



## VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

### COUNCIL MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### Virtual Meeting

Meeting Opened: 6.02pm

**Attendees:** Albert van Wyk (AvW), Douw de Kock (DdK), Alan Wright (AW), Craig Weaire (CW), Markus Gaebele (MG)

**Apologies:** Trevor Rhodes (TR),

**Minute Taker:** Nikki Rees (NR)

#### **Chairman's Report:**

Its that time of the year again when the AGM is upon us and in hindsight it was opportune that we did not schedule it for October 2021. A lot of work has already been done in the planning and I thank TR, AW, and NR for their efforts. Welcome back NR who has agreed to assist us with administrative work and get the VRA back on track.

AJ resigned as the A/G Executive Officer, and we thank her for her efforts. The financial auditing is underway and so are the council elections. Nominations closed at 4.30pm today and we received six nominations.

MG asked if we could reconsider the AGM/COC/DRA teams' event from November 13/14<sup>th</sup> 2021 to a future date as he is concerned that members from metro Melbourne will not be able to participate.

AvW mentioned that we are required to hold the AGM within a 5-month time frame from the end of the financial year. It may be difficult to justify delaying it past that, however if metro Melbourne members are still in lockdown, then an alternative date would be found.

Moved: AvW            Seconded: AW            Moved

#### **Treasurer's Report**

DdK sent a treasurer's report to all councillors prior to the meeting and asked if everyone had read it. He believes that membership subscriptions are lower than last year, however AvW mentioned that subscriptions received in June 2021 may not be recorded as part of the 2021-2022 financial year. DdK said he would adjust those figures and that the membership dollar figure would then be similar to last financial year.

DdK mentioned that several stocktake adjustments had been made since June 2021 and that he will be looking into those adjustments to ensure that the proper recording of stock has occurred. He would also ask the Shop Manager to reconcile powder and primers on a more regular basis. DdK said we are holding approximately \$10,000 less in stock than this time last year which is mainly due to limited stock availability. DdK thanked MG for his assistance in overseeing the shop for the foreseeable future.

Moved: DdK            Seconded: MG            Moved

#### **Bank Balances as at 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Trading account: \$ 235,528.30  
Junior Members account: \$ 6,437.00  
Interest Bearing Account: \$ 179,874.06

### Aged Receivables

Current: \$ 5,436.00  
30 Days: \$ 580.99  
60 Days: \$ 31,915.26

## General Business

### 1. Grant for Wellsford

AvW asked Councillors to start considering the sorts of projects that we may want to apply for in the upcoming Sports Shooting Facility Grant. MG asked if VRA had received feedback on the previous application with AvW outlining why VRA was not successful. This included things such as a slight error in financial balances and that the application needed to be more of a presentation. MG said that LRC had also received feedback and that was to engage earlier with S&RV and that we needed a strategic plan. NR mentioned that representative from S&RV said to focus on critical elements of the premises such as toilets. MG asked if VRA would consider a powder magazine and AvW outlined the history of the previous grant and that there was no commercial value in building a large powder holding facility at Wellsford.

### 2. Stawell

Ted Holden from Stawell RC had sent in some documentation regarding legal letters to landholders surrounding rifle ranges. He was requesting that the VRA develop a template that rifle clubs could use when corresponding with landholders that may have land interests surrounding the range. The council discussed this as a concept and agreed we could offer assistance to any rifle club that was having difficulty with landholders, however developing a template to suit all situations would not be practical.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to respond to TD	NR

### 3. DRA Team Logistics

Unfortunately, TR was not present at the meeting, however CW said he would contact TR and see if any assistance was needed. AW would contact Frank Conner to see if FC was available to do the statics for the weekend. AvW said he would like all councillors to be dressed in VRA navy blazers with black pants also decided as a dress standard. CW asked if the target frames had been organised and offered to follow this up. CW might also organise a working bee prior to the event. NR to book auditor to be in attendance at the AGM.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to contact Auditor	NR

AW to contact Frank Conner	AW
CW to contact BS and TR	CW

#### 4. Queens Badges

AvW mentioned that all councillors had been involved in the correspondence regarding the number of Queens badges to be allocated for the 2022 event. All councillors agreed that whatever decision was made regarding numbers that it be clearly articulated in the Queens booklet. It was decided to still hold at 30% with F Class badges to go to 12 positions. AW said he will update the spreadsheet and forward to NR

Action Item	Responsibility
AW update Queens badge order and forward to NR	AW
NR to forward spreadsheet to Mohammed	NR

#### 5. Muzzle Break Bucket

Trevor Lyon from Vic Pol RC had sent in some photos and a brief description of a bucket that had been modified to be placed over rifles with muzzle breaks. It was proposed as a solution to the issue of sound and debris that muzzle break rifles caused. The council discussed the merit of the idea and agreed that it may be a good product/idea to forward to all clubs. They asked NR to forward it to Peter Hulett for his thoughts.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to forward email to Peter Hulett	NR

#### 6. Executive Officer

AvW spoke about the constitution requiring certain tasks and functions particularly regarding the AGM and conduct of elections. AvW asked that council approve the appointment of NR to the position of A/G Executive Officer until a more permanent solution can be found. We also need to find helpers to assist with the counting of votes for the election. AW said he will reach out to Ken Reither.

Action Item	Responsibility
AW to ring KR about election assistance	AW

#### 7. Strategic Plan for Shop

MG had developed a strategic plan for the shop that was distributed to all councillors for comment. He believes that we need a set of hard targets to achieve and will liaise with Mark from Techmark to achieve those targets. Councillors also need to consider what will be done with the shop long term and that it doesn't necessarily need to be located at Wellsford Range.

**Meeting Closed: 19.38pm**

**Upcoming Council Meetings - TBC**