

VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

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ABN 37 571 868 151



Council Meeting Wednesday 26th May 2021

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

TIME: 6:15pm

Present: Albert van Wyk (AvW), Marcus Gaebele (MG), Alan Wright (AW), Trevor Rhodes (TR), Patina Love (PL)

Apologies: Douw de kock (Ddk), Craig Weaire (CW)

Minutes of previous meeting 17th February 2021 – None provided

Business arising from previous meetings - Nil

REPORTS:

Chairman's Report

AvW presented his report to the council members, stating a big thankyou to AW for helping to run the Queens and entering the scores. Thank you to AJ for stepping up and running Queens and creating a great environment, and getting everyone together.

Thank you to the members and volunteers for their support and that without them there would have been no Queens. Thank you to all the councillors for all the work they did during the Queens.

Thank you everyone.

AvW went on to report that the safety and danger area has now been approved and finalised but that it must be renewed every 12 months.

Electronic memberships have been semi finalised and AvW would like to thank everyone for their input and participation into this process being completed.

Moved: MG

Second: AW

Actioned

Treasurers Report

AvW present the report on behalf of Ddk.

Ddk was unable to be present during the meeting but sent his report via email, apologising for his absence. Ddk reported on the profit and loss from Queens and that we made a small profit that was good (table below). Ddk also reported that there were issues that could have been better managed and hopes that next year will be better. AvW discussed the cost of the markers and although it is a high expense, the possibility of keeping them could continue if the numbers needed are filed.

AJ brought up the membership's fees for the upcoming year, and AvW advised that it had gone up \$10 for all existing memberships and that juniors and new memberships would remain the same.

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Moved: AvW

Seconded: MG.

Actioned

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Queens 2021

AW was very happy with the way that Queens ran this year and thanked CB for coming down and helping out and completing the squads. AW thanked RJ for her help. AW was disappointed that the leaders board didn't go ahead and that targets were broken and that no one knew about it. AW mentioned other issues that needed attending to next year, that didn't happen this year. These included the booklet suggesting that the number of badges needed to be stated.

AvW stated that we need to consider the renaming of the Anzac Award, as it was brought to his attention during the queens that Anzac being a specific word could be found conflicting and that the RSL should be approached about this. This will be discussed at a later date to follow.

AW mentioned PH report, and thank him for his input and help this year. All acknowledged that they had read it and agreed with what was written.

AvW noted that there are 4-5 targets that are extreme need of repair and that they are to be repaired or replaced at the cost of the VRA and that an audit is to be performed that looks at all targets and the work that is required to upgrade (interchangeable legs/hextas) and repair all targets on the range.

Motion: To have the targets repaired and or replaced at a cost to the VRA

Moved: AvW

Second: Trev.

Motion Carried.

Replacement of the CB Radio batteries was one of the issues that needed to be completed, as there are a couple that no longer work. AJ mentioned that Jaycar stock them but at a cost of \$125 each. MG mentioned that he may know of where he can get some for less cost.

Motion: AJ to send MG the specs of the batteries and MG to look into and get back to council.

Moved: AW

Second:MG

Motion carried.

2. State Teams

Discussed was the nomination of JC being Captain and the involvement of the state teams in the upcoming Nationals at Belmont, Queensland. AvW read out to the Council Members JC email that he had received. AvW said that there were not enough numbers to attend and that he had tried to seek out other members that may like to attend but was unsuccessful. MG mentioned that COVID and travel restrictions had made it difficult. MG stated that it may be best if we put out notice and with JC permission we reach out to TR members about being part of the ST squad for the Nationals. AvW asked MG to make some enquires.

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3. Shovel feast

AvW explained to everyone what was a Shovel Feast. A Shovel fest is a motorcycle group that has approach the Bendigo RC about hiring the grounds on the 17th Oct and be permitted to display their motor bikes between the 800 and 900 yard mounds. A contract was asked to be written up and the cost for the hire be \$500. There hours permitted on the grounds are from 10am Saturday and 10am Sunday. AJ and GG to work on a contract and invoice and send to them.

4. AGM & Champ of Champ

AvW mentioned that these are generally held on the 3rd weekend of the month of Oct, but due to the fact that the Nationals are held then, that the date would be pushed back to the 30th and 31st of Oct. It was discussed and motioned at the last AGM that the AGM be moved back. AW mentioned that the 30th and the 31st is a pennant weekend, but AvW stated that our weekends for holding this where running very slim.

TR mentioned that we split the DRA and the Champ of Champs to hold them on separate weekends. MG noted that if we hold it on separate weekends then there was a high possibility that it would attract less people. A vote was held and it was agreed by all that it be held on the same weekend. TR mentioned that we hold the Champ of Champs on the Saturday, along with the AGM and the DRA be held on the Sunday.

AvW asked for MG, PL and AW to come up with marketing ideas or activities that could be available on the weekend to attract more people to the event.

Motion: That the DRA, AGM and Champ of Champs be held on the 30th and 31st October 2021

Moved AvW

Second: TR

Motion Carried

5. Membership Fees 2021/2022

Discussed briefly were the membership fees for the following year due to the fact that no minutes had been recorded from the previous held in February.

CORRESPONDANCE:

5. Graeme Kerr

AvW tabled the attached letter received from GK and asked that it had been read and accepted.

Motioned: AvW will write a corresponding letter to GK.

Moved AvW

Seconded AW

Actioned

6. Ted Holden

AvW explained to the council members the situation with the Stawell RC. It was discussed in detail the situation in which the Stawell RC was currently at.

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Other business arising:

10. New EO position

TR asked is AJ was now the new EO? AvW replied not as yet as the trail period was not up until the end of June.

11. Powders and Projectiles

PL asked how we are going in relation to the powders and primers situation. AJ replied that the current levels are low on stock and are extremely hard to get at the moment and that we are still waiting for products to arrive from the USA.

TR asked if the Copperhead projectiles had been approved by the NRAA. AvW responded by explaining the NRAA approval process involved in allowing Copperheads to be approved. AW mentioned that HBC's had been sold to Alan and Darren Hensley, but further prospects at this stage are unknown.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- June 23rd
- July 28th
- August 25th
- September 29th
- October 30th AGM

Meeting Closed: 7:35pm