



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.

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MINUTES of the National Rifle Association of NZ Council held in the Trentham Rifle Club Rooms Seddon Rifle Range Sunday 28 February 2016

Item 1 – Opening

The President, Malcolm Dodson, declared the meeting open at 9:55am.

Item 2 – Roll Call

Malcolm Dodson (President), Ross Mason (Chairman), Owen Whiteman (Deputy President)
Diane Collings (at large), John Ball (at large), Bruce Millard (Northern), Bob Gordon (Central),
Karyn Flanagan (WRA), Chris Kershaw (South), Darren Swaney (at large), Helen Morgan
(Secretary)

Item 3 – Apologies

Coby Snowden (Treasurer), Alan Whiteman (Deputy Chairman)
Moved Owen Whiteman / Chris Kershaw – Carried

Item 4 – Minutes from the last Council meeting – January

Moved Karyn Flanagan / Diane Collings – Carried

Item 5 – Matters arising from the minutes

Item 8 – (Shooting Federation Report) The question was asked why Brian Carter had not been asked for his opinion on how the proposed new Incorporated Societies Act may affect NRANZ. Ross Mason explained that Coby Snowden, Helen Morgan and himself would be attending a seminar in April to cover the changes.

Item 5 – (Website) It was acknowledged that the Buy and Sell page had been moved to the public area of the website.

Item 5 – (Component Prices) What progress had been made in the component prices. This was still a work in progress by Coby the Treasurer.

Item 10 – (Seddon Range Standing Orders) These are to be posted on the website under 'Members Only' area member notices.

Item 20 – (Distinguished Service Medals) The DSM have been awarded.

Item 6 – Treasurers Report

In her absence Coby submitted a written report dated 17 February 2016 that was circulated to the meeting.

The question was asked why the 2019 LRWC Logo cost \$3000 when there was a competition run amongst the members. CBL has a budget that allows for some of these costs.

The payments were passed:-
C Kershaw / B Gordon – Carried

The Treasurers Report was passed:-
C Kershaw / O Whiteman – Carried

Item 7 – E-mail decisions

- Invitation be sent to NRAA to send an Open, Veterans and U25 teams for 2017 National Championship

R Gordon / D Collings – Carried

Item 8 – Strategic Plan

Malcolm Dodson set out how he would like the rest of meeting to go. He wants Councillors to take the Strategic Plan with the view to the next 5 years and have members take ownership of different sections to drive it forward.

Item 8a – Membership

There was talk about the Sporting Rifles (Deerstalkers) however some at the meeting thought most deerstalkers would only be interested in shooting animal targets.

There was a brief discussion on adding a new sporting class to encourage more people to join.

Should we have a National Skills coaching programme?

There is an Australian delivering a coaching programme that could invite over.
We could have a Postal Championship for Sporting Rifle Class.

A big focus should be on keeping our ranges around the country open.

Should we look at having an Agreement, Licence or Lease with landowners?

It was felt that some of our 'top shots' should be members of TSNZ. In this way we may get more smallbore shooters coming to try fullbore.

Is the difference in cost between smallbore and fullbore a disincentive?

The meeting thought the use of e-targets would be attractive to Smallbore shooters.

Do we need to offer an incentive and if so what?

Item 8b – Recruitment

The Learn to Shoot programme (LTS) that the Wellington Rifle Association is doing is working well.

Kaituna / Blenheim Rifle Club also have a LTS programme which is also running well.

We could make up a resources pack to distribute to clubs that covers how to run a LTS programme, so members have something they can try in their clubs.

Review Tyro grade – do we need it anymore? Should it be extended to include F Class?

Could we provide facilities for different types of shooting?

John Ball and Chris Kershaw are to put their thoughts towards membership types into a paper to be delivered at the mid-winter council meeting.

Item 8c – Participation

What can we offer our members? There is funding available for training and coaching.

- How do we help clubs?
- An open weekend coaching, average cost over all participants
- Training weekend to train coaches to take back to clubs
- Booklet for new shooters – Karyn Flanagan to re-type
- Team up with TSNZ
- Skills improvement weekend

Item 8d – Capital Works

The funding application that was about to be submitted require the NRANZ to underwrite the project by 1/3. This was required to be set aside and used only on the funding project. Between Malcolm Dodson and Andre Doyle they felt this was not practicable for our Association and the funding application was withdrawn.

There was general discussion about funding for the National Headquarters building – no decision was made.

Item 8e – WLRC 2019

Dates – it was moved that we retain our normal dates for 2018 and 2019.

John Ball / Chris Kershaw – lost (1 vote for, 9 votes against)

Item 8f – Finance

Different funding avenues where talked about including:-

- Funding Organisation
- Redbook
- Projects from Pub Charities
- Funding for salaries

Item 8f – Constitution

There will need to be some changes to our Constitution with the new Incorporated Society Act.

It was moved that technical remits need to be into the Secretary by 31 March 2016.
Malcolm Dodson / Owen Whiteman – carried

Item 8g – Administration

There were no thoughts on this subject.

Item 8h – Shooting

There was general decision over the format of our national championship with the possibility of shooting it Bisley style.

Do we need to purchase a set a scales for weighting rifles for F Class? Could we possible get a funding grant to purchase scales?

There needs to be more bullet weighing during the national championship.

Item 8i – Range Certification and Range Retention

Kaituna / Blenheim range is ready for certification. There are still ranges around the country that have not had their certification completed.

A Range Certification Check List could go on the website so everyone knows what the standard is.

There was general discussion on Hawkes Bay License to Occupy as well as on Masterton Rifle Club's current situation.

Item 9 – General business

- There was general talk on the website.
- The meeting discussed email etiquette and Councillors were reminded to be careful in the way Councillors emails are worded.

Secretary left meeting at 5.30pm no further minutes were taken.
Meeting closed at 6pm.