



# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

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## **Minutes of the zoom meeting of the National Rifle Association of NZ Council held on Tuesday 16 April 2024**

### **Item 1 – Opening**

The President, Brian Carter, declared the meeting open at 7:37pm.

### **Item 2 – Roll Call**

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	Brian Carter
Deputy President	Malcolm Dodson
Chairman	Ross Mason
Deputy Chairman	André Doyle
Treasurer	Coby Snowden
Secretary	Helen Morgan
Northern Area Delegate	Paul Neal
Central Area Delegate	Larry Meredith
Wellington Delegate	Daryl May
South Island Delegate	Chris Kershaw
Councillor by postal vote – 2024-25	Diane Collings
Councillor by postal vote – 2023-24	Jono Phillipps
Councillor by postal vote – 2023-24	Graham Piper

### **Item 3 – Apologies**

Amy Hatcher  
Malcolm Dodson / Diane Collings – carried

### **Item 4 – Minutes from the last Council meeting**

The minutes of the March meeting were taken as read and agreed to be a true and accurate record  
Diane Collings / Malcolm Dodson – carried

### **Item 5 – Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **Item 6 – Financial Report**

Coby spoke to the financial report that was circulated. In the Profit and Loss we are looking at a surplus so far this year of \$25,800 of which the championship meeting was \$1800 but there are still some costs to come in.

Diane commented that the championship levies are down. There are still some championships to be shot but entries have been down this season.

On the term investments we are getting between 5.7 – 6.1% interest.

There are not a lot of accounts receivable outstanding and there is still a loan outstanding to Jason Henry for the 2024 Palma Team that should be coming back in soon.

It was moved to accept the Treasurers report  
Coby Snowden / Larry Meredith – carried

Brian addressed Coby's email that she will not accept another nomination as NRANZ Treasurer. Coby's term expires on 31 January 2025 and Brian wonders if we should be shoulder tapping someone now with the thought of them being nominated at the 2025 AGM. The meeting agreed that this would be a good idea.

Coby was asked to formalize her position in writing and then we would give notice to the members.

#### **Item 7 – 2024 Palma debrief**

Jono withdrew this item from the agenda and the Council looks forward to receiving the Captain's report from the Palma and Under 25 Teams in due course.

#### **Item 8 – International Team selection numbers (revisited)**

Diane has had a request to revisit the resolution from the last meeting of allowing the selection of 115% of team numbers required for international teams. This was specifically from an F Class member, Jono advised that he had also been approached.

In discussing this matter Malcolm felt that his motion was not correctly recorded.<sup>1</sup>

Ross argued that NRANZ does not have a selection policy or even any selection criteria. We have no managers' rights, no captains' rights or anything else and we should not be talking about having 115% of members in the squad until we have the whole policy sorted out. Let's sort out what we want in the team, how we want to select it and then talk about such points as 115% later.

Ross advised that he would be happy to be on a committee that writes a Selection Policy. Diane advised the meeting that Darryl Crow has a selection policy partly written. The meeting wondered if Darryl would send what has been done through so an NRANZ committee could put the final touches on it. Diane was going to find out.

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<sup>1</sup> The recording of the last meeting has been checked and word for word the motion was "For NRANZ travelling teams a squad be selected to travel which is 115% of the number required for the primary teams match which the team is selected for up to 115% rounded up to the next whole number". The words 'rounded up to the next whole number' had been missed off the motion in the minutes and this will be corrected.

Diane explained to the meeting how teams are selected now. Chris added to this about team selection in 2015 and 2019.

Ross and Chris have offered to put something together and present it at the Winter council meeting.

The requests that Diane and Jonno have had from F Class members re: selection should be replied to as: 'that the Council are working on it'.

#### **Item 9 – Membership Workshop weekend**

Brian spoke of his thoughts for this weekend.

He would like to see it held in Wellington as there are good flights in and out. There are also club rooms that could be used and there are other sports bodies that we could invite along to speak. The best time to have it would be just before the start of the new season.

Jonno briefly outlined what TSNZ have recently done with their forum. NRANZ's weekend should focus on membership as without members nothing else matters.

The meeting went over what had been discussed at previous meetings and further ideas:

1. Fly up to 2 members from each club in NZ to Wellington
2. If a 3rd person from one club wishes to attend NRANZ may wish to help the club with funding
3. Encourage people that are enthusiastic about the sport
4. Ask clubs that have had success in attracting new members what they did
5. Ask other organisations like the Deerstalkers what they do
6. Weekend of the 10 & 11 August 2024
7. Approach Trentham Rifle Club as the venue
8. Accommodation to be paid by NRANZ at NZCIS
9. Malcolm to approach Gwyn Thurlow and see if he would be available over the weekend
10. Jonno to speak with Debby Lamb re Pistol NZ coming along to talk
11. Clevedon has done well with membership maybe a Clevedon member to speak
12. Ashburton has done well, may an Ashburton member
13. Hamilton & Te Puke have been successful within a different market of shooters
14. Ross to contact Sport Wellington
15. Coby mentioned Ashburton Croquet Club has had a huge increase of membership – she will speak to members of the Croquet Club

Brian and Helen will get a notice out to members in the next week outlining the weekend.

#### **Item 10 – Call for 2028 Palma Match Captain**

It was moved to ask for Nominations for Captain of the 2028 Palma Match to be held in Bisley.  
Jono Phillipps / Coby Snowden – carried

### **Item 11 – NRANZ Constitution**

Brian advised the meeting that the three people that seem to have an interest in the NRANZ Constitution are Larry, Daryl and himself and thought the way forward would be via email or zoom between themselves. Brian is wondering which is the best way to get started. Is it to start with the current constitution and update with the new laws or start with one of the template constitutions for national bodies and rewrite the parts that we want for our organisation.

Brian asked the meeting if they were happy for the three of them to start doing some work and report back on progress – the meeting agreed.

### **Item 12 – Half Yearly Affiliation**

There was general discussion about membership types and how to address the person that is not affiliated but wishes to attend a Regional championship late in the season. Daryl pointed out that this should be addressed in the constitution. Brian noted down the points that were raised and the constitution group could look at them.

### **Item 13 – Recruitment of new Secretary and Treasurer**

After general discussion it was decided that the National secretary would ideally be Wellington based while the Treasurer could be in another area of New Zealand.

For an August / September take up date we should start to advertise around February 2025 for a National Secretary. We need to start thinking about what the advert would say and do we have the right job description to cover it.

### **Item 14 – New Grading System**

Chris gave an overview of the grading system that BJ Martin and himself have been working on. The good thing about the new system is it can be used for F Class as well. The new system would require the meeting secretaries to upload competitor scores directly into the system in a standard format.

At the moment it would still require 4 A graders and 10 TR competitors to compete for scores to count.

BJ and Chris are preparing a paper to present at the winter meeting. BJ will come along to help present the paper. The meeting thanked Chris for the work done and look forward to moving forward with this.

### **Item 15 – Date for the next council meeting**

The date for the next council meeting will be 8 & 9 June 2024

### **Item 16 – Meeting closure**

The President closed the meeting at 9:28pm.

Signed as a True and Accurate record

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### **Action points**

Add selection policy to winter council agenda – done

Diane to speak to Darryl Crow re Selection policy

Malcolm to approach Gwyn Thurlow – Membership weekend

Jonno to speak with Debby Lamb – Membership weekend

Jonno to speak with Gavin Paton - Membership weekend

Ross to contact Sport Wellington - Membership weekend

Coby to speak with Ashburton Croquet Club - Membership weekend

Brian and Helen to get a message out to club - Membership weekend – done

Call for nominations for Captain of 2028 Palma team – done

Chris & BJ to present a paper on the Grading system