



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.

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MINUTES of the National Rifle Association of New Zealand Council held in the Trentham Rifle Club Rooms Seddon Rifle Range Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 July 2016

Item 1 – Opening

The President, Malcolm Dodson, declared the meeting open at 9:23am.

Item 2 – Roll Call

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	M Dodson
Chairman	R Mason
Deputy Chairman	A Whiteman
Secretary	H Morgan
Treasurer	C Snowden
Central Delegate	R Gordon
Wellington Delegate	K Flanagan
Southern Delegate	C Kershaw
Councillor by postal vote – 2015-16	D Collings
Councillor by postal vote – 2015-16	J Ball
Councillor by postal vote – 2016-17	D Swaney

Item 3 – Apologies

Bruce Millard, Owen Whiteman
Moved Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – Carried

Item 4 – Councillor Badge

Malcolm presented Darren with his Councillor badge and formally welcomed him to council.

Item 5 – Minutes from the last Council meeting – February

The minutes were taken as read
Moved Bob Gordon / Karyn Flanagan – Carried

Item 6 – Matters arising from the minutes

Component prices – Coby is still working on component prices but advised the meeting that we would not be selling projectiles at a loss. The meeting was told that NZ Guns was selling projectiles for 43 cent a unit.

Range Certification – Kaituna / Blenheim has had their range inspection.

Seddon range has its range certification for another year.

Item 7 – E-mail decisions

These decisions made by email since the last meeting were confirmed as follows;

- NZ Palma Team 2019 Captain – Richard Rowlands
Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried
- Invercargill range certification
Ross Mason / Darren Swaney – carried
- NZSF Representative – Rob Morgan
Malcolm Dodson / Bob Gordon – carried

Item 8 – Treasurers Report

Coby presented her Treasurers Report and Financial Statement until 30 June 2016. This was a draft end of year balance sheet that will be finalised shortly.

After general discussion the pricing of components will be left to the Executive.

Several questions were asked about WRA payments for use of Seddon Range during the National Championship.

Alan and John thanked Coby for work she has done.

Moved the Financial Statement be accepted

Coby Snowden / Alan Whiteman – carried

Item 9 – Funds for new targets

General discussion on the new targets. The estimated cost to be \$10k.

It was moved to allocate \$10k towards building the new targets but to also apply for funding.

John Ball / Diane Collings – carried

Item 10 – 2019 WLRC committee funds

Malcolm advised the meeting that the 2019 WLRC committee had no working capital to work with and suggested that \$20k be put aside for their use if required.

Item 11 – NРАНZ AGM date change

In the Incorporated Society Act the Association our AGM should be held within 6 months of the financial end of year. General discussion took place on whether to change our AGM date or change the End of Year date. Most felt that having the AGM during the National Championship week was the fairest on our members.

It was moved that the End of Year date be moved from 30 June to 30 August.

Alan Whiteman / Diane Collings – carried

Item 12 – Correspondence

MSC Insights – there was a lengthy discussion on whether we would support Firearms Safety Council of Aotearoa NZ Inc. Malcolm is to contact Nicole McKee about being NRANZ representative on COLFO and FSCANZ and if there is a conflict of interest.

Optimus Projectiles – David Gifford has offered to go into an agreement with NRANZ to only supply the National body with projectiles and not sell directly to clubs or associations within NZ.

The Executive to work out what the average use is over the years and what our minimum order twice a year would be.

Moved that inward be received and outward approved.

Chris Kershaw / Coby Snowden – carried

Item 13 – Remits

Remit 1 was proposing a change to Regional F Class teams (T11-F).

There was discussion on the wording of the remit and an amendment proposed to change the words ‘District Association’ to Regional Teams.

John Ball / Diane Collings – carried

After more discussion a second amendment was moved to remove the sentence ‘Associations may combine if they have insufficient numbers to field a team’.

John Ball / Diane Collings – carried

It was moved Regional Teams: Coached NZ Regional F Class Teams of six. The event will consist of two optional sighters and ten counting shots at 900 and 1000 yards. Time limit of 48 minutes is based on a six person team with members shooting on two targets. Teams may include up to two F Open shooters.

Ross Mason / Chris Kershaw – carried with 1 vote against

Remit 2 was proposing a change to T8 Belt Series District Association Teams (Bapty Shield).

There was discussion on the wording of the remit and an amendment to change the words ‘District Association’ to Regional.

John Ball / Karyn Flanagan – lost

It was moved T8 be changed to T8 Belt Series District Association Teams: Bapty Shield awarded to the NZ District Association team of seven TR, two FTR and F Open competitors.

Diane Collings / Chris Kershaw – lost

It was moved that T8 –F Belt Series Regional Teams Match – teams of six to include no more than 2 F Open competitors.

Diane Collings / Chris Kershaw – carried

Remit 3 was proposing a new Sporter/Hunter class.

After much discussion it was moved ‘that a competition for standard factory hunting rifles of any calibre that do not exceed the energy limits on NRANZ ranges be established’.

John Ball / Diane Collings – carried with 1 against

It was moved that this class be run at the 2017 National Championship.

Ross Mason / Chris Kershaw – lost (4 for / 5 against)

The rules as presented with the remit be accepted
– carried

Item 14 – Mitchell Maxberry

The meeting was updated on Mitchell Maxberry. He has been sending emails to land owners advising that rifle ranges on their property are unsafe. He is also wanting to gain membership to the NRANZ as an overseas competitor. Ross Mason is to check with Brian Carter about overseas membership when the person has NZ citizenship and resides in NZ.

Councillors were also shown communication that Mr Maxberry is stating that he won the court case against the NRANZ.

It was decided to send a statement of clarification to all International Associations of the court case and outcome.

Item 15 – Adoption of Annual Reports

Honours Report – no report

Membership – Report presented in January stands

The Associate membership was discussed with making an associate member a ‘non shooting’ member. It was decided to leave this matter for the AGM.

General discussion on why if a member joins from February their membership lasts for 18 months. It was felt that this is biased against other members and a more fair-minded way would be to pro-rata the fees.

It was also discussed whether to change the categories and only have 2 classes, Club Affiliations (a member would not be able to shoot at any Regional Championships) and Competitive Affiliations.

It was moved that the 1st Year Affiliation will be at a 50% discounted fee.

Chris Kershaw / John Ball – carried

It was moved that from February the affiliation fee for the rest of the season, will be set at 25% discount price of the full fee for new affiliates.

Diane Collings / Coby Snowden – carried

Meeting with TSNZ

Ross spoke about the meeting and the willingness of both parties to share their knowledge, resources and buying power. The hope is to get an active group of people together from both disciplines. The first step is to advertise each other on our own web sites.

Life Membership Report

Presented and accepted

Diane Collings / Chris Kershaw – carried

Seddon Range Report

Presented and accepted

Alan Whiteman / Chris Kershaw – carried

It was moved that a letter of thank be sent to Alan for his continued work.

Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

It was moved that the Wednesday crew have a mid-winter lunch or dinner and that the dinner in February be started again.

Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

Kaituna Incident Report

Malcolm Dodson presented his report on the incident at Kaituna range.

CRO – Chamber Flags Report

Rob Morgan presented his report on the incident at Kaituna range with a recommendation to start using empty chamber flags. It was moved that Council consider this recommendation

Diane Collings / Chris Kershaw – carried

CRO – Web based Range Officers Course

Rob Morgan presented his report on the web based range officers' course. General discussion took place on guidelines for Presidents and if a current Firearms Licence was needed. It was moved that an expiry date of 10 years be approved

Chris Kershaw / Bob Gordon

An amendment was made that the expiry date be 5 years

Ross Mason / Coby Snowden – lost

The original motion was then put to the vote and carried with 1 against.

NZ Shooting Federation Report

Rob Morgan presented his report and spoke on it. There is funding available from NZSF at \$5000 per year for the next 4 years. The focus is on juniors but all applications will be considered.

Veterans Section Report – no report

300 Metre Section Report – no report. It was noted that Lindsay Arthur has been unwell.

The meeting was advised of 3 gentlemen shooting 300 metre 3 positional hoping to go to the World Championship for New Zealand.

2019 WLRC Report

Rob Morgan read his report.

It was moved to terminate the contract NRANZ has with CBL noting that the 2019 WLRC committee had the strength and numbers to organise the Championship
Malcolm Dodson / Bob Gordon – carried

Urgent matters that need to be deal with are ammo and a zero range. Malcolm set out what range work is happening at the moment.

Selectors Report – a verbal report was given.

The Selectors had 3 International teams to select. An F Class team to compete in Australia in June, a Veterans team to compete against an invitation team at our National Championship and the North v South teams.

The other area of work is the selection criteria for the Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast in 2018.

Chairman's Report – a verbal report was given.

Again Ross has put in a lot of time answering communication from Mitchell Maxberry.

Ross advised the meeting that the Army have been approached about getting 303's in the Range Standing Orders at all ranges.

A question was asked why we cannot shoot at 100 and 200 yards. Ross advised that the Army use of the range at these distances had been noted.

Item 16 – Barnard Precision Championship 2016

The meeting was advised that it is getting more difficult to sell the raffle ticket at \$15 each. Non shooting people are not interested in purchasing them.

There was a suggestion that one action be given to each Region, excluding Wellington, for a specially run championship. The rest of the Councillors didn't think this was a sensible idea.

It was moved that Darren approach True Flite about donating a barrel as the second prize in the raffle

Chris Kershaw / Karyn Flanagan – carried

It was moved that Bruce Millard to asked to manage the Barnard Precision Championship along the same format as last year

Chris Kershaw / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Rather than a cash payment draw at the main prizegiving the meeting thought that entry to the Belt Series Aggregate at the National Championship would be an incentive for members to attend both Provincial meetings and the National championship.

It was moved that 2 x full and 2 x half entries to the National Championship (Belt series) be used for the Barnard Precision Championship with a possible draw in December and the winners must use the entries within the next 2 National Championships.

Bob Gordon / Diane Collings – carried

Item 17 – Health and Safety

We need to update our Health and Safety policy and Technical Rules. WRA is working on a policy that should be able to be modified for NRA.

Personal responsibility for the Health and Safety for our many volunteers and employee are with the whole Council.

Seddon Range requires a log to be kept of every shot fired.

Ross gave the Council a report on the target legs and the tests that were carried out for the breaking point of the legs. The tests showed that the breaking point far exceeded any weather conditions that NRA members would be shooting in.

Item 18 – Veterans Badge Applications

It was moved that Charlie Ledbrook, Geoff Smith, Allen (Rags) Owens, John Whiteman and Kevin Win receive their Veterans badges

Chris Kershaw / Darren Swaney – carried

Item 19 – Election of Officers

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that, according to our constitution, the Council should not be allocating these positions. The President advised that this is the way it had been done for a number of years' and we would continue in that vein for now.

Championship Planning Committee – WRA Executive & NRA Secretariat

Karyn Flanagan / Bob Gordon – carried

Championship Match Committee – (**President**), (South Island Delegate), (North Island Delegate, Bob Gordon)

Karyn Flanagan / Diane Collings – carried

That the President be the convener of the Championship Match Committee
Karyn Flanagan / Diane Collings – carried

National Selectors – **Mr M Dodson**, Mrs D Collings, Mr DE Crow
Bob Gordon / Chris Kershaw – carried

That Mr M Dodson be the convener of Selectors
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

Technical Advisory Committee – Mr M Collings (Mr Collings to call for assistance as required)
Bob Gordon / Darren Swaney – carried

High Performance Coach – Vacant

Director of National Coaching – Mr M Dodson
Ross Mason / Chris Kershaw – carried

Life Membership Representative – Mr B Millard
Diane Collings / Chris Kershaw – carried

Honours Committee – Mrs D Collings, Mr O Whiteman
Chris Kershaw / Bob Gordon – carried
That Mrs D Collings be the convener of the Honours Committee
Chris Kershaw / Bob Gordon – carried

Range Certifying Officers – Mr M Collings, Mr J Snowden, Mr R Mason
Chris Kershaw / Bob Gordon – carried
That Mr R Mason be the convenor of the Range Certifying Officers
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

School Postal Match Co-ordinator – Mr C Kershaw
Coby Snowden / Bob Gordon – carried

Under 25 Development Coach – Mr M Dodson
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

Chief Range Officer – Mr R Morgan
Diane Collings / Bob Gordon – carried

Seddon Range Director – Mr A Whiteman
Bob Gordon / Chris Kershaw – carried

Council Liaison Officer – Mr O Whiteman
Diane Collings / Darren Swaney – carried

Championship Manager – Mr A Whiteman
Bob Gordon / Diane Collings – carried

NRA Publicity Officer – Mrs K Flanagan
Chris Kershaw / Coby Snowden – carried

NZ F Class – Mr D Swaney
Chris Kershaw / Karyn Flanagan – carried

COLFO – Mrs N Mckee
Coby Snowden / Bob Gordon – carried

NZ Shooting Federation – Mr R Morgan
Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

ICFRA Councillor – Mr B Mehrtens
Malcolm Dodson / Coby Snowden – carried

ICFRA F Class – Mr D Swaney
Karyn Flanagan / Bob Gordon – carried

ICFRA Target Rifle Committee – Mr M Dodson
Bob Gordon / Karyn Flanagan – carried

ICFRA Commonwealth Games Committee – Mr B Mehrtens
Malcolm Dodson / Coby Snowden – carried

ICFRA World Champs Committee (WCC) – Mr M Dodson
Karyn Flanagan / Chris Kershaw – carried

Veterans Committee – Mr J McLaren
Diane Collings / Bob Gordon – carried

F Class Committee – moved to drop this position
Karyn Flanagan / Darren Swaney – carried

Grading Committee – Mr S Bower, **Mr C Kershaw**, Mr R Mason
Chris Kershaw / Coby Snowden – carried
Moved that Mr C Kershaw be the convener of the Grading Committee
Diane Collings / Coby Snowden – carried

Membership Committee – **Mr J Ball**, Mr C Kershaw
Diane Collings / Bob Gordon – carried
Moved that Mr J Ball be the convener of the Membership Committee
Diane Collings / Bob Gordon – carried

Chairman – Mr R Mason
Malcom Dodson / Bob Gordon – carried

Deputy Chairman – Mr A Whiteman to be asked to remain until a suitable replacement can
be found
John Ball / Coby Snowden – carried

Selector Delegate to NZSF – Mr M Dodson

Chris Kershaw / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Health & Safety Committee – The NRANZ Council
John Ball / Chris Kershaw – carried

It was moved to ask Owen Whiteman to be the convenor of the Health & Safety Committee
Diane Collings / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Item 20 – Section status for F Class

F Class section will run under the umbrella of the NRANZ the same way as the Veterans, 300 metre and Ladies sections do now.

Item 21 – Fixtures List, completed

Item 22 – Subscriptions

It was moved that full subscription is to stay at \$150.00. First year and junior members will be discounted by 50% of the full subscription and Associate members will remain at \$35. For membership after 1 February it is 50% of relevant fee until the end of the present season ie \$37.50 for a 1st year member until 31 May of that year and then full membership the following season.

Coby Snowden / John Ball – carried

Item 23 – Range Safety Rules

There was general discussion around Clubs notifying the National office of any breeches to Range Safety Rules. These notifications will be added to a Health and Safety register.

It was moved that the following replaces the **first two sentences** in NRANZ Shooting Rule T10.7:

“On completion of shooting the rifle is to remain pointing towards the target, the bolt is then to be removed from the rifle. The competitor is to check that the rifle is clear. The register keeper must verify and confirm that the rifle is clear by looking down the barrel from the breech end. The empty chamber indicator is then to be inserted prior to the rifle leaving the firing point.”

Chris Kershaw / seconder unknown - carried

It was moved that the following replaces the **last two sentences** of NRANZ Shooting Rule T14.15.

“On completion of shooting the rifle is to remain pointing towards the target, the bolt is to be removed from the rifle. The competitor is to check that the rifle is clear. The coach, Team Captain or person nominated by the Team Captain must verify and confirm that the rifle is clear by looking down the barrel from the breech end. An empty chamber indicator is then to be inserted prior to the rifle leaving the firing point.”

Chris Kershaw / seconder unknown - carried

It was moved that the Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI) be given away free
Ross Mason / John Ball

An amendment was moved that NRANZ supply 1 in each entry pack from the 2017 National Championship, 2 per member per club and all new members receive 1 free ECI
Ross Mason / Chris Kershaw – carried

Clubs to be notified that from the time of supply this rule will be enforced.

Item 24 – Tryo Grade

There was general discussion regarding the use of scores for Tryo's who are coached at championships having their scores used for grading purposes.

It was moved that any shooter that has coached scores in their individual aggregate does not get used for grading purposes
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

It was moved that the Grading Committee be tasked to work out Tryo's grading
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

Item 25 – Range Certification

Ross has been tasked to look into Range Certification issues. The Certifiers thought the rules around peer reviewing was too vague, some may think they need to recalculate while others are happy that all calculations are taken as correct.

Darren has been tasked with contacting Oamaru and Bruce Rifle Clubs to see what is happening with their ranges.

Akarana / City, Franklin, Whangarei and Te Puke ranges have been certified and are awaiting peer reviews. Ross to write a report as soon as possible keeping in mind that dispensations are available. The meeting was very keen to see this kept moving and as many ranges certified as possible before the start of the new season.

Item 26 – Incorporated Societies Act

Coby presented a report on the review of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and the effect on the NRANZ Constitution. There is no need for us to wait until the first transition date of 2020 to make amendments.

Coby has also recommended that a committee be set up to look at the full Constitution and the changes that will be needed. The committee should include a person with company law knowledge, with Brian Carter being asked for assistance. Any changes made to our Constitution have to be passed at an AGM.

It was moved that this report be put out to the clubs (with Ross's help on the wording)
Ross Mason / Diane Collings – carried

Coby is going to watch for updates on this matter.

Item 27 – 2017 National Championship

The Australian's are bringing an 18 person team to our 2017 National Championship which we will match with an official NZ Team.

There was general discussion around trophies and whether to cut back on TR trophies and add more FTR and FO trophies. While it was generally thought that the balance is getting better, there is still room for improvement.

There was talk about having a new Tryo F Class grade.

Chris is looking into the possibility of having a Nicol and Kenning Aggregate for F Class including trophies.

Item 28 – E Targets for Championships

Concern was raised over the use of E Targets at Championships. There is no shot log for where missed shots are going. The 'big target' needs to be available at all championships.

Malcolm and Diane to look at putting rules together for E Targets.

Item 29 – Suppressors

Suppressors are to be checked before use and this needs to be added to Range Officers procedure at the start of the days shooting.

Item 30 – Wednesday gang

It was discussed that with the work the Wednesday gang do around the shooting village that they may qualify for TV1's 'Good Sorts'. Karyn is going to look into it.

Item 31 – Membership Badge

There was general discussion about having a membership badge based on the amount of years' people had been NRANZ members. The general feeling of the meeting was that we already had badges for Life Membership Badge, Distinguished Service Medal and NRA Veterans Badge and we didn't need another badge.

Item 32 – Management Plan

There was discussion around whether the Management Plan was replacing the Strategic Plan. It was decided that they were one of the same and are a work in progress.

Item 33 – Ammunition Testing

Ammunition testing has not been happening at the National Championship for several years now. It was decided to approach Rob Morgan (CRO) to have this start again. With the F-Class members' energy speed and rifle weight testing should also be carried out.

Item 34 – Development Training

One of the F Class members is wanting permission to run development training. This would be done twice a year and be a closed training section by invitation only. While the Council agreed with holding training they were completely against having them as invitation only. Support would be given to any open training for all members.

Item 35 – Boardroom Rifles

The question was asked where the donated rifles that used to be in the Ron Gurney Room have gone. The family that donated the rifles didn't want to think that they had gone missing or where unwanted by the NRANZ.

Item 36 – Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Saturday 7 January 2017 in the Ron Gurney Room starting at 1500 hours.

Item 37 – Closure

A note of thanks was recorded for the use of the Trentham club rooms.

The meeting was declared closed at 1530 hours

“Minutes confirmed as True and Accurate”.

President and Meeting Chair

Date: