



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

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Minutes of the National Rifle Association of New Zealand Council held via Zoom on Tuesday 1 March 2022

Item 1 – Opening

The President, Malcolm Dodson, declared the meeting open at 8:00pm

Item 2 – Roll Call

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	Malcolm Dodson
Deputy President	Brian Carter (left the meeting at 9:00pm)
Chairman	Ross Mason (entered the meeting at 8:20pm)
Deputy Chairman	Andre Doyle
Treasurer	Coby Snowden (entered the meeting at 8:15pm)
Secretary	Helen Morgan
Northern Delegate	Larry Meredith
Central Delegate	Bob Gordon
Wellington Delegate	Daryl May
Southern Delegate	Chris Kershaw
Councillor by postal vote – 2022-24	Graham Piper
Councillor by postal vote – 2022-24	Jono Phillipps
Councillor by postal vote – 2020-22	Diane Collings
Councillor by postal vote – 2020-22	Amy Hatcher

Item 3 – Apologies

Ross Mason & Coby Snowden will be late.

Moved Jono Phillipps / Chris Kershaw – Carried

Item 4 – Minutes from the last Council meeting –

The minutes were taken as read and agreed as a true and accurate record

Moved Chris Kershaw / Diane Collings – Carried

Item 5 – Matters arising from the minutes

- ❖ Write and thank Caughley family – secretary (done)
- ❖ Frame William Brighton Medal – Andre / secretary (work in progress)

Item 6 – Northern Regional Delegate

Larry Meredith will be staying on Council as the Northern Region Delegate until the end of his term. The new term for Regional delegates starts 1 October each year.

Item 7 – NZ Palma Team

Malcolm wants to run a training weekend prior to calling for selections for the Palma Team. Brian asked if a start could be made this season into getting ammo into South Africa / barrel manufacturing and other associated requirements for the team.

Chris asked for a document to go out, mainly geared to members that are new to Palma Teams, with what would be expected from them regarding training, barrels, ammo, projectiles.

Brian suggested that a core group could start some planning and getting information out to members.

If there is no time to get interested parties together on the range maybe hold a Zoom meeting to start with.

Chris also mentioned Firearms Licences – make sure that people allow enough time to re-new their licence. At the moment it is taking 4-6 months for a renewal.

Brian mention that we have some great South African's living in NZ and it would be good to use them and their contacts.

Item 8 – National Championship Survey

Diane thought that the question on attending the Nationals next year if it was on E-Targets was worded incorrectly. There was a yes, maybe or no. There wasn't an option of Yes – because it's the Nationals but I'd rather not shoot on E-Targets.

The meeting thought we needed another survey to capture members that are not currently attending the Nationals to find out why and if there is anything we can do to encourage them to attend.

The meeting decided we would do another survey and for Councillors to get their question ideas about attitudes to the Nationals to the secretary.

Survey question – Regional Teams:

If Northern Regional hadn't agreed to change the rules for the Regional teams there wouldn't have been a match. Diane would like to see the Regional teams changed to Club teams on Friday morning.

The meeting thought it was an important change and that it should go out to the clubs in the form of a Remit. That way clubs have time to talk about it and it will be brought up at the Winter Council meeting.

Survey question – Masefield Championship:

Members get frustrated because they get through the morning short ranges and then the afternoon ranges often get cut back to 7 shots.

The meeting agreed that the Masefield ranges and number of shots stay the same but the bring the start forward 30 minutes.

Survey question – Final at 900 or 1000 yards

68% wanted the final at 900 yards.

Survey question – Prize giving / VIP afternoon tea

The meeting felt that guests should be looked after in the clubs and not kept away. Ross thought that Petone, Trentham and Karori Clubs could look after any guests, so they are not locked away from the membership. The meeting felt the afternoon tea should be less formal, more relaxed, and more inclusive.

Survey question – 100th Anniversary

We need to get our thinking caps on about what should be done.

Survey question – Overall how do you rate the 2022 Nationals

The meeting talked about ways of getting the Markers to understand the importance of good marking. It was suggested that the Markers could spend some time at the firing point to better appreciate quality marking and the difference it makes to the shooter.

Another suggestion was to use the experienced Markers to work with newbies for half a day or so.

Brian thought the marking at the Nationals this year was the best in New Zealand this season. 3 of the district championship he had attended this season had break downs on E Targets. He also made comment that if we did away with using dowl for spotters and went to the Bisley way of using wire, losing shots that went down the spotter would be a thing of the past.

The general consensus from the meeting was the marking was good but we can look at ways to train the Markers prior to the start of the Nationals.

Shifting Meetings to Zoom

Jono spoke to the meeting about getting some of the many meetings during the week of the Nationals moved to Zoom meetings. The NRANZ have a licence for Zoom that Associations, Sub Groups and Clubs are able to use.

He also suggested we move the AGM to Wednesday night to give members time to finish their shooting, have dinner and get to the AGM.

There was also the suggestion of having a BBQ evening, open to everyone and try and bring the social side back into the championship.

Painting the back of 300 yard targets

Diane asked if the back of the 300 yard targets could be painted. This stops shadows when the sun is behind the target. Jono offered to donate 20 litres of light-coloured paint for the project to get done.

F-Class Trophies

Graham advised the meeting that Hamilton Whata-Whata Club have a trophy they wish to donate to NРАНZ. Their suggestion is it is used for the Grand Aggregate in FPR. Once the trophy is received the committee will decide on what it is used for.

Item 9. Invitations for 2023 National Championship

The meeting wanted invitations sent to all NRA's to gauge interest. The size of the teams, at this stage, would be:

Ladies – 5 firers

Undies – 5 firers

Main – 10 firers

FO – 5 firers

FTR – 5 firers

Veterans – 10 firers

Item 10. AGM

The meeting decided we would move the AGM to Wednesday evening on a trial for 2023.

Item 11. British Commonwealth Rifle Club Postal Match 2022

The information has been forwarded to clubs and the meeting thought it was up to clubs if they wanted to enter.

Item 12. E-Target testing

Deferred to the next meeting

Item 13. Powder distribution

At the end of the week all clubs will have received their allotment of ADI powder.

NZ Ammo Co will be getting a quote together for the F-Class Berger projectiles shortly.

We need to start working on suppliers of 155gr projectiles as HBC have gone out of business.

Item 14. Treasurers Report

Coby gave a verbal report. For the National Championships we just broke even. There is still the allocation of the Secretary's wages to be done.

We still have a pool of almost \$15k from LRWC set aside on the balance sheet which was surplus profit.

The meeting was asked to get any ideas on how to use this money into the office. Some ideas are training, 100th Anniversary, prize money.

Item 15 – Date for the council meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 13 April 2022 @ 8:00pm via Zoom

Item 16 – Meeting closure

The President closed the meeting at 9:40pm.

Signed as a True and Accurate record

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Action Points

- Frame William Brighton Medal – Andre / secretary
- Change programme to start the Masefield 30 minutes earlier – secretary
- Questions for a survey to all members – everyone
- 100 Anniversary celebration – all of Council
- Paint the back of the short-range targets – Wednesday gang
- Donate 20 litres of light-coloured paint – Jono
- E Target testing – were too next? – add to next meeting
- Ideas for use of LRWC profit - everyone