an ambitious programme will by default stimulate growth for our National Assn and member clubs.

Presentation of Seddon Rifle Range as a Single Firing Point Electronic Target Range. With his engineering hat on Tony provided the meeting with a three phase overhead slide presentation as follows:

1. Seddon Range forward of the 1000yd firing line.
2. Proposed NRA Pavilion and 1000yd covered firing line, and
3. The village area in overview.

The Range forward of the 1000yd Firing Line

An engineering overview was provided along with a series of slides showing range floor levels and measurements. How the existing 1000yd firing point would be utilised as a single covered firing point with a separate and permanent line of targets positioned at 300, 500 and 600 yards and also at 800 and 900yards. The existing gallery would remain and continue to contain the 1000yd line of targets.

Bullet Stops. A number of drawings outlined how all shots fired would be captured at the various target lines by temporary bullet stops positioned on the range floor. That it could be demonstrated that as with the approved and existing NRA cone of fire, no bullet fired from the single firing point would impact on the range floor.

Targets. The additional targets to be constructed at each distance would be of lightweight but strong design and would fold away when not in use. This would enable the next line of targets to be stood up and for firing to recommence at the new distance.

Electronic Target Sensors. Electronic target sensors recently developed for manufacture would be utilised. These sensors operate as wireless transmitters of data to the firing line, offer a high degree of accuracy, do not require a specialised sound chamber target, are comparatively inexpensive, and are easily transportable from target line to target line. The electronic viewing tablet required by each firer also being relatively inexpensive.

Scoring and Record Keeping. It is envisaged that the electronics of each target would interface with a central main computer system to capture all shots fired, for the purpose of displaying on public monitor and for the recording of scores.

Proposed NRA Pavilion and 1000yd Covered Firing Line

It is proposed to construct a pavilion on and over the existing 1000yard firing line. In overview the new pavilion would consist of a two storey building that would extend the width of two blocks of targets (20 targets). The ground floor containing storage facilities and areas for competitors to prepare rifle and equipment prior to competition. The ground floor would incorporate a 25 yard high power zero range facility and separately a 25 yard small bore rifle range with eleven firing points.

Fullbore competitors would access the outside covered firing point and make their way to their allocated target. The second and upper floor of the Pavilion would house a number of facilities; NRA Offices and board room, library, archives and conferencing centre, championship office and stats centre, kitchen bar and presentation area. The floor of the second level of the pavilion to be constructed one metre above the firing point and would provide viewing out above the shooters and down range. The main viewing area would display electronically the shooting data of those shooters on the line. It is proposed to make space available in the second level of the pavilion to accommodate the existing rifle clubs entities currently housed in the current range village.

The Village Area in Overview

The use and layout of the area to the rear of the 1000yd firing line will be important and a crucial factor in the success of this range concept. With no one needing to move forward of the 1000yd line the existing village area must accommodate all competitors and visitors and must enhance the operation of the pavilion. The building of the new pavilion would see the significant upgrade of utility services which would also result in the decommissioning of most of the existing outdated utilities. The proposed plan shows a large area to the rear of the new pavilion for car parking as well as grassed and landscaped areas. All existing buildings to the rear of the 1000yd line would be removed.

Costs. Costs were discussed as an estimate only. In relative terms the cost of the range forward of the 1000yd firing point including all electronics for targets and down range works could be completed for 1.1 million. The bulk of the cost would be to construct the new pavilion. Estimated costs to complete the project; 8 to 12 million dollars.

Conclusion of Presentation. At this point, 11.15am, the presentation concluded. The President resumed chairing the meeting asking for options for the appointment of a planning committee chairperson, secondly that the initial planning session needed to commence this very day. It was decided to break for morning tea.

Reconvene 11.25am

The chairman stated his concerns to council that the undertaking of such a project would be ambitious and demanding, that the time line to 2019 was indeed not very long. Discussions would need to get under way with existing users of the range as well as the many levels of

consent that would be required. All those involved would need to consider the implications of such a venture the next six months being looked back on by future shooters as a significant point in time.

2019 Event Manager. The Chair asked the meeting for those who would commit to being part of an initial steering group to guide council toward the 2019 event. This group to work toward the appointment of a WLRC Event Manager and committee. It was felt that the investigation into a professional manager might achieve the best outcomes. It was agreed that the full council would pick up this collective responsibility for this task in the interim.

The Chairman outlined to the meeting that the preparation of an initial planning document was vital as well as informing ICFRA of the proposed concept (E-Targets) and keeping ICFRA briefed. This initial planning document to provide a broad outline and pathway and would need to be presented to the full council as soon as possible. Darryl and André to prepare initial plan to include the acquisition of local and higher level consents, event management as well as funding options.

General Discussion

Wellington Officials asked to comment. Trevor Oliver commented that the concept development plan presented by Tony was bold and that he would be in favour of moving forward with this if a way could be found to its funding. Trevor commented that selling this concept to all stake holders would be important.

The Chair outlined what alternative options were available to Council. Host the WLRC with the existing conventional facilities using paper targets. The Association could also plan to introduce electronic target sensors and associated electronics on existing conventional range. Both these options would require a significant programme of work, i.e. firing points, range floor drainage, target carriers, target numbers, service centre, roads, buildings etc all in a state of rundown. The overlay of electronic target sensors on conventional paper targets may well be the best first phase forming part of a major upgrade requiring Wellington and other clubs to invest in the adoption and use of electronic targets in the near future. This would start the process of testing and integrating these new systems. It becomes very important from a national perspective that the Wellington clubs give consideration and support to the concept of a single firing point pavilion and development of the village area.

Kevin Win commented that the concept plan presentation was indeed truly refreshing. That it is the turn of the current generation of shooters to take this concept and to make it happen and that he was in favour of pursuing its implementation subject to the money and resources being found.

Chairman reiterated that operating costs of this organisation continue to escalate, that current facilities in Wellington are costing each of the local clubs considerably sums now and that these costs will continue to increase. Programmes like the Wellington “Learn to Shoot” are commendable and demonstrate that current Wgtn members know that it’s time to act. Such programmes become easier to implement as numbers increase. The elimination of multiple club administrative appointments and the multiple expenditures will free up resources for use on other initiatives.

Mr Loughnan explained that Australia started shooting on electronic targets about five years ago, every club adopting these new targets had increased its members as a result. The commitment to implement new target systems was the stimulus to the increase in members.

Considerable effort will be required to realise the funds needed to implement this concept plan, if council does not try we will never know what may be achievable.

The Chairman asked council to take the next step, to sanction the work needed to establish a committee to get the ball rolling to the hosting of the 2019 WLRC's.

Work is required to commence very much immediately with liaison with local and central government. Determine a preliminary event budget which may mean to analyse the 2011 Australian event. It would also help to understand the structure used by the NRAA with regard the engagement of QRA to run the 2011 event. The work needed to identify a professional person or entity to appoint as event Manager and how this might be funded. UHCC would be the initial approach. 500 visitors each spending \$250 per day on accommodation, rations and living for approx 21 days would be a realistic estimate.

The Chairman again asked for volunteers from those present to work with him to act as an initial working group – J Phillipps and M Dodson without further prompting indicated they would be happy to do so. D Crow and the Secretary to produce an initial outline plan with event budget and time lines, the wider council to receive and consider this initial plan as well as regular updates.

Item 5 - Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved that the previous minutes be taken as read.

B.Millard / C.Goldsmith - Carried

Moved that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

L.Meredith / Di Collings - Carried

Item 6 - Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

1. Copland Cup. The donor of this trophy has received a thank you letter from NRANZ. The trophy is still to be added to the championship programme. Arrangements being made to have this trophy re-coated with silver.
2. Disciplinary Process under clause 5.1 of Range licence. Process still to be drafted and reviewed. Andre to produce a draft document and to liaise with Larry Meredith for his comment.
3. Bequeath Trust information. Larry to provide initial documentation for establishment of trust structure. Larry noted the concerns that this remained outstanding but commented that it was progressing slowly.
4. Appointment of 2015 WLRC U25 Manager. Decided to defer this matter for latter in the agenda.
5. NZ Service Rifle Affiliation. Casey Goldsmith agreed to pick up this matter. Casey to read background information re this subject available in council minutes of July 2011 (item 16). Casey to report back to Council in due course.
6. Ballinger Scholarship Criteria Review. Experience from 2011 national champs identified a need for revision of scholarship criteria. This task being completed prior to this meeting with revised criteria published in the member's area of the web site.

Item 7 - Confirmation of Email Decisions since Last Meeting

The following decisions were approved by council via email, since the last meeting;

1. Confirm fixtures list for 2012/13 Season. Approved list currently published on the web site.
R Gordon / C Kershaw - Carried
2. Confirm appointment 2015 Palma Team Captain
Moved the appointment of Malcolm Dodson be confirmed
DE Crow / Di Collings - Carried
3. Confirm adoption of 2011 Palma Team Managers Report.
M Dodson / J Forrest - Carried
4. Confirm Adoption of Ballinger Scholarship Rewrite.
B Millard / Di Collings - Carried
5. Confirm Support for Comm Games Pairs Event Option 4 as proposed by ICFRA General Secretary. "(Option 4) Accept three shooters, shoot the Pairs as a Pair plus a Coach (who should get a medal if in the top three) - and three individuals".
Di Collings / C Kershaw Carried

Item 8 – Critical Correspondence

1. Letter dated 10 July 2012 Request from NZ Ladies Rifle Team. Agreement in full with the following proviso's, commercial signage requires council approval upfront, logos on website also subject to council oversight. Anything to do with national champs should also require council oversight with a heads-up on all aspects prior to its go ahead.
Agreement in principle with the request made by the ladies team.
M Dodson / L Meredith – Carried
2. Malvern RC Funding Report. Report Received with a note of thanks to the Malvern Rifle Club for the success of this initial programme.
3. Email from Geoff Smith re Remits. Leave until discussion on remits.
4. Email re Levin RC Trophies. Short update provided to meeting by Chairman. Post script note. Trophies delivered to the NRA office 2 Aug 2012. Residual club funds of \$2394.70 were received at the NRA 9 Aug 2012
5. Seddon Range Safety Inspection Shortcomings with Mantlet and Bullet Catcher.
Quick update provided by Secretary stating that the Range Director had this matter in hand and would report back to Council with an update.
6. Whangarei RC application for the award of DSM and NRA Veterans Badge. An application from the Whangarei club was circulated to council prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the application met the terms of the award criteria. Moved that the award of the DSM and NRA Veterans Badge to Don Gallop of the Whangarei Rifle Club be approved.
B Millard / R Gordon - Carried
7. Onslow RC applications for NRA Veterans Badge Honours. Onslow Rifle Club letter of

application confirming the application of this award for three members listed, that they did meet the criteria for this award. Colin Simonsen, Wally Hewitt and Trevor Oliver. Moved that the award of the NRA Veterans Badge be awarded to these three club members. Casey to arrange for the presentation of Vets Badges at the WRA AGM.

B Millard / C Kershaw – Carried

Post meeting Note: The Secretary of the Onslow RC confirms to the NRA office that Colin Simonsen has already received Vets badge.

8. Letter from Karori RC re NRANZ Chairman's position. Nomination of Jon Wilkins for this office. It was agreed to leave till the appointment of officers.
9. Letter NRA Sec to NZSF re 2013 Oceania. Quick update, NRA to host Oceania 300m and Fullbore events in Jan 2013 in conjunction with the National Champs. That approval has been sought and planning had commenced.
10. Letter from NZ Police Arms Officer. It was decided to distribute the request to club secretaries and request permission to provide club point of contact information to the NZ Police. It was agreed that closure relations could only improve an already good relationship and would lead to improved knowledge of Arms Act requirements and to obligations under the act.
11. Invite from SABU - 2013 F Class Teams to attend National Champs. It was agreed to place a notice on web calling for nominations from those wishing to attend this championship. Also attach the programme and invite letter for 1 month. Inform council and SABU of the outcome.
12. NRANZ invites to NRAA – Target Shooting Aust (TSA) Advertisement. Ad placed in the Target Shooting Australia magazine. The cost of this ad being covered by the Carter family of Te Puke RC.
13. Officer Nominations to NZSF AGM. Bevan Mehrstens of the Malvern RC has given his permission to submit his nomination for a further term as Dep President of NZSF. The NZSF AGM is scheduled for 4 Sept 2012.
14. Nominations for WFCC Raton 2013. Four nominations received. M Dodson to contact Geoff Smith and enquire if he wishes to act as Mangr for the nominees to attend this Raton championship ICFRA event. It was agreed that Geoff's appointment as Manager would also be endorsed should he wish to attend. Moved as such.
B Millard / Di Collings – Carried
15. Email Update from President re Member Contact with Trentham Camp. It was agreed to move into committee.
J Forrest / C Kershaw – Carried.
Move to come out of committee.
J Forrest / C Kershaw – Carried.
16. Meeting with Camp Comdt 5 July. Chairman provided an overview to the meeting held with the Comdt Trentham Camp 5 July. Camp Comdt gave an overview to Trentham Camp restructuring as a result of the Camps downgrade to a Service Centre;
 - The pending rewrite of Range Standing Orders,

- Range booking system to go online,
- Wgtn Area Sports Club facilities,
- Range development plan for WLRC 2019,
- Use by WMAC of Sommerville Range as to an alternative fly location.

17. List of general correspondence to approve. Moved that inward correspondence be received and outward approved. List of correspondence appended to these minutes.
R Gordon / B Millard - Carried

Item 9 - Finance Reports and Approval of Payments since last meeting

The Treasurer presented to the meeting a balance sheet and profit and loss report covering the period of 12 months ending 30 June 2012. Discussions on both reports. The balance sheet shows a loss for the year of \$3,426.44. These reports are not finalised as additional end of year adjustments are anticipated. GST to 30 June has still to be calculated.

A question was asked on the background rule for the attribution of 50% of the secretary salary also 80% of range maintenance costs against the annual championship annually. The background to the adoption of these practices were provided which date from the mid-eighties around the time of the adoption of the 155gr bullet and removal of the then bullet levy on the old 144gr nato projectile.

The Chairman stated that there has been over time many differing views on the most appropriate attribution of these costs annually. However the current practice has stood the test of time and is mostly still relevant. Notwithstanding this should a system deemed to be fairer to all parties be put forward then it will be considered.

Payments for Approval. A list of payments covering period 3 April to 13 July 2012 totalling \$23,281.47 was presented for discussion and approval. It was moved that the financial reports be received and the payments as listed be approved.
L Meredith / B Millard – Carried

Item 10 – Adoption of Reports – Committees, Reps and Working Groups

Report - Convener of the Grading Committee (Email from Steve Bower)
R Gordon / B Millard – Carried

Report - Convenor of Selectors (Email Malcolm Dodson)
M Dodson / L Meredith – Carried

Report - ICFRA TR Committee (Email Tony Loughnan)
L Meredith / B Millard – Carried

Report - Director of Elite Coaching (Email Darryl Crow)
DE Crow / M Dodson - Carried

Report - NРАНZ Veterans Section (Noel Bennett)
C Kershaw / M Dodson – Carried

Report - Honours Committee (Email Tony Loughnan/Diane Collings)
Di Collings / C Goldsmith – Carried

Report - Chief Range Certifier (Email Tony Loughnan) Report adopted with amendments of range names.

J Forrest / L Meredith - Carried

Report - Seddon Range Director (Email Alan Whiteman) Council notes the level of assistance and contribution by Peter O'Flaherty & Jeff Berkett.

M Dodson / Di Collings – Carried

Report - Delegate 300m Sect (Email Lindsay Arthur)

M Dodson / C Kershaw – Carried

Report - Chief Range Officer

M Dodson / L Meredith - Carried

Report - Delegate F&FTR Section

L Meredith / Di Collings – Carried

Report - COLFO Delegate (Email Andre Doyle)

A Doyle / Di Collings – Carried

Report - ICFRA Veterans (Email Noel Bennett)

C Kershaw / L Meredith – Carried

Report - NZ Sports Hall of Fame & Life Membership (Email Bruce Millard)

Di Collings / R Gordon - Carried

Item 11 - Shooting Rule Remits

The following shooting rule remits were received and considered by Council; Onslow Rifle Club. Shooting rules pertaining to preparation time prior to starting shooting. Moved that the Remit be received for discussion.

M Dodson / Di Collings

Proposed that the words of the remit for T13.10, that read, “a minimum of five minutes” be amended to read, “up to five mins”. Di Collings / L Meredith – Carried.

It was argued that it was important that the rules retain the five minutes sighting time at the start of each new range and that the Onslow proposed changes to T6.6, not be adopted.

Moved C Kershaw. There was no seconder supporting this amendment and this motion lapsed.

The Remit with the amendment to T13.10 as above, was put to the meeting and Carried.

Clevedon Rifle Club #1. For shooters competing in F Open, that a V-Bull be scored as a 6.0 and not 5.1. Moved that the Remit be received for discussion.

R Gordon / Di Collings

A short and general discussion was held on the merits of this remit. As there was no apparent objection to this proposal apart from the issue of resolving mixed team scores. This would be a matter to be resolved for the specific team's event conditions over the Jan champs. The remit was put to the meeting and it was carried.

Clevedon Rifle Club #2. For shooters competing in F-TR, that a V-Bull be scored as a 6.0 and not 5.1. Moved that the Remit be received for discussion.
R Gordon / C Goldsmith

A quick round table discussion revealed most delegates were in favour of retaining the value of a V-Bull as 5.1 for the F-TR Class. The Wellington delegate argued for the adoption of the 6.0 as for the F Open class.

The Remit was put to the meeting and was not carried.

Clevedon Rifle Club #3. Proposing the addition of an extra scoring ring inside the V-Bull, scoring 6.1 for F Class targets. Moved that the Remit be received for discussion.
L Meredith / Di Collings

A short discussion ensued with the proposal of an amendment to this remit that the additional scoring ring to apply only to F Open competition.
LMeredith / Di Collings – Carried

The amended Remit was put to the meeting and was not carried.

Karori Rifle Club Remits #1 and #2. As the changes proposed by the Karori Rifle Club are very similar to the remits as submitted by the Clevedon Rifle Club it was agreed that the Karori remits had been addressed with the outcomes of the Clevedon remits. Moved that the two Karori remits not be received.
R Gordon / B Millard – Carried

Upper Hutt Rifle Club. Proposal to change the National Champs course of fire. Revert back to 800 & 900 yards in the belt qualifying series, dropping the double 1000yd matches. Moved that the Remit be received for discussion.
M Dodson / B Millard

Discussion – Bob Gordon provided an overview to analysis he had undertaken comparing results of previous years. The remit was put to the meeting and was not carried.

Item 12 - Appointment of Officials

Chairman. Currently vacant. The nomination of Jon Wilkins by the Karori Rifle Club was gratefully received by council. Those present with knowledge of Mr Wilkins spoke of their support for his appointment as chairman. The recent resignation by the deputy Chairman Mr Vine, may make it more difficult for Mr Wilkins to become familiar with the role of Chairman. The President D Crow suggested that he stands in as Dep Chair to provide support for Mr Wilkins for the first 12 months. Moved that the nomination of Mr Wilkins as Chairman be accepted.
M Dodson / Di Collins - Carried

Deputy Chairman. Moved that Mr D Crow be appointed to the position of Deputy Chairman in support of Mr Wilkins as Chairman. That the Deputy Chairman retains oversight for key areas of the Chairman's responsibilities, as necessary, for an initial 12 months period.
M Dodson / L Meredith - Carried

2019 WLRC Chairman and Committee. The meeting Chairman reiterated to council that input from each member of council was vital to the success of the 2019 event. That the 2019 WLRC committee needed to be driven by Council. A number of tasks were already overdue

such as producing a draft 2019 programme, undertaking a critical time line analysis, ensuring that ICFRA receives regular updates on concepts, in particular the possible adoption and use of electronic targets for this event. The setting and adoption of milestone targets and outline plan critical. It was agreed that the full NRANZ Council must accept the responsibility for these undertakings in the interim.

As agreed earlier in the day that the President and Secretary to produce an initial outline plan with event budget and time lines, the wider council also to provide input. Initial plan to be considered as soon as possible.

Membership Committee. Currently consists of John Forrest and Ray Vine. B Millard stepped in as assistance to Mr Forrest due to events in Chch. The Chairman again reiterated that this was our most important responsibility and was mindful that this project had not moved forward as much as it could have. With this in mind the chairman reminded all that council does have an approved budget for membership initiatives, ie the membership booklet and club business cards and the completion of these two tasks a key objective. With this in mind Chris Kershaw offered to pick up this responsibility as convenor of this group, Casey Goldsmith offering to assist Mr Kershaw.

M Dodson / L Meredith - Carried

Discussions on difficulties being experienced with the availability of common use software, publishing etc. The need to standardise common use software would assist greatly. Chris offered to consider ways of standardising common software via adoption of an IT policy etc.

Director of Natnl Coaching. Proposed that Di Collings continues in this role. Diane commented that she would need assistance with the development of the role.

R Gordon / B Millard - Carried

Selection Committee. Moved that the selectors be re appointed en-block.

B Millard / C Kershaw - Carried

Honours Committee. Moved that both Tony and Diane re appointed.

M Dodson / L Meredith - Carried

Life Membership Representative. Bruce Millard.

L Meredith / C Goldsmith - Carried

High Performance Coach. D Crow.

M Dodson / L Meredith - Carried

National U25 Coach. Current appointee is M Dodson with a nomination for this appointment being received from John Martin of the Karori RC.

At this point it was moved that council goes into Committee.

D Crow / R Gordon – Carried.

Moved that the meeting comes out of Committee.

D Crow / L Meredith - Carried

It was moved that M Dodson be reappointed as National U25 Coach.

R Gordon / L Meredith - Carried

U25 Team Manager. Reiterated to the meeting that this appointment was to manage the U25 NZ Team with its attendance to the 2015 Camp Perry WLRC's. Concerns were raised within the meeting with Malcolm as the Main Team Capt as well as responsible for the U25's.

Malcolm confirmed for the meeting that he was planning to attend Camp Perry next season to become familiar with the venue. Malcolm also highlighted some of his thought in that he would be planning on junior shooters progressing to the main team should they be worthy of selection. It was considered that the appointment of the U25 Team Manager could be delayed until the mid winter council meeting for 2013. It was proposed that a call for nominations for this appointment to be made early 2013 to close prior to the winter council meeting.

C Kershaw / Di Collings - Carried

NZSF Representative. Bevan Mehrtens.

Di Collings / C Kershaw - Carried

Seddon Range Director. Alan Whiteman.

M Dodson / R Gordon - Carried

Range Certifiers. The reappointment of the existing qualified Range Inspectors and Certifiers was confirmed. Tony Loughnan, Mike Collings, Trever Leigh and John Snowden.

C Kershaw / L Meredith - Carried

Council Liaison Officer (Ntnl Champs). B Millard

Di Collings / C Kershaw - Carried

Championship Manager. Alan Whiteman.

B Millard / C Goldsmith - Carried

ICFRA Council. Bevan Mehrtens.

D Crow / L Meredith - Carried

ICFRA TR Committee. Tony Loughnan.

M Dodson / R Gordon - Carried

ICFRA Commonwealth Committee. Bevan Mehrtens.

D Crow / Di Collings - Carried

ICFRA Veterans' Committee. Noel Bennett has requested to stand down from this appointment. It was moved that Tony Loughnan be appointed subject to his approval.

M Dodson / J Forrest – Carried

ICFRA World Champs Committee. Diane Collings.

L Meredith / R Gordon - Carried

ICFRA F Class Committee. Larry Meredith.

C Kershaw / Di Collings - Carried

Technical Advisory Committee. Mike Collings has confirmed that he is willing to act as Convenor of this Committee if approved by Council. Moved that Mike be appointed as convenor of the Technical Advisory Committee.

C Kershaw / L Meredith - Carried

Colfo Representative. Andre Doyle.

M Dodson / Di Collings - Carried

Grading Committee – Nobby Miller and Steve Bower.
B Millard / Di Collings - Carried

Publicity Officer. No nominations had been received for the appointment. A key role to achieve profile over the week of January. Suggestion of engaging a journalism student over the two weeks of January. Without a nomination it was decided to leave this appointment vacant. In the interim all on Council were tasked with a general responsibility for projecting the organisation via the media. This might mean picking up the phone and ringing the office and prompting a short press release. This responsibility was acknowledged by all present.

Schools/Postal Match Co-ord. M Dodson
C Kershaw / L Meredith – Carried

Chris Kershaw provided a short summary of the support provided by the Malvern Rifle Club to a local Schools Team. As a result Malvern RC had acquired two new members. Important that medals ceremonies are conducted locally. Chris and Casey to provide simple “How to” process for making contact with local colleges. Clubs to raise the profile of this activity rest of Assn and colleges by way of photos and short reports of training sessions and match day. Also develop a standard invitation to schools for clubs to use. Certain times of the year students will be heading into exams clubs need to plan to avoid these periods. Info from Chris and Casey on how to get invitations to schools and cadet units in every area.

NZ Hall of Fame Representative. B Millard.
R Gordon / C Kershaw - Carried

Item 13 - Under 25 / Juniors Plan.

Pathway to 2015. The previous Council meeting set an aim to develop an overview programme that would provide a pathway to 2015 for a NZ Under 25 Team. It was the intent of Council to support and assist in the development of an under25 team that would attend Camp Perry in 2015. M Dodson provided a quick overview to how he intended to structure the programme which he would be made available shortly. This plan would also meet the NRA needs for annual junior development funding via the NZSF.

The plan would indeed aim at a junior team attending the 2015 WLRC at Camp Perry. The assumption being that a junior team would train and travel alongside the senior team. As the convenor of Selectors he would actively pursue a policy of promoting younger shooters to the senior team.

The meeting chairman asked that the “Pathway to 2015” draft plan be made available for comment as soon as possible so that it can be adopted and published with an aim to identifying new and young talent.

WLRC Teams Size Jnr Team. Discussion on the size and number of junior teams per country at this event. It is evident that some of the larger countries support more than one junior team per country being able to enter and eligible to win a place medal. As the representative on the ICFRA World Champ Committee Di Collings summarised the current position of the main member countries. GB wanted multi junior teams per country able to win medals. The current structure is five shooters, one coach, one reserve, Capt and Mngr, allocated one target. Di indicated that 6 shooter teams should not be permitted as two targets would be needed per team. Many countries would be unable to field or fund a junior team consisting of 10 shooters, again needing the allocation of 2 targets per team on match day. Jnr

teams larger than five shooters would result in the smaller countries not able to participate in the junior match. Malcolm Dodson reiterated that the rules did permit the inclusion of U19 teams, a category not utilised to date.

The meeting chair stated he would need to speak with Bevan (ICFRA Council Rep) on his return to NZ. As ICFRA is waiting for each members position on this issue this was becoming an issue.

NZ Position was reiterated. One nominated junior team eligible to medal per country. - teams up to 8 members 5 shooters on the line. It was agreed that councillors Crow, Dodson and Collings would meet with Bevan to confirm a NZ position re Jnr Team sizes at WLRC's.

Item 14 - Confirm dates NZ Nationals - 2015 and 2016

Moved that the dates of the NZ National Champs be confirmed for 2015 and 2016 as follows.
L Meredith / Di Collings – Carried.

2015

BALLINGER BELT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

SEDDON RANGE, TRENTHAM, NEW ZEALAND

300m Championship Friday 09 and Saturday 10 January 2015

NRANZ National Championship commences Monday 12 January 2015

Championship Final Saturday 17 January 2015

2016

BALLINGER BELT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

SEDDON RANGE, TRENTHAM, NEW ZEALAND

300m Championship Friday 8 and Saturday 9 January 2016

NRANZ National Championship commences Monday 11 January 2016

Championship Final Saturday 16 January 2016

Item 15 – Ten Year Competition Calendar

A draft competition calendar to be developed and published via the NRANZ web site. This calendar to provide Council with a means of planning and forecasting.

The draft calendar provided by B Millard to be used as a start. Additional events to be considered for inclusion on this programme; every 2nd year an Oceania event - Trans Tasman Jnrs - Collinson Tri-Nations – Veterans - FO/FTR Teams matches - 2014 NZ Ntnl Champs WW1 centenary.

Bruce – to obtain info from Ladies and Vets Sections re celebrations, anniversaries and significant events, NZ and overseas. Bruce responsible for producing second draft of calendar. Di to contact Australia re details of state teams match schedule and other special events. Bruce to circulate 2nd draft prior to the next council meeting but will endeavour to have draft out by the end for 2012 calendar year.

World F Class Champs. (WFCC) suggested that Phil Harrison be approached re schedule for this event and request process on bidding for this world event.

M Dodson asked council to consider review of our national champs programme to improve options of teams match shooting. To schedule Mini Palma type events on the years where no

other international event is programmed nor teams visiting NZ, this match to be held on the Sunday, the day following our final.

Item 16 – Budget

The chairman asked that a new budget be compiled for the next meeting of council. Currently revenues generated from affiliations are not covering our operating costs. Treasurer to prepare and circulate a draft budget.

National Champs Entry Fee. Discussion on entry fees for the 2013 Champs. It was agreed that Council needed to advise a \$20 increase in 2013 national champ's entry.
L Meredith / J Forrest – Carried

Championship Levy. An increase in the daily championship levy was proposed generating a small increase in revenue from those members who compete at away events. Moved that the Championship Levy be raised to a daily fee of \$5 inclusive of gst and that \$1.50 of each levy be allocated to the Overseas Team Fund.
L Meredith / C Goldsmith – Carried.

Annual Member Affiliation Fees. Council was very conscience that affiliation fees had increased significantly for the last two seasons and was unwilling to implement yet another increase. With this in mind R Gordon moved that affiliation fees be set as follows: Full - \$125, New Member - \$65, Student - \$65 and Associate - \$35. This is a small \$5 increase across the classes of membership.
R Gordon / B Millard - Carried

Item 17 - Any Other Business

NZSF Telescopes. The Secretary brought to the notice of the meeting that a small number of used spotting scopes and stands had been received from the NZSF as part of the Ardmore disestablishment. It was agreed these items would be made available for loan to development activities. It was noted the quality of these scopes was not good.

Number in Ballinger Belt Final. R Gordon raised the subject of number qualifying for the Ballinger Belt final. Mr Gordon proposed that the number of shooters taking part in the final be set at 20% of the target rifle entry to a maximum of 20 shooters, ie 75 TR shooters = 15 targets, 100 TR shooters = 20 targets, 140 TR shooters = 20 targets. That 30 open place badges be presented.
Di Collings / C Goldsmith - Carried

Recognition of contribution of Mr Ron Gurney. B Millard requested an item for the next meeting, that the contribution of Mr Ron Gurney be recognised in an appropriate way. D Crow suggested that the current board room could be named after Mr Gurney. There could also be other suggestions. Those present were asked to give this matter consideration.

Member notifications. Di Collings raised the issue of web posting notifications ie when items are added to the buy and sell page etc. The Secretary informed the meeting that every addition or posting to the NRA site is already notified to club secretaries with a request that these be forwarded to members. That a system of individual member notifications presented an unrealistic burden on the nra office. That individual notifications may well be possible however this responsibility would fall to the secretary who does not have the time to establish and maintain yet another system or distributions list. To implement such a policy would also

be an admission that club secretaries are not capable to performing their responsibilities. The Secretary informed the meeting that should direct notifications be deemed desirable then Council would need to appoint a volunteer to setup, implement and maintain this function.

The Chairman acknowledged those who had supported this meeting of council this weekend. A very big thank you to the Petone RC for the use of their club rooms as a venue and to Alverie Doyle for the catering support over the two days.

Item 18 – Date Next meeting

No date was set for the next meeting, it is possible that a meeting later in the year would be necessary. Details of the next meeting to be notified separately.

Item 19 – Closure

As time was getting on, a number of Councillors had to dash to catch flights out of Wellington. At this stage, 5.00pm, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

End of Meeting Demonstration – Rifle Club Web Site. For the remaining Councillors the Secretary quickly presented a demonstration rifle club web site configured for the Taranaki Rifle Club. This site being prepared by the NRA web-site engineer as a basic state of the art club web site template to meet the day to day needs of club or Association. Containing pages as follows:

Home Page - About Rifle Shooting - About our Club – Events – Results – Members – Contact Us – Useful Links.

Pricing for this site to be made available shortly. A one off charge to have the template configured with club specific data, then annual hosting and domain name charges. This site would enable clubs to have dedicated club email addresses, full control for editing and posting of weekly data, club and Assn history. Help desk assistance with editor training to be provided by the nra secretary.

Minutes confirmed as true and accurate

D.E.Crow
Meeting Chairperson

Date: