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Minutes of an NRANZ Council Meeting – held in the Ron Gurney Room, NRA HQ Trentham on Saturday 9 January 2016

Item 1 – Opening

The meeting was declared open at 3:10pm

Item 2 – Apologies

Larry Meredith
B Millard / D Collings – Carried

Item 3 – Council Badge Presentation

Mr Millard presented John Ball and Karyn Flanagan with their Councillor Badges and welcomed them to the meeting.

Item 4 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and recorded as a true and accurate record.

M Dodson / C Kershaw – Carried

Item 5 – Matters Arising

Advertisement in Australian Magazine – there were 2 advertisements placed in the Australian Rifleman Magazine, to date we have not received an invoice for them.

Guns & Hunting Magazine – Bruce Millard has had 2 articles printed in this publication throughout the year.

Grading Lists – Chris Kershaw advised the meeting he was doing the grading list for TR in the normal way as well as a percentage. He is doing the list for FO and FTR as a percentage. A meeting still requires 15 shooters to compete, of which 4 must be A grade, to get a grading. Members stay on the grading list for 3 years regardless of whether they are affiliated or not.

Website – The question was asked if the Buy and Sell page could be moved from the members only section to a placement on the website open to the public. The Secretary is to contact the web designer to get this done.

There was comment that there is no gallery of photos from before 2011.

Mr Ball also wanted his disappointment with the new website on record.

Component Prices – Coby advised the meeting that the sale of components was a big part of the associations' income. The meeting felt that there was no point in selling components at a loss but the secretariat should look at the pricing.

F Class Components – it was felt that NRA could hold 2 different type of components that would suit F Class members.

Management 3 year plan – a work in progress

South African Team Invite – it was moved M Dodson / seconded D Collings that we accept the invitation to send a TR team to the 2017 SA Open Championship in March 2017 – carried

Item 6 – Confirm Email Decisions

Ballinger Scholarship – It was confirmed that the 3 Under 25 members would receive a scholarship of \$200 each and the remaining 7 members would receive a \$50 scholarship. B. Millard / D Collings – carried with 1 vote against

Item 7 – Treasurer Report

Coby Snowden read the Treasurers Report. Coby commented that the largest costs are the Professional Services. In other Income, the insurance claim from the flood in May was \$22,700. There was a question asked as to why there was 'write off & shrinkage', to which a reply was given there is shrinkage in any business.

General discussion took place about the amount of money spent on the Mitchell Maxberry Judicial Review and that the Association had no choice but to defend itself in court.

Item 8 – Shooting Federation Report

Rob Morgan presented his report from the last Shooting Federation meeting held in December.

There is \$12,500 of Community Sport funding available to be used before 30 June 2016 using the old criteria.

Commonwealth Games trails are to be held between 1 September 2016 and 30 August 2017 with nominations to go into the NZOC before Christmas 2017. The NZOC is looking at using a 'score based' criteria however, full-bore has noted that this is unfair for our discipline. NZOC require the selection criteria by March/April 2016.

There is a new Incorporated Societies Act. Under the new Act the officers of the Incorporated Society will be responsible for the society. It was recommended that we ask Brian Carter about the changes to the Act.

Rob confirmed there will be no full bore at the Durbin, South African Commonwealth Games.

Item 9 – Range Officers Course

Rob Morgan outlined his thoughts for an internet based Range Officers course. While he is happy to conduct a course in Wellington, he does not want to travel the country again delivering the course.

The Pistol Association are already doing an on-line course so we would not be the first.

Bruce Millard, Ross Mason and Rob Morgan will work together towards a Range Officers Course.

Item 10 – Seddon Range Standing Orders

It was asked to have the Seddon Range Standing Orders posted online.

Item 10 – CRO

Rob Morgan was asked to clarify the use of sighters during a shoot. He was going to re-read the rules on the use of sighters ie more than one shot on the target, stoppages during a shoot, so all the Range Officers are briefed before the Nationals.

Item 11 – 2019 WLRC

Neil Maitland spoke to the meeting about the Management structure positions and personnel list that has been drawn up. He also showed the Council the funding application that he and Michael Reeves have been working on. The 1st stage of the application has been approved and they submitted the 2nd stage however, it was recommended that they withdraw the 2nd stage and re-submit later in 2016 to give them time to fill some of the project team personnel. Neil is hoping to have a meeting later in the week with key personnel.

It was confirmed that the 2019 WLRC would be manual target marking.

It was asked how the dates for the 2019 WLRC had come about. It was answered that it was consideration for accommodation, weather, staff, travel and markers for the championship. A councillor also wondered if the district clubs could hold competitions for the International teams leading up to National Championship. The meeting agreed this was done in 1995 and thought it would happen again in 2019.

Item 12 – President’s report

Bruce Millard read his report to the meeting. It was suggested he add – the Goodwill F Class team to Australia, Karyn Flanagan running the raffle for a Barnard Action and a thank you to Kevin Win. With these additions the meeting agreed with the report.

Item 13 – Chairman’s report

Ross Mason read his report to Council. The main points are

- ❖ Electronic earmuffs – 23 electronic earmuffs purchased using a grant
- ❖ Palma Communications System – Emuffs coaching system in use
- ❖ Website – still a few things to sort
- ❖ New secretary and treasurer – Helen Morgan & Coby Snowden on board
- ❖ Health and safety – meetings with NZDF H & SS staff
- ❖ Seddon Range upgrade – NZDF Engineers have been, matter on going
- ❖ 2019 Palma Preparation – major event funding
- ❖ The flood – payment has been made
- ❖ Judicial Review – overview of the last 15 months

Report accepted

R Mason / B Millard – carried

Item 14 – National Championship

Invites have been sent or emailed. An invite to be given to Ben Emms. Invite also to NZ and Australian Veterans Captains and Vice Captains.

One flag pole was broken in the high winds on Friday, which has now been replaced.

Alan Whiteman has had an interview with a local radio station. He has also been in touch with the DomPost.

The obituaries list was updated.

Item 15 – Judicial Review

Ross Mason is to talk through with the Lawyers the pros and cons of going for costs.

Item 16 – Range Certification

Ross Mason has done the inspections on the Auckland ranges. Bruce wants to know if the ranges can now be signed off, with the exception of Clevedon that needs some work? Ross Mason is to speak with Mike Collings.

Item 17 – Grading List

Chris Kershaw would like the scores to come through to him in a standard format. He will forward the ideal format to the Secretary for her to distribute to provincial secretaries. The way our grading list works, all overseas competitors are removed. General discussion took place about the Australian system that keeps overseas competitors in and they receive a grade. It was felt that we should keep the status quo.

Item 18 – Regional Champs – Barnard promotion

Ross asked if the Council were happy with the way the draw was done last year. Yes, they were and Ross will do the same this year.

Item 19 – Palma 2015 Review

Malcolm Dodson was congratulated on his report – it was a full report for a non-travelling Captain.

Ross Mason asked that process around the selection of teams be looked at. He advised the meeting that one of the Under 25 team members was selected in Camp Perry to shoot in the Palma team while members of the NZ Palma team were left out. While everyone pulled together on the day it was felt a very unfair practice.

General Business

Item 20 – Distinguished Service Medals

Bruce Millard has been approached by Amy Hatcher for a replacement DSM. Alan Hatcher's DSM was on his blazer when he was buried and Amy has asked if she could have a replacement. The Council approved this and Bruce Millard is to present her with it at the Wellington meeting on Sunday.

Bruce Millard has nominated Rob Morgan and Bevan Mehrtens to receive the DSM. Bruce spoke to the meeting about the years' of service both men have given the NRANZ, service on Council, on the Shooting Federation as Deputy President and Rob's eight years' as Chief Range Officer for the national championship.

It was moved that Rob Morgan and Bevan Mehrtens receive the DSM
B Millard / D Collings - carried

Item 21 – Presidents Expenses

Bruce Millard spoke of the cost to himself of travelling to Life Members funerals. He feels that the NRA should be represented but travelling at short notice is expensive and would like to be reimbursed for attending, and speaking, at the funerals of our Life Members.

The meeting felt this could be looked at on a case by case basis.

Item 22 – Zero Range

A Councillor expressed his concern that there is still no zero range at Trentham. He asked that the NRA look into using the Collins Range and approach the Heretaunga Pistol Club.

Item 23 – Standing Orders

There was general decision as to the reasons why on our National range .303 calibre rifle can only be used up to 600 yards.

It was decided that the Seddon range Standing Orders to be available on the website.

Item 24 – Constitution

A Councillor spoke about the changes to the Constitution being made through the remit process. It doesn't seem to be clear what the remit process is. When this is sorted can it be posted on the website?

Item 25 – Next Council Meeting

According to the Constitution there should be a March Council meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan. No date has been made at this time.

Item 26 – June Council Meeting

TBA

Item 27 – Close

The meeting was declared closed at 6:35 pm

“Minutes confirmed as True and Accurate”.

President and Meeting Chair

Date: