



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, Shooting Village, Trentham on
Saturday 10 June & Sunday 11 June 2017**

Item 1 – Opening

The President, Malcolm Dodson, declared the meeting open at 9:04am.

Item 2 – Roll Call

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	M Dodson
Deputy President	B Mehrtens
Chairman	R Mason
Deputy Chairman	A Whiteman (Saturday afternoon only)
Secretary	H Morgan
Treasurer	C Snowden
Northern Delegate	B Millard
Central Delegate	R Gordon
Wellington Delegate	K Flanagan
Southern Delegate	C Kershaw
Councillor by postal vote – 2016-17	B Read
Councillor by postal vote – 2017-18	D Collings
Councillor by postal vote – 2017-18	A Hatcher

Item 3 – Apologies

There were no apologies.

Item 4 – Councillor Badge

Malcolm presented Brent Read and Amy Hatcher with their Councillor badges and formally welcomed them to council.

Item 5 – Minutes from the last Council meeting – January

The minutes were taken as read
Moved Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – Carried

Item 6 – Matters arising from the minutes

Update on the Lab Radar – the first one was returned and a second one received. The second one is not working either and Ross is waiting to hear of a service person in Australasia

Empty Chamber Indicators – Bruce advised the meeting that we had the mould made at a very competitive rate

Item 7 – E-mail decisions

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

- Ashburton Range Inspection Certificate to be issued
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried
- NZSF Selection Panel nominee – Rob Morgan
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

Item 8 – Treasurers Report

Coby presented her Treasurers Report and Financial Statement until 31 May 2017.

The IRD have approved changing the End of Year date to 31 August. Coby will do a set of report at the end of June and then another set from 1 July 2017 – 31 August 2017 to make it more understandable for our membership.

A question on the high freight costs was explained as a result of miss coding.

Moved the Financial Statement be accepted Coby Snowden / Bevan Mehrtens – carried

Item 8 – Health and Safety

The WRA are working through producing a Health and Safety Plan and once completed will share this with NRA as a starting point to completing our own.

Item 9 – Correspondence

NZSF – Nomination for positions of President and Vice President

Moved that Rob Morgan be nominated as Vice President of the NZSF

Bevan Mehrtens / Chris Kershaw – carried

All other correspondence has been circulated via email

Moved that inward be received and outward approved.

Malcolm Dodson / Chris Kershaw – carried

Item 10 – Adoption of Annual Reports

Honours Report

Diane read the Honours report with 2 recommendations for the Honours page

- 2015 Lindsay Arthur, Trentham Rifle Club – North Island 300 Metre Championship, Rotorua 597.32
- 2017 Paul Neal, Franklin Rifle Club – North Island 300 Metre Championship, Te Puke 600.33 F–Open

It was moved that the Honours Report be accepted

Diane Collings / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Membership – No report

Life Membership Report

Presented and accepted Bruce Millard / Diane Collings – carried

Commonwealth Shooting Federation Report

Presented and accepted Bevan Mehrtens / Brent Read – carried

Selectors Report

Presented and accepted Malcolm Dodson / Amy Hatcher – carried

ICFRA Rep Report

Presented and accepted Bevan Mehrtens / Bruce Millard – carried

Seddon Range Report

Alan presented his report with some additions/updates – the Seddon Range inspection will be held on Wednesday 14 June 2017 and the tractor repairs are not as bad as first thought. Coby acknowledged all the work Alan, and his helpers, do without much cost.

It was moved that the Seddon range report be accepted

Alan Whiteman / Brent Read – carried

CRO – No report

NZSF Report

Presented and accepted Rob Morgan / Diane Collings – carried

Veterans Report – No report

2019 WLRC Update

Presented and accepted Rob Morgan / Bob Gordon – carried

Chairman's Report – No report

Range Inspection Report

Ranges still to be inspected – Otorohanga, Hamilton, Cheltenham, Malvern

Ranges inspected waiting for Certification – Te Puke, Clevedon, West Port and Blenheim

Presented and accepted Ross Mason / Chris Kershaw – carried

Distinguished Service Medals

The following people to be recognised with a DSM

Bill Beck – Upper Hutt Rifle Club
Trevor Oliver – Trentham Rifle Club
Kevin Win – Trentham Rifle Club
Geoff Smith – Malvern Rifle Club
Ted Lockyer – Petone Rifle Club
Bob Pearce – Petone Rifle Club
Stella Pearce – Wellington
Charlie Ledbrook – Malvern Rifle Club
Bob Gordon – Hawkes Bay Rifle Club
Alan Gibbs – Nelson
John Fleming – Ashburton Rifle Club
Les Marshall – Hawkes Bay Rifle Club

Presented and accepted Bruce Millard / Diane Collings – carried

Item 11 – Election of Officers

Championship Planning Committee – WRA Executive & NRA Secretariat
Bruce Millard / Chris Kershaw – carried

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

Diane Collings / Karyn Flanagan – carried

National Selectors – Mr M Dodson, Mrs D Collings, **Mr D Crow**
Bob Gordon / Coby Snowden – carried

That Mr D Crow be the convener of Selectors
Diane Collings / Amy Hatcher – carried

Technical Advisory Committee – Mr M Collings (Mr Collings to call for assistance as required)
Bevan Mehrtens / Karyn Flanagan – carried

High Performance Coach – Mr D Crow

Bevan Mehrtens / Brent Read – carried

Director of National Coaching – Mr M Dodson
Karyn Flanagan / Coby Snowden – carried

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

Honours Committee – **Mrs D Collings**, Mr O Whiteman
Karyn Flanagan / Bob Gordon – carried

Range Certifying Officers – Mr M Collings, Mr J Snowden, **Mr R Mason**
Chris Kershaw / Amy Hatcher – carried

School Postal Match Co-ordinator – Mr M Dodson
Bevan Mehrtens / Brent Read – carried

Under 25 Development Coach – Mr M Dodson
Bevan Mehrtens / Amy Hatcher – carried

Chief Range Officer – Mr R Morgan
Diane Collings / Coby Snowden – carried

Seddon Range Director – Mr A Whiteman
Chris Kershaw / Amy Hatcher – carried

Council Liaison Officer – **delete this position**
Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

Championship Manager – Mr A Whiteman
Chris Kershaw / Karyn Flanagan – carried

NRA Publicity Officer – Mrs K Flanagan
Amy Hatcher / Alan Whiteman – carried

NZ F Class – Mrs K Flanagan
Chris Kershaw / Bevan Mehrtens – carried

COLFO – Mrs N Mckee
Malcolm Dodson / Alan Whiteman – carried

NZ Shooting Federation – Mr R Morgan
Bevan Mehrtens / Coby Snowden – carried

ICFRA Councillor – Mr B Mehrtens
Karyn Flanagan / Alan Whiteman – carried

ICFRA F Class Rep – Mrs Karyn Flanagan

Bevan Mehrstens / Coby Snowden – carried

ICFRA Target Rifle Committee – Mr M Dodson
Alan Whiteman / Amy Hatcher – carried

ICFRA Commonwealth Games Committee – Mr B Mehrstens
Malcolm Dodson / Brent Read – carried

ICFRA World Champs Committee (WCC) – Mr M Dodson
Diane Collings / Coby Snowden – carried

Veterans Committee – Mr J McLaren
Diane Collings / Coby Snowden – carried

F Class Committee – moved to drop this position Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

Grading Committee – **Mr C Kershaw**, Mr R Mason, Mr R Gordon
Amy Hatcher / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Membership Committee – Mr J Ball, **Mr B Millard**
Alan Whiteman / Bob Gordon – carried
Moved that Mr Millard be the convenor of the Membership Committee
Alan Whiteman / Bob Gordon – carried

Chairman – Mr R Mason
Bob Gordon / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Deputy Chairman – Mr A Doyle
Malcolm Dodson / Coby Snowden – carried

Health & Safety Committee – The NРАНZ Council with **Mr A Doyle** the convenor
Bevan Mehrstens / Alan Whiteman – carried

Item 12 – Fixtures List - completed

Item 13 – Seddon Range energy levels

Karyn Flanagan read a letter she had received from Karori Rifle Club.

Hi Karyn.

To confirm our discussion at last night's WRA meeting:

On behalf of KRC, would you please make the NRA aware of the concerns that we discussed regarding the restrictions on the Seddon range energy limits:

1. The affect that this restriction has on the potential competition at international levels due to the Seddon limit being below levels in use overseas. The number of Australian F Class shooters entering the January 2018 shoot may reinforce this concern.

2. The intention to hold F Class champs at the Whatawhata range, which like other NZ ranges, has a limit of 5160 joules, and the reluctance of NZ shooters to compete under the Seddon restrictions.

The purpose of bringing these points to the attention of the NRA is to emphasise the need to have the Seddon limits lifted to 5160 joules.

cheers

Maurice

It was moved that the letter from Karori Rifle Club be accepted
Malcom Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

Ross Mason assured the meeting that everything that can possibly be done is being done to address this issue. He is working as close as possible with the Army to have the energy level raised.

Item 14 – Range Certificates

The paper work needs to be completed on Westport, Blenheim, Te Puke and Clevedon. The following ranges need to have a range inspection, Otorohanga, Hamilton, Cheltenham, Malvern and Oamaru.

Item 15 – Darren Swaney resignation

It was moved that the Delegate at Large position be left in abeyance until the next election.
Diane Collings / Bob Gordon – carried

Item 16 – Barnard Regional Aggregate

After general discussion it was agreed that the Hamilton F Class championship shouldn't be included in the Barnard Regional Aggregate as it excluded TR members.

It was moved that the prizes for the Barnard Regional Aggregate be the same as last season, 2 x full entries to the National Championship and 2 x half entries to the National Championship.
Coby Snowden / Alan Whiteman – carried

Bruce Millard advised the meeting Matt & Steve Bartlett had agreed to donate another 3 Actions to the NRANZ – the Secretary to write a letter of thanks to them.

The sale of raffle tickets for a Barnard Action went better last season but they are still difficult to sell in different areas of the country. The secretary to speak with the webmaster about having a tick box included on the entry form so that tickets could be purchased at the same time.

It was moved that we build 1 TR rifle up and it be available for rent to an Under 25 member.

Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings

It was further moved that we build 2 rifles, 1 x TR and 1 x FTR.

Amy Hatcher / Karyn Flanagan

Both motions were lost

Item 17 – NRA Constitution

Bruce Millard gave an over view on the proposed revised Constitution.
There was general discussion and two changes were advised

6.2 change 12 months to 6 months (the time between the End of Financial Year and AGM)

6.2.2 change the end of financial year to 31 August

Action Points – this is a work in progress

Item 18 – Shooting Federation – Development and Membership

There was general discussion on what value we are receiving from being a member of the NZSF.

The meeting heard that Sport NZ supplies funding and sets out where they see the funding going. Sport NZ will only deal through one sporting body code and for us it's NZSF. At the moment the funding is targeted towards Juniors.

Malcolm has applied for \$5000 funding from the NZSF to run development camps for Juniors.

Item 19 – COLFO Membership

There was general discussion on whether we stay a member of COLFO. The meeting strongly supported the work that COLFO does, on our behalf, and had no wish to terminate the relationship.

Item 20 – 2018 National Championship

The meeting went through the feed-back that was received after the Nationals. While most was positive we have room for improvement.

- Helen to check with the printer if anything can be changed on the 'finals targets'
- Is it possible to have a 'left handers' squad
- The need for more toilets in the shooting village
- Increase in Markers wages to \$100 per day – this will mean an overall increase for all staff
- Increase in entry fee for the Masefield by \$5.00
- Increase in entry fee for the Belt series by \$5.00
- Adding a tick box for purchase of raffle tickets to the entry form
- No trophies to be added after the June Council meeting

Item 21 – Ammo testing

The meeting was advised that Ammo testing is clearly covered under the ICFRA rules.

It was suggested that zip lock bags be provided for the Range Officers to use when obtaining samples of ammunition from competitors for testing. Amy offered to supply the zip lock bags.

Another suggestion was for Range Officers to stamp a competitors score card to indicate that they are required to have their trigger tested at the completion of their shoot. Stamps would need to be purchased / designed for this.

Item 22 – Trigger testing

Ross has been tasked with producing 10 trigger testing weights. These are to be ready for the 2018 National Championship.

There was general discussion on how Range Officers would know who has or hasn't been tested.

Item 23 – Events and Personnel after 2019

General discussion took place.

It was moved that we plan to move towards Electronic Targets from the 2020 National Championship

Bevan Mehrtens / Bob Gordon – carried

Moving forward what is beyond 2019? Should / will there be a strategic planning meeting early next year?

Bevan gave the meeting a run down on the Australian F Class system. There was general discussion on whether we should/could support another F Class grade. There was a suggestion of running a Monkey Survey* to measure what the membership wants / thought. This suggestion was not supported.

*Monkey Survey – is an online survey software that helps you to create and run professional online surveys. It is very powerful and a well-known online application.

Item 26 – NZ Teams Protocol – Sponsorship Management

Ross has requested that only he deals with Optimus – the meeting had no objections to this.

It was moved that the meeting go into committee

Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – carried

It was moved that the meeting come out of committee

Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

Item 27 – Management Plan

A Strategic Planning meeting has been tentatively made for 24 & 25 February 2018. Malcolm would like Councillors to think about the long term vision for the sport.

Coby has offered to write a draft Management Plan.

Item 28 – Affiliation Fee

It was moved that the Affiliation fee for the 2017/18 season stay the same
Coby Snowden / Bob Gordon – carried

Item 29 – Change to Shooting Rules

The meeting discussed the rules around overseas competitors that were passed at the AGM in January.

It was moved that the Council change the NRANZ Shooting Rules to reflect the Constitution changes at the January 2017 AGM

Ross Mason / Brent Read – carried

Item 30 – Hunter Class

Both Clevedon and Cheltenham have 3 members shooting Hunter Class and Te Puke Club is finding it's working well for them. Diane is to discuss with John Ball what he thinks around the rules for Hunter Class and whether they are working.

It was moved that this Council recommends to NRA New Zealand clubs to continue to actively promote Hunter Class with the intention to review the rules at the June 2018 Council meeting.

Ross Mason / Brent Read – carried

Item 31 – Volunteers

It was suggested to put a call for 2019 Volunteers on the website.

Item 32 – Range Officers Course

The 'online' Range Officers course is working well with 44 members having completed and passed it.

Item 33 – 2018 Redbook

Karyn would like any contacts and ideas for the Redbook. There were positive feed back comments after the last Nationals.

Item 34 – Date of the next meeting

27 January 2018 at 3:00pm in the Ron Gurney Room

Item 35 – Meeting closure

The President closed the meeting at 3:10pm and thanked everyone for their attendance with a special vote of thanks to Trentham Rifle Club for the use of their club rooms.

Action Points

2015 Lindsay Arthur, Trentham Rifle Club – North Island 300 Metre Championship, Rotorua 597.32 – secretary

2017 Paul Neal, Franklin Rifle Club – North Island 300 Metre Championship, Te Puke 600.33 F–Open – secretary

Letter of Mr D Crow re Convenor of Selectors and High Performance Coach – secretary

Letter of Mr S Bower re Grading Committee thank you – secretary

Make changes to Fixtures List and publish - secretary

Letter to Matt & Steve Bartlett thanking them for another 3 Actions – secretary

Talk to webmaster about adding raffle ticket tick box to entry form – secretary

Check the website has the correct version of the NRANZ Constitution – secretary

Add to Nationals entry form Left Hand squad – secretary

Zip lock bags – Amy

Draft Management Plan – Coby

Update the Shooting Rules – secretary

Call for Volunteers for 2019 on website – secretary