



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

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Minutes of the Nranz Council Meeting held at Trentham Rifle Club rooms on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June 2025

1. The President, Brian Carter, opened the meeting at 9:30 am.

2. Attendees:

The following Officers and Councillors were present:

President	Brian Carter
Deputy President	Malcolm Dodson
Chairman	Daryl May
Deputy Chairman	André Doyle
Treasurer	Johan Du Toit (via zoom)
Secretary	Helen Morgan
Northern Area Delegate	Paul Neal
Central Area Delegate	Larry Meredith
Wellington Delegate	Wayne Subritzky (by proxy)
South Island Delegate	Chris Kershaw
Councillor by postal vote – 2025-26	Diane Collings
Councillor by postal vote – 2025-26	Amy Hatcher
Councillor by postal vote – 2024-25	Graham Piper
Councillor by postal vote – 2024-25	Jono Phillipps
Minute taker	Rob Morgan

3. Apologies:

Nil

4. Minutes of the previous meeting:

That the minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record was moved by Malcolm Dodson and seconded by Jono Phillipps, carried

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Action points from the last meeting were discussed and acknowledged as completed.

Nil matters

6. Treasurer's report:

Johan talked to the Balance Sheet, pointing out the large investment in components, increase in maintenance costs, increase in insurance costs, the need to discuss membership and affiliation fees, less people attending championships = less income.

It was moved Johan du Toit, seconded by Malcolm Dodson to accept the Financial report – carried.

- 6.1. Daryl May outlined the work required for repairs to the gallery. It was considered that a 12 metre section, affecting 3 target frames was in danger of immediate collapse. A quote of around \$10k has been received. It is believed that this work should be carried out before the start of the season. Defence is not prepared to contribute and the Army (camp) contractors have not quoted to date.

It was moved Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Larry Meredith to approve this expenditure – carried

- 6.2. Sika Show. Daryl May spoke to meeting about the Sika Show in Hamilton 9 & 10 November 2025. For the 2024 Sika Show there was no budget set and not all costs were recovered. Daryl sees a need to have a budget that covers travel costs so members from other parts of the country can attend on behalf of NRANZ.

It was moved Daryl May, seconded by Graham Piper that a \$5k budget for the Sika Show be set – carried

7. Reports

- 7.1. Honours – It was moved Diane Collings, seconded Larry Meredith – carried.
Brian questioned which event Johan's score was from. There was a discussion on where the criteria is published and it was noted that it is not posted anywhere.
For inclusion on the Notable Performances page will be:
2025, Shane Kapene, Gisborne Rifle Club, 600.56 at 300 metre at Seddon Range, Trentham
205, Johan Du Toit, Clevedon Rifle Club, 150.24 at 300, 500 & 600 yards in the Clevedon Rifle Club Championship at Clevedon range.
- 7.2. Life Membership – report received from Bruce Millard
- 7.3. Distinguished Service Medal – report received from Bruce Millard
Moved to accept both the Life Members and Distinguished Service Medals reports
Malcolm Dodson, seconded Diane Collings – carried.
- 7.4. Selectors, convenor Diane Collings moved her report be accepted, seconded by Chris Kershaw – carried.
- 7.5. ICFRA Rep. – no report
- 7.6. ICFRA F-Class Rep – no report
- 7.7. Seddon Range. The Seddon Range director, Alan Whiteman's report was received.
Moved that it be accepted by Chris Kershaw, seconded by Diane Collings – carried.
Malcolm Dodson asked that a vote of thanks be sent to the Wednesday gang.

- 7.8. CRO. Rob Morgan presented his report.
Moved that it be accepted Rob Morgan, seconded by Diane Collings – carried.
- 7.9. NZSF. Helen Freiman’s report was received.
Moved it be accepted by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Amy Hatcher – carried.
- 7.10. COLFO. Malcolm Dodson’s report was received.
Moved it be accepted by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Jono Phillipps – carried.
- 7.11. Coaching Coordinator’s report was received.
Jono will discuss doing some wind coaching courses. Council notes there is already a \$5k budget in place.
Moved it be accepted, Jono Phillipps, seconded by Chris Kershaw – carried.
- 7.12. Chairman. Daryl May’s report was received.
Daryl spoke to his report.
Moved it be accepted, Daryl May, seconded by Larry Meredith – carried.

8. Election of Officers –

- 8.1. Championship Planning Committee – that the WRA Executive & NRA Secretariat be appointed was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Diane Collings, carried.
- 8.2. Championship Match Committee – that the **(President, Brian Carter)**, (South Island Delegate, Chris Kershaw), (North Island Delegate, Larry Meredith) be appointed was moved by Amy Hatcher, seconded by Paul Neal, carried.
- 8.3. National Selectors – that **Mrs D Collings**, Mr Chris Kershaw, Mr Shaun Ellis with Mrs Collings as convenor be appointed was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Chris Kershaw, carried.
- 8.4. Technical Advisory Committee – that Mr M Collings (Mr Collings to call for assistance as required) be appointed was moved by Amy Hatcher, seconded by Paul Neal, carried.
- 8.5. High Performance Coach – it was decided to leave this position vacant.
- 8.6. Director of National Coaching – that Mr J Phillipps be appointed was moved by Chris Kershaw, seconded by Diane Collings, carried.
- 8.7. Life Membership Representative – that Mr B Millard be appointed was moved by Diane Collings, seconded by Jono Phillipps, carried.
- 8.8. Honours Committee – that **Mrs D Collings** and Mr O Whiteman be appointed was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Larry Meredith, carried.
- 8.9. Range Advisory Committee – that **John Snowden** and Ross Mason be appointed was moved by Amy Hatcher, seconded by Johan du Toit, carried.
- 8.10. School Postal Match Co-ordinator – that Mr J Phillipps be appointed was moved by Amy Hatcher, seconded by Paul Neal, carried.
- 8.11. Under 25 Development Coach – that Mr J Phillipps be appointed was moved by Diane Collings, seconded by Malcolm Dodson, carried.
- 8.12. National Championship Chief Range Officer – that Mr P Turner be appointed was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Diane Collings, carried
- 8.13. Seddon Range Director – that Mr A Whiteman be appointed was moved by Daryl May, seconded by Malcolm Dodson, carried.

- 8.14. NRA Publicity Officer – that Mrs C Salter be appointed was moved by Daryl May, seconded by Chris Kershaw, carried.
- 8.15. COLFO – that Mr M Dodson be appointed was moved by Amy Hatcher, seconded by Graham Piper, carried.
- 8.16. NZ Shooting Federation – that Ms H Freiman & Mr M Dodson be appointed as independent councillors and Mr Rob Morgan be nominated as President was moved by Diane Collings, seconded by Amy Hatcher, carried.
- 8.17. ICFRA Councillor – that Mr B Carter be appointed was moved by Jono Phillipps, seconded by Paul Neal, carried.
- 8.18. ICFRA F Class Rep – that Mr S Ellis be appointed was moved by Amy Hatcher, seconded by Jono Phillipps, carried.
- 8.19. ICFRA Target Rifle Committee – that Mr C Kershaw be appointed was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Amy Hatcher, carried.
- 8.20. ICFRA Commonwealth Games Committee – it was decided to leave this position vacant.
- 8.21. ICFRA World Champs Committee (WCC) – that Mr C Kershaw be appointed was moved by Brian Carter, seconded by Amy Hatcher, carried.
- 8.22. ICFRA Veterans Committee – that Mr J McLaren be appointed was moved by Amy Hatcher, seconded by Wayne Subritzky, carried.
- 8.23. Grading Committee – that **Mr C Kershaw** & Mr BJ Martin be appointed was moved by Diane Collings, seconded by Johan du Toit, carried.
- 8.24. Membership Committee – that the **President** and all the NRANZ Councillors be appointed was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Paul Neal, carried.
- 8.25. Chairman – that Mr D May be appointed as Chairman was moved by Brian Carter, seconded by Wayne Subritzky, carried.
- 8.26. Deputy Chairman – that Mr A Doyle be appointed was moved by Daryl May, seconded by Paul Neal, carried.
- 8.27. Health & Safety Committee – that the NRANZ Council with **Mr A Doyle** the convenor be appointed was moved by Jono Phillipps, seconded by Malcolm Dodson, carried.

Action point – the organisation needs to identify a position/person to be the person who registers NRANZ historic firearms. This should be considered by the Executive. Also need to consider who needs a licence for the purpose of ammunition sales.

9. Fixtures List

The Regional Programme for 2025/26 was discussed and completed.

Discussion around what will happen with the Ladies Longs now that Karori Rifle Club are withdrawing from running the Karori 1000 yards.

It was agreed that the Executive would liaise with WRA on a format for the weekend.

10. F-Class Points Series 2026

The meeting considered an email from the organiser of the Australian Points Series looking to use Seddon range for 3 days following the 2026 National Championships.

“The Council supports running the Points Series but will leave the details of how it will be run to the Executive and WRA.”

This was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Larry Meredith – carried

11. Accommodation for 2026 Kings Championship meeting

NZCIS are now open for bookings for 2026.

12. NRANZ Strategy

Daryl May presented his draft Strategy for NRANZ.

He pointed out that in his view the current Council was made of top performing shooters who were wired to see things in terms of high performance.

The presentation is attached to minutes and are options he presented to Council.

Discussion was suspended after one hour to be continued on Sunday morning.

13. Affiliation fees

Affiliation fees were discussed at length.

Johan du Toit moved that affiliation fees should remain the same, seconded by Diane Collings – withdrawn

Chris Kershaw moved, seconded by Jono Phillipps that a full affiliation fee increase by \$10 and \$5 for other affiliations – carried

Full Affiliation - \$160.00

Associate - \$40.00

U25 – \$80.00

First Year - \$80.00

That the championship levy fee remains the same was moved by Andre Doyle, seconded by Amy Hatcher, carried.

Championship levy - \$6/person/day

14. Ballinger Belt

Daryl May presented a discussion document emphasising the fact that the Ballinger Belt was in poor condition and needs to be retired. He proposed that there needs to be a discussion about establishing a new NZ Champion considering all other classes.

A motion was made by Brian Carter, seconded by Larry Meredith

‘The Ballinger Belt after January 2026 be preserved, kept on display and only used within its display case on the occasion of the Kings Final where the winner would have their photo taken, and the winner would be presented with a framed photograph of themselves with the belt.’ – carried.

A motion was made by Chris Kershaw, seconded by Amy Hatcher

‘that a replacement belt to be commissioned’.

This motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Malcom Dodson, seconded by Brian Carter

‘that future winners of the Ballinger Belt be recorded on a plaque in the case.’ – carried

Daryl May posed the question “ Who is going to win the Ballinger Belt?”

The meeting confirmed that the Ballinger Belt was a TR trophy. Daryl then proposed that the discussion needed to be more about how this final should be run to fairly reflect equality of champions given how the Ballinger Belt was perceived as the premier trophy. He led a

discussion on the possibility of identifying a NZ Champion from among all the F Classes and TR. While the pros and cons were discussed there were no resolutions agreed. Paul Neal asked whether there could be an international F Class match with the number of Australians expected to attend for the points match. The meeting agreed that yes there could be a match but not an official team given the short notice.

15. Grading List

There have been calls to establish an F Class ranking system which is being considered. Chris Kershaw proposed that with numbers on the grading list being what they were at the moment there was a case to do away with C Grade, possibly leave it as an option for Club level. It was agreed that C grade should remain for at least another year and that a discussion document should be circulated to get a better feeling about what membership thought about it.

16. Constitution

The new draft constitution had been circulated at the 2026 AGM and feedback was now available to be considered;

Para 1.4 Mark Alexander proposed should be 10 business days rather than 5.

Para 8.7 The Club Presidents ability to give a split vote should be made mandatory with individual direction of Club.

Para 11.5 Gisborne Rifle Club pointed out that East Coast/ Poverty Bay was not mentioned as part of Central Region.

Draft also needed to include changes to reflect the establishment of the Integrity Commission. Amendment should read;

With the consent of both complainant and association in writing the dispute may be dealt with using the Sport and Recreation complaints and mediation service provided by the Sport Integrity Commission under the Sport and Recreation Act 2023 in which case the disputes proceedings set out in this clause shall have no further effect.

The meeting resolved to get a legal opinion on the document before recommending it to the next AGM.

17. Tyro

The discussion commenced with the assertion that there was no Tyro award for F Class at the National Champs and whether there should be or not. It was proposed there was also no definition of a tyro in the rules, however this is incorrect, refer to (F3.4 A Tyro is a competitor in their first season shooting at any events under NRANZ rules. A person having a TSNZ grading of M, A or B shall not be eligible to enter Tyro). There was a range of opinions about whether the benefit to a new shooter being coached was the same depending on whether the rifle was supported by a sling or a rest. The desirability of continuing allowing any shooters to be coached during a National Championship was debated. Given that no agreement seemed imminent the discussion was suspended to be revisited later in the agenda,

Subject revisited Sunday afternoon:

That first year TR shooters may choose to enter tyro was debated. It was proposed that Tyro shooters must not have previously held a smallbore B, A or Master-grade grading. Tyro shooters may receive wind coaching, but if they choose to do so they will not be eligible to win any

awards (other than for tyro) within any other grade, nor shall they be eligible to shoot in the Ballinger Belt final. No agreement was reached.

It was moved by Jono Phillipps, seconded by Larry Meridith that Tyro Grade be removed from the National Championships.

Carried 11 for / 2 against

18. Remits

That remits be open for discussion was moved by Malcolm Dodson, seconded by Wayne Subritzky, Carried.

Remit – Te Puke Rifle Club – Proposed a rule change to exclude the weight of a Rain Guard from the overall weight for an F Class rifle.

The meeting considered the rule being discussed was an ICFRA rule and had no appetite to depart from them by setting a local rule.

Remit failed. Voting 3 for / 10 against

Remit – Cheltenham Rifle Club – Proposed that any bona fide team in the North vs South Match is eligible to win the teams trophy.

The Convenor of Selectors advised that the current protocol where only 1 team from each Island is considered the number 1 team was eligible and was based on fairness given the inequality of the number to select from in each Island. Any other scenario severely favoured the North Island.

Remit failed. Voting 2 for / 11 against

19. Integrity Policies

The integrity policies from NZSF that had been circulated following last years council meeting had received some negative feedback, most specifically from a Malvern member who had experience in policy matters. The meeting resolved to ask Mr Matthew McCallum-Clark to review the policies and propose amendments.

Meeting Closed at 5 PM.

Meeting opened at 9 AM Sunday 8 June 2025

20. NRANZ Strategy

Daryl May's draft strategy for NRANZ as a way to move forward was discussed at length and was well received. Daryl was commended for the effort and thought he had put into it.

Daryl proposed that he obtain quotes for a branding and presentation review. Chris Kershaw asked that a timeframe be included and suggested by Christmas, seconded by Brian Carter, carried.

21. NRANZ Membership Management

Daryl May presented a paper (attached to minutes) that explained NZDA's Management office which has the potential to incorporate NRANZ's admin for a cost. The paper discusses the issues and potential benefits.

The meeting recommended that the executive continue to explore an alignment of administration with NZDA and that the Chairman report back with further information in due course.

22. Karori Rifle Club

Wayne Subritzky advised that Karori Rifle Club was intending to be dissolved as a club at its next AGM. They are seeking advice from NRANZ about whether they would take over the building in that event to use as they see fit. This advice will allow them to make appropriate decisions and arrangements accordingly.

It was moved by Wayne Subritzky that NRANZ take over the Karori Rifle Club building should Karori Rifle Club be dissolved along with any residual funds available, seconded Jono Phillipps, carried.

The President expressed his thanks to the Karori Rifle Club for their offer.

23. Membership Weekend

Four councillors advised that they intended to attend the upcoming membership weekend.

24. Coaching Forum

Jono Phillipps advised that he had held a forum during the 2025 National Championships which was well received and he has had good feedback. He wants to expand the concept and hold a zoom meeting to map the way forward.

25. Wind Coaching and Club Coaches

Jono Phillipps advised that he had discussed this concept with Geoff Smith (NRANZ Patron). They were looking at options for how it might be funded and agreed that it needed to start at club level. Johan commented that Clevedon Club members had benefitted from recent sessions and thanked Jono and Chris Kershaw for their efforts.

26. 300 metre Trans Tasman Match

Jono advised that Bruce Horwood had contacted Steve Negus, from NRAA about scheduling a 300 metre Trans Tasman match but has not heard back as yet.

27. General Business

2026 matches in Australia for Under 25 teams discussed, we don't have sufficient nominations given that the dates clash with university exams. Another concern is the financial impact on these competitors given they will be looking at going to the UK to compete at Bisley for the Palma match. The Australian matches do not include pairs and under 25's can nominate for the

Open Team if they want to. There is a pairs match for U25 in the ICFRA section immediately after the Australia match and associated competitions.

The next Trans Tasman for F Class has already been agreed with Australia for 2028.

Malcolm advised that COLFO had been offered the opportunity to become a Statutory body, this is still being considered as there is a lot of governance required which probably needs funding.

Brian advised that the secretary Helen Morgan is retiring and a new Secretary is currently being sought. The meeting expressed their thanks for her efforts over the last 10 years. Malcolm expressed his thanks for her support over the 8 years he was President.

Brian also thanked Rob Morgan for taking the minutes and Helen for doing the catering. He also thanked Daryl for the effort he had put in with his plans for the way forward. He considered this the best winter council meeting he had attended.

28. Date of next meeting

26 August 2025 zoom meeting @ 7:30pm

29. Meeting close

Meeting closes at 2.00 pm.

Action Points

1. Vote of thanks to the Wednesday gang – done
2. Update the Notable Performances page – done
3. Advise Shaun Ellis of appointment as National Selector – done
4. Advise Bruce Millard of appointment Life members rep – done
5. Thank you email and advise John Snowden & Ross Mason of appointment as the Range Advisory Committee – done
6. Identify a position/person to be the person who registers NRANZ historic firearms – Executive
7. Consider who needs a licence for the purpose of ammunition sales – Executive
8. Liaise with WRA on a format for the Ladies Longs & Karori 1000 weekend – Executive
9. Circulate a discussion document on whether to delete C grade from the National Meeting – From the Chair?
10. Get a legal opinion on the new Constitution document – Brian Carter
11. Ask Matthew McCallum-Clark to review the integrity policies from NZSF and amendments – Chris Kershaw
12. Obtain quotes for a branding and presentation review – Daryl May
13. Explore an alignment of administration with NZDA – Daryl May
14. Coaching Forum zoom meeting – Jono Phillipps