



# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.

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## Minutes of an Annual General Meeting of the NRANZ held in the Provincial Rifle Club Rooms Seddon Rifle Range Tuesday 12 January 2016

### Item 1 – Opening

The President declared the meeting open at 7.10 pm.

### Officials

B Millard – President and Meeting Chair  
M Dodson – Deputy President  
R Mason – Chairman  
C Snowden - Treasurer  
H Morgan – Secretary

### Item 2 - Roll Call and Quorum

Member Clubs	Delegate	
Akarana City -	B Millard (Alternate)	Present
Ashburton -	J Miller	Present
Bruce -	L Grimsey	Not Present
Cheltenham -	G Russell	Not Present
Clevedon -	B Millard	Present
Franklin -	B Millard (Alternate)	Present
Gisborne -	R Johansen	Present
Gore -	K Chittock (Alternate)	Present
Hamilton Whata -	G Piper	Present
Hawkes Bay -	R Gordon	Present
Invercargill -	R Gilchrist (Alternate)	Present
Kaituna Blenheim -	M Dodson	Present
Karori -	N McKee	Present
Malvern -	C Kershaw	Present
Masterton -	O Whiteman	Present
Oamaru -	J Fleming (Alternate)	Present
Otorohanga -	M Lane	Present
Petone -	J Phillipps	Present
Taranaki -	P Tidswell	Present
Te Puke -	B Carter	Present
Trentham -	K Win	Present
Whangarei -	I May	Present

The President declared a quorum had been achieved.

### Individual Financial Members Present:

D Alexander, E Alexander, M Alexander, L Arthur, A Benbrook, C Burgess, I Cameron, B Carter, K Chittock, D Collings, M Dodson, A Doyle, J Fleming, C Flanagan, K Flanagan, H

Freiman, R Gilchrist, J Hastie, K Lange, C Ledbrook, R Mason, I May, K May, J McLaren, B Mehrtens, B Millard, R Morgan, H Morgan, T Penrose, J Phillipps, G Piper, B Read, M Read, R Rowlands, G Smith, C Snowden, D Swaney, P Tidswell, A White, A Whiteman, Mrs A Whiteman, O Whiteman

### **Item 3 – Apologies**

Apologies were recorded for the following people:  
A Drake, J Hand, K Taylor, H Donald, P McLachlan.  
M Dodson / O Whiteman – Carried

### **Item 4 - Minutes of the Previous AGM**

Moved that the minutes the previous Meeting of 13 January 2015 be taken as read and that these minutes be recorded as a true and accurate record.  
M Dodson / B Millard - Carried

### **Item 5 - Matters Arising**

An update on the WLRC 2019 will be brought up in General Business.  
There was no further matters arising from the previous minutes.

### **Item 6 - Receive Financial Reports**

The Treasurer presented to the meeting the audited financial reports for the year ending 30 June 2015. The Treasurer explained aspects of these reports to the meeting. A loss was incurred by the Assn for this financial period totalling \$37,341. The annual championship held in January 2015 ran at a loss of \$500. Professional Services was \$48,800 higher than the previous year with payments to Conference Brokers Ltd being \$10,083 for the organisation of the 2019 event. The Mitch Maxberry case has cost \$52,671 in legal fees, to 30 June 2015.

A question from the floor about whether it was intended to keep deducting 50% of the secretary's salary from the annual national championship meeting. General discussion took place - Coby responded that she intended to assess the actual time spent organising the national meeting and that it could be higher than 50%.

There was general discussion on whether NRANZ needed Conference Brokers Ltd and how much had been raised. The meeting was told \$5000 had been raised so far from Hutt Mana Trust and work was being done on a Major Funding application that is complex and lengthy.

There being no further questions relating to the financial reports the Treasurer asked that these reports be received and approved by the meeting.  
C Snowden / C Kershaw – Carried

### **Item 7 – Distinguished Service Medals**

Bevan Mehrtens from Malvern Rifle Club was awarded the DSM for services to the NRA, he has been on the Council, held the position of Vice President and been the NRA delegate and Vice President of the Shooting Federation for a number of years.

Rob Morgan from Petone Rifle Club was awarded the DSM for services to the NRA, he has been on the Council and held the position of President, been the NRA delegate and Vice President of the Shooting Federation twice as well as CRO for the last eight years.

### **Item 8 – ICFRA Medals**

John McLaren showed the meeting the 2 medals presented to him from ICFRA in recognition of the work the late Tony Loughnan had done. One medal is to be presented to Tony's family and the other one is for a Veterans Team Match to be shot during the World Long Range Championship.

### **Item 9 – Receive President's Annual Report**

The President read to the meeting his Annual Presidents Report. This report was received by the meeting with a vote of thanks.

Moved that the Presidents Annual Report be accepted.  
B Millard / O Whiteman – Carried

### **Item 10 – Receive Chairman's Report**

Ross Mason read his report to the meeting that outlined activities during the year which included; the Palma Communications System, the Website, the new Secretary and Treasurer, Health & Safety, the Seddon Range Upgrade, Palma Preparation, the flood and insurance claim, and the judicial review involving Mitchell Maxberry.

### **Item 11 - Postal Vote Delegate to Council**

The President announced to the meeting the two new postal vote delegates to Council for the two year period 2016 and 2017. Mr Owen Whiteman of the Masterton Rifle Club and Mr Darren Swaney of the Malvern Rifle Club. As only two delegate nominations were received no postal vote was conducted.

### **Item 12 - Election of Officers**

Prior to any elections taking place, Alan Whiteman was called away urgently and it was moved that Rob Morgan be the replacement scrutineer for the remainder of the meeting  
B Mehrtens / R Rowlands – Carried

The President read to the meeting the officer nominations that had been received. These nominations were received from the Masterton, Clevedon, Kaituna and Trentham Rifle Clubs.

**Election of Patron** – Mr HV Donald DSO MC of the Masterton Rifle Club was re-elected without contest.

**Election of Vice Patrons** – the three Defence Force Single Service Chiefs of Staff were re-elected without contest.

**Election of President** – Mr Millard vacated the chair. The Chairman advised that 2 nominations had been received for the position of President. The Chairman made clear to the meeting that Clevedon RC's nomination of "all officers are elected in block" would be interpreted as all nominations would be treated as individual nominations. The election of President was conducted by closed votes from delegates present. The Scrutineers supervised the final count based on the official individual member strength of each club. The Scrutineers confirmed the appointment of Mr Malcolm Dodson as President. Mr Millard congratulated Mr Dodson on his appointment. Irene Cameron thanked Bruce for his work over the past two years.

**Election of Deputy President** – As only one nomination for this office was received, Mr Millard congratulated Mr Owen Whiteman on his appointment.

**Election of Hon. Treasurer** – As only one nomination had been received from the Clevedon RC, Mrs Coby Snowden was confirmed as Treasurer.

**Scrutineers** – It was moved that A Whiteman, A Benbrook and B Mehrtens be re-elected.  
B Millard / B Gordon – Carried

**Election of Financial Reviewer** – Moved that Mrs Shirley Herridge from Christchurch be appointed as our Financial Reviewer.  
C Snowden / B Millard – Carried

## **Other Business**

**Item 13 – NZ Invite to South Africa.** It was proposed that we should decline the invitation to send a team in 2017 to South Africa for the Australia Match. We are losing members after these big trips due mainly to the cost. The meeting thought we should be doing more trips to Australia.

Mr Dodson advised that NZ had already accepted the invitation, but if sufficient nominations were not received then the team could not go. If sufficient were received they should go.

## **Item 14 – Judicial Review**

Ross Mason read a comprehensive report to the meeting outlining what started the judicial review to the present day.

General discussion took place on whether the NRANZ should go for costs, how much extra this would cost the Association, what are the chances of receiving costs and what are the chances Mitchell Maxberry would go for costs from us. There were many votes of thanks and support to Ross for his work on this matter from the membership.

## **Item 15 – F Class Selections**

Darren Swaney made comment that there are three TR selectors – are they the correct people to be selecting F Class team members. Should there be one F Class shooter added to the panel. During general discussion there was also comment made that if a specific F Class representative was on the panel should the Ladies, Under 25's and Veterans also have one.

The comment was made that our three selectors are experienced people and selections are not made just on scores and that other factors go into the process. Captains are also asked for input into selecting teams.

## **Item 16 – Another shooting class**

A member commented that another way of putting more shooters on ranges could be to introduce another shooting class like Sporters Class. There was general discussion but no outcome was forthcoming.

The meeting also discussed whether to introduce an F Standard Class as in Australia rather than use the IFCRA FTR Class. Most members thought we should stay the way we are. It

was also thought we need to get the message out about shooting and actively promote what the sport is about.

### **Item 17 – Team shooting**

General discussion took place about team shooting and if we are missing chances to be competitive. Should we make more events so we can get more practice in making sure we get opportunities? There was a suggestion that we expand the postal shoot concept and make it a weekly event.

### **Item 18 – Work on the Seddon Range**

The question was asked when work would begin on the range. The Chairman answered that it was hoped the Army will do the work before 2018 but no set time has been given.

### **Item 19 – Dates for Palma 2019**

A member wished to know were dates of other District Championships considered when Palma dates were set. He believes it would have been polite for a Council member to have contacted the Districts affected before the dates where set.

The Chairman apologised to the Districts for Council not consulting them personally.

### **Item 20 – Date Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next Annual General Meeting was set for 10 January 2017 at 7.00pm.

M Dodson / O Whiteman - Carried

### **Item 21 – Closure**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:23pm.

Confirmed as a True and Accurate Record.

M Dodson  
President

January 2017