



# 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, Shooting Village, Trentham on Saturday & Sunday, 25 & 26 July 2020**

### **Item 1 – Opening**

The President, Malcolm Dodson, declared the meeting open at 9:50am.

Malcolm welcome our three new Councillors and presented Brian, Larry and Jono with Councillors badges.

### **Item 2 – Roll Call**

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	Malcolm Dodson
Deputy President	Brian Carter
Chairman	Ross Mason
Deputy Chairman	André Doyle
Treasurer	Coby Snowden
Secretary	Helen Morgan
Northern Delegate	Larry Meredith
Central Delegate	Bob Gordon
Wellington Delegate	Karyn Flanagan
Councillor by postal vote – 2018-20	Diane Collings
Councillor by postal vote – 2018-20	Amy Hatcher
Councillor by postal vote – 2019-21	Graham Piper
Councillor by postal vote – 2019-21	Jono Phillipps

### **Item 3 – Apologies**

C Kershaw

Moved Diane Collings / Larry Meredith that the apology be accepted – Carried

Chris Kershaw's proxy to Diane Collings was tabled.

### **Item 4 – Minutes Silence**

The President asked the meeting to stand and observe a minutes silence for Chester Burt, past President, Ballinger Belt winner and Life Member who died the previous day.

### **Item 5 – Minutes from the last Council meeting – January**

The minutes were taken as read  
Moved Larry Meredith / André Doyle – Carried

#### **Item 6 – Matters arising from the minutes**

- ❖ Remove C Snowden from the Present list
- ❖ Diane Collings asked about Item 15 – Invitation for an F Class Team for 2021 Nationals
  - An invitation was issued however in the wake of Covid-19 all NRAA teams have been cancelled
- ❖ Ross Mason asked about Item 10 – that the Secretariat had too much power

#### **Item 7 – E-mail decisions**

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

- 1) That Nicole McKee be nominated as our COLFO Representative on COLFO
- 2) That Rob Morgan be nominated as our NZSF Rep & Vice President of NZSF
- 3) That Deb Deane be given access to the NRANZ archives with the view of getting them filed with Archives NZ

#### **Item 8 – Treasurers Report**

Coby presented her Treasurers Report and Financial Statement for 10 months to 30 June 2020.

Coby spoke to her report and noted that last years' Auditor, Miller Gale & Winter were no longer doing full audits and we needed to find another company. Coby was unable to find another company that would do a full audit. Our Constitution only requires a Financial Reviewer and one was found in Upper Hutt.

Moved that our future Financial Review be Steve Crowhurst from East Consulting  
Coby Snowden / Jono Phillipps – carried

Ross Mason advised the meeting that 3 of the NRANZ marquees have been sold.

Moved the Treasurers Report be accepted  
Coby Snowden / Diane Collings – carried

#### **Item 9 – Adoption of Annual Reports**

##### **Honours Report**

There was no Honours report

##### **Membership Report**

There was no Membership Report

##### **Life Membership Report**

There were no nominations

### **Distinguished Service Medal**

It was moved that David Whiteman receive a DSM  
Malcolm Dodson / Amy Hatcher – carried

### **Commonwealth Shooting Federation Report**

There was no report.

A decision on the difference between the Commonwealth Shooting Federation and the Commonwealth Games was had. They are different events. There is talk now of India putting a championship on which will include medals. The talk also includes having this championship every 8 years being held alternatively in the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

### **Selectors Report**

Presented and accepted Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

Malcolm spoke to some of the points in Darryl Crow's report.

It was moved that when nominations were called for North v South Teams that nominees will be considered for any position within the team including Manager/Captain.

Diane Collings / Larry Meredith – carried

Coby and Diane spoke to the comment in the report about the 2019 NZ Team to Bisley.

It was moved that we ask Darryl to formalise a team selection document

Diane Collings / Amy Hatcher – carried

### **ICFRA Rep Report**

Presented and accepted Malcolm Dodson / Jono Phillipps – carried

The Council spoke about the possibility to revisit having half teams for the World Championships. The general feeling of the meeting was that the remit should be re-submitted.

Malcolm advised the meeting that he had been asked to vote on whether the Australia Match should be shot in South Africa in 2023 at the same time as the World Championships. The meeting thought New Zealand should vote 'yes' for this to happen.

### **Range Director Report**

Presented and accepted André Doyle / Amy Hatcher – carried

It was thought that Alan's report should go into the Redbook so that members know the work that goes into maintenance on Seddon range.

André advised the meeting that target number boards will need to be replaced within the next couple of years.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Alan.

### **CRO Report**

Presented and accepted Diane Collings / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Ross Mason advised the meeting of what is happening at FCAF (Firearms Community Advisory Forum) meetings he is attending on behalf of the NRANZ. With the new Firearms Act and legislation it was felt that the membership should have guidelines and protocols that all NRANZ clubs are working from. Brian Carter & Larry Meredith have offered to make a start on a document that can go out to clubs.

### **NZ Shooting Federation Report**

Presented and accepted Malcolm Dodson / Larry Meredith – carried

One point that was highlighted was the need to have one self-appointed male and one self-appointed female from each discipline on the NZSF board.

A vote of thanks to Rob Morgan for the work he does on behalf of the NRANZ.

### **Veterans Report**

There was no Veterans report.

### **NZ Ladies Report**

Presented and accepted Amy Hatcher / Coby Snowden – carried

### **Chairman's Report**

Presented and accepted Ross Mason / Graham Piper – carried

The meeting spoke on the possibility of placing a purchase order to Optimus Projectiles for HBC .308 x 185 grain projectiles. It was felt that in this current climate it was a risk the council didn't want to take. Ross is to get back to David Gifford.

## **Item 10 – Election of Officers**

Championship Planning Committee – WRA Executive & NRA Secretariat

Karyn Flanagan / Diane Collings – carried

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

Diane Collings / Amy Hatcher – carried

National Selectors – **Mr D Crow**, Mr M Dodson, Mrs D Collings

Amy Hatcher / Bob Gordon – carried

Technical Advisory Committee – Mr M Collings (Mr Collings to call for assistance as required)

Karyn Flanagan / Coby Snowden – carried

High Performance Coach – Mr D Crow  
Brian Carter / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Director of National Coaching – Mr J Phillipps with help from Mr M Dodson  
Diane Collings / Karyn Flanagan – carried

Life Membership Representative – Mr B Millard  
Diane Collings / Amy Hatcher – carried  
A letter of thanks to be sent to Bruce.

Honours Committee – **Mrs D Collings**, Mr O Whiteman  
Jono Phillipps / Larry Meredith – carried

Range Certifying Officers – **Mrs I Cameron**, Mr R Mason, Mr J Snowden  
Larry Meredith / Karyn Flanagan – carried

School Postal Match Co-ordinator – Mr M Dodson  
Karyn Flanagan / Larry Meredith – carried

Under 25 Development Coach – Mr M Dodson  
Amy Hatcher / Brian Carter – carried

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

Seddon Range Director – Mr A Whiteman  
Karyn Flanagan / Coby Snowden – carried

NRA Publicity Officer – Mrs K Flanagan  
Amy Hatcher / Larry Meredith – carried

NZ F Class – Mrs K Flanagan  
Diane Collings / Amy Hatcher – carried

COLFO – Mrs N McKee  
Ross Mason / Coby Snowden – carried

NZ Shooting Federation – Mr R Morgan  
Karyn Flanagan / Larry Meredith – carried  
NZ Shooting Federation now require one male and one female representative from each discipline.  
It was moved that Helen Freiman be our other NZ Shooting Federation rep  
Jono Phillipps / Malcolm Dodson – carried

ICFRA Councillor – Mr M Dodson  
ICFRA F Class Rep – Mrs K Flanagan  
ICFRA Target Rifle Committee – Mr M Dodson  
ICFRA Commonwealth Games Committee – Mr C Kershaw  
ICFRA World Champs Committee (WCC) – Mr M Dodson

ICFRA Veterans Committee – Mr J McLaren

All ICFRA positions were moved in block  
Bob Gordon / Diane Collings – carried

Grading Committee – **Mr C Kershaw**, Mr R Mason, Mr R Gordon  
Karyn Flanagan / Jono Phillipps – carried

Membership Committee – **President**, NRANZ Councillors  
Malcolm Dodson / Larry Meredith – carried

Chairman – Mr R Mason  
Malcolm Dodson / Larry Meredith – carried

Deputy Chairman – Mr A Doyle  
Ross Mason / Malcolm Dodson – carried

Health & Safety Committee – The NRANZ Council with **Mr A Doyle** the convenor  
Coby Snowden / Diane Collings – carried

## **Item 11 – Strategic Plan**

### **Key Focus Area**

General discussion was had around who we should be aiming any advertising at i.e. age. How should we be advertising i.e. Facebook, newspapers, radio, TV. Who should be paying for advertising? Should all advertising go through one contact person? Should we be running courses on how to use social media?

Karyn has offered to do some work on this.

### **Ranges**

Ross Mason has visited 6 ranges in the North Island and will complete range certification reports with recommendations, if any, to bring the ranges up to NRANZ standard.

### **Publicity**

Need a specifications list and then get quotes for a new website.

### **Develop our sport to high level of participation and success in competitive long range shooting**

F-Class World Champs for 2021 has been delayed to 2022 in South Africa. Ian Hughes has been appointed as Captain for this team.

Malcolm Dodson has been appointed Captain of the 2023 NZ Palma team being held in South Africa.

Nominations had been called for a NZ Team to travel to Bisley for the Australia Match in July 2021. This match has now been cancelled. All members that nominated have been informed.

The Council thought we should wait and see when our borders are opening again before making any plans for overseas travel.

### **Support for Overseas International Teams**

It was moved – that NРАНZ pay the entry fees to the main team’s match of any travelling NZ Representative Rifle Team.

Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

### **Current Overseas Team Fund**

It was moved – that we discontinue the Overseas Team Fund

Larry Meredith / Karyn Flanagan – carried

It was moved – that the balance of the Overseas Team Fund account be transferred to a new account called the National Championship Scholarship Fund.

Bob Gordon / Brian Carter – carried

It was moved – that \$1.50 from each Championship Levy be allocated to the National Championship Scholarship Fund (NCSF)

Brian Carter / Bob Gordon – carried

It was moved – that the allocation from the NCSF be capped at \$1000 per National Championship and be pro-rated across the applicants with the amount per person to be no more than the entry fee.

Bob Gordon / Larry Meredith – carried

It was moved – that the NCSF will be available to 1<sup>st</sup> year attendees at the National Championship who are NZ residents and NРАНZ members

Bob Gordon / Larry Meredith - carried

## **Item 12 – Remits**

### **Remit 1 – Te Puke Rifle Club**

It was moved “that the National Rifle Association of New Zealand change its long range target from the ICFRA long range target to the South African long range target.”

Brian Carter / Diane Collings – carried (9 for, 3 against, 1 abstain)

### **Remit 2 – Gisborne Rifle Club**

It was moved ‘that the National Rifle Association of New Zealand removes both 1000 yard ranges from the Ballinger Belt and the new course of fire being one of the following:

- 300-300-500-500-600-600-800-800-900-900      Final 900
- 300-500-800-600-600-600-800-800-900-900      Final 900
- 300-300-500-500-600-600-800-800-900-900      Final 1000
- 300-500-800-600-600-600-800-800-900-900      Final 1000’

Larry Meredith / Amy Hatcher – lost

### **2021 National Championship**

There was general decision about our national championship. It has been described by some overseas competitors as being the best in the world. The question of 'does it need to be changed?' was debated and while it was agreed it didn't, it could do with some tweaks.

It was moved 'that the 2021 Belt Series be the same as 2020'.

Ross Mason / Bob Gordon – carried

### **2021 Final**

There was a discussion on moving the final to 1000 yards. However, the meeting thought it should be status quo for 2021.

### **Masefield Match**

After discussion around the format for the Masefield Match, the meeting decided keep it as is for 2021.

### **Teams**

The meeting felt the members should be asked about their thoughts regarding the Regional team's event at the Nationals. Malcolm offered to write up a survey that the secretary would email out to clubs.

The survey options would be:

- 🚩 Option 1. Status quo.
- 🚩 Option 2. Coached Regional teams of 5 shooters.
- 🚩 Option 3. Coached CLUB teams of 5 shooters, with clubs that cannot form a team able to combine with others from their region to form a team.
- 🚩 Option 4. Random Teams of 5 shooters made up from those that nominate to take part.
- 🚩 Option 5. Mixed TR and F Class Teams.

### **Hunter Class & 303 Class**

It was decided that we would run only the 303 class during the 2021 National Championship. There were no entries in the Hunter Class in 2020.

### **Redbook**

Karyn asked Councillors to seek new advertisers from their regions. The secretary asked that one of the Redbook advertisers be removed and not be approached again as they were not good at paying their invoice, sometimes taking up to 10 months to pay or this year, not paying at all. Karyn was to follow up.

The meeting expressed their thanks to Karyn on the great job she does each year with the Redbook.

### **Barnard Championship**

The meeting wished to thank Bruce Millard for his work each year collating the scores. The secretary is to send him a thank you letter and ask if he is happy to carry on.

### **Remit 3 – Hamilton Whata Whata Rifle Club**

It was moved ‘that the National Rifle Association of New Zealand adopt the proposed new F Class category F-PR (F-Precision Rifle), and the associated rules that are hereby attached.’

Graham Piper / Larry Meredith – carried

It was moved ‘that the rules as presented by the F-PR rules be amended as’.

Graham Piper / Karyn Flanagan

#### **F-PR Rules**

- A. Rifles shall not exceed a calibre of .308 inch
- B. Barrel length shall not exceed 715 mm (28.15 inches) measured from the bolt-face to the muzzle. Barrel length excludes the length of a suppressor if used.
- C. The rifle and ammunition combination used must be capable of maintaining projectiles velocities above the speed of sound from the firing point to the target.
- D. Rifle weight with bolt, bipod, suppressor, scope and magazine\* (\*if detachable) shall not exceed 9.6kgs.
- E. Any rifle scope may be employed
- F. The action and the stock shall possess a magazine cut-out
- G. Rifle can be fired from either a bipod or from a bag placed under the forestock.
- H. The width of the forestock shall not exceed 66mm (2.6 inches).
- I. Bipods must be of a commercial folding leg design (e.g. Harris, Atlas, Accu-Tac or other similar commercial design). Bipod spikes are permitted. Other forms of front rests, joy-stick style bipods (ie SEB joypod), and mechanical front rests are not permitted.
- J. A rear bag or rear mono pod may be used.
- K. Suppressors are allowed. Muzzle brakes are not permitted.
- L. Triggers are to comply with ICFRA rules F2.11, F2.12 & F2.13
  - 1. F2.11. Triggers will be manually operated: electronic, set or “release” triggers are not permitted.
  - 2. F2.12. The weight of the trigger pull is unregulated but must be safe and conform to the requirements of rule F2.13.
  - 3. F2.13. A trigger will be deemed “safe” if the sear engages on each occasion when the bolt is slowly and gently closed three times in succession with the barrel pointing upwards. Any failure will lead to the trigger being deemed “unsafe” and the rifle may not be used pending rectification.
- M. Ammo muzzle energy level shall conform with NРАНZ range limits
- N. Use of Magazines. Some rifles may require the use of a magazine. Magazines may only be used as a loading platform. Ammunition is not to be fitted into the magazine for multiple round firing capabilities.
- O. Rifle: May be built around any manually loaded action designed to safely fire permitted cartridges.

It was moved ‘that the technical advisory committee review these rules before they are ratified’.

Diane Collings / Karyn Flanagan – carried

#### **Remit 4 – Gisborne Rifle Club**

It was moved 'that the National Rifle Association of New Zealand introduces a new shooting class Standard FTR, to be scored as per Target Rifle using equipment that meets the following specifications:

- Rifle 308 - Maximum weight of 7.5kg
- Bipod - Maximum weight 1.5kg
- Barrel Profile - Heavy Palmer Max
- Scope - Maximum power 32
- Bullet - 155.5 HBC
- Weight of Rifle and Bipod to be separate'

Jono Phillips / Bob Gordon – carried

Amendment

It was moved 'that the name Standard FTR be replaced with FTR Classic'

Amy Hatcher / Karyn Flanagan – carried (10 for, 1 against, 1 abstain)

It was moved 'that the rules for FTR Classic be current FTR rules with the addition of TR ICFRA rules T2.19.2.1 & T2.19.2.2

- A. T2.19.2. Bullet: T2.19.2.1. The .308 bullet diameter will be between .3075" and .3085". No single bullet may exceed 156 grains in weight (or the factory tolerance for 155 grain ammunition where factory ammunition is in use).
- B. T2.19.2.2. The bullet diameter for .223 Remington will be between .2235" and .2245". No single bullet may exceed 91 grains in weight (or the factory tolerance for 90 grain ammunition where factory ammunition is used).

Malcolm Dodson / Karyn Flanagan – carried

#### **Item 13 – E Targets**

Graham presented a proposal from Silver Mountain Targets.

The proposal was discussed at length.

It was moved 'that NРАНZ purchase 2 x SOLO and 2 x G2 E targets and the equipment to run them from Silver Mountain Targets'.

Ross Mason / Larry Meredith – carried

Trials of the E-Targets are to take place on the Seddon range with the Chairman, Ross Mason and Deputy Chairman, André Doyle to manage them.

There was general talk about the rules for using E-Targets. It was suggested that the NRAA rules was a good starting point.

#### **Item 14 – Proposed Regional Coaching initiative**

Jono Phillipps spoke to his regional coaching initiative.

It was moved 'that we run 3 coaching camps within the next 12 months.'

Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

The proposed camps are to be held in the Auckland area, Trentham and middle of the South Island, possibly Ashburton.

It was moved 'that NRANZ pay travel costs and reasonable venue hire.'

Malcolm Dodson / André Doyle – carried

Jonno will come back to Council once he has a better idea of costs and venue hire for each camp.

The meeting thought it would be a good idea to ask Australia and the UK to share their knowledge on coaching camps and coaching ideas.

It was moved 'that the Treasurer use some of the LRWC profit towards coaching camps.'

André Doyle / Diane Collings – carried

### **Item 15 – Barnard Sponsorship**

The meeting talked about ways of turning the Barnard sponsorship of Rifle Actions into funds. The general thought was that we sell one action via a tender process. The secretary is to ask Bruce Millard to take this idea to Barnard's to seek their permission.

### **Item 16 – Affiliations**

Full	\$150
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	\$75
Junior U25	\$75
Associate	\$35

It was moved that the Affiliation fees stay the same as last year

Ross Mason / Malcolm Dodson – carried

### **Item 17 – Fixtures List**

Regional Programme 2020 / 21 – completed

### **Item 18 – NRANZ Centennial**

The centennial of the NRANZ is coming up in 2023. We need to start planning for this event.

### **Item 19 – Date for the next council meeting**

There is a Zoom meeting to be arranged for August / September.

The next face to face meeting is Saturday 9 January 2021 @ 3:30pm in the Ron Gurney Room.

### **Item 20 – Meeting closure**

The President closed the meeting at 4:30pm and thanked Trentham Rifle Club for the use of their Club rooms.

Signed as a True and Accurate record

\_\_\_\_\_ - President

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### **Action Points**

- Write to Darryl Crow re Team Selection process document – secretary (done)
- Re-submit remit to ICFRA re half teams – Malcolm Dodson
- Letter of thanks to Alan Whiteman – secretary (done)
- Firearms document on guidelines and protocols for clubs – Brian Carter & Larry Meredith
- Letter of thanks to Rob Morgan NZSF Rep – secretary (done)
- Get a proposal together re advertising – Karyn Flanagan
- Email David Gifford from Optimus – Ross Mason
- Letter of thanks to Bruce Millard (LM Rep & Barnard Championship) – secretary (done)
- Follow up on outstanding Redbook debt – Karyn Flanagan
- Purchase E-targets – Ross Mason
- Seek permission from Barnard to tender an action for sale – secretary (done)