

VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

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Council Meeting Thursday 1st July 2021

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

TIME: 6:19pm

Present: Albert van Wyk (AvW), Marcus Gaebele (MG), Alan Wright (AW), Trevor Rhodes (TR), Craig Weaire (CW)

Apologies: Douw de kock (DD), Patina Love (PL)

Minute taker: Arianne James (AJ)

Minutes of previous meeting 26th May 2021 – AvW to review and AJ to send out to all councillor's for review.

REPORTS:

Chairman's Report

AvW called out a big thankyou to AJ for renewal notification and a trickle of returns. Issue and concerns are the number compared to last year. AVW was worried about a slight decline in membership numbers due to hardship and Covid. All other councillors reported that there was not much decline in the number of members in there. Call out at the moment as there is a general scare of normal distribution of stock but the accessibility to keep more in stock on hand is becoming more difficult.

Range lease and licence from DWELP is yet to be issued in form and correspondence has been authorised but now waiting for official documentation. Membership online trying really hard to get out, but had to revert back to manual due to correctly outlaying the correct format for online rollout. Thank you to club secretary for there support and help. MG mentioned a decline but AvW said that we need to get it right the first time. CW asked AvW what needs to be done AvW explained. Sports and Rec grant announcement that the final results have been delayed.

Moved AvW Second AW Actioned

Treasurers Report

Nil

EO Report

AJ presented her report to the Councillors as stated in her report.

Moved AJ Second TR Actioned

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Projectiles and Powder

The NRAA released an email containing the amount of NRAA approved projectiles that had arrived from Berger in June. It states what each state will receive. Councillors discussed this and agreed that these would be distributed when they arrive. CW mentioned a possibility of opening up F Class to any projectiles that are under 156gr and that we could possibly discuss this in the future if stock levels continued to decline. AvW mentioned that 30,000 Sierras have been placed on order. Powder is coming in more frequent, our last shipment was last week and that our stock levels are at full capacity.

2. POS/Website/Online membership

AJ mentioned that she has been continually communicating with Mark the IT man to get the structure of the memberships online system to be able to run at a level that benefits everyone within the VRA structure. The POS system is starting to take place with barcodes and product pictures being uploaded and that the POS system should be up and running at the end of the month. This is further explained in EO report.

3. Office Equipment

AJ mentioned that the purchase of a new printer was required as the cost of running the 3 printers that we have is expensive and unreliable. This could be seen during the Queens when 2 of our printers malfunctioned and we struggled to get the parts required. AJ has looked into a better system where all computers can run off the one printer. There is also an attachment that comes with it and a service provided by the company of which we can hire or purchase outright from. The extra attachment provides a booklet printer that can print off our Queens booklets at a 1/3 of the price it costs us currently. The quote was attached and the councillors discussed this in length.

Motioned: That the printer would be purchased outright.

Moved AvW

Second AW

Motion Carried

4. Rule's booklet

AJ mentioned that over the last couple of weeks she had received quite a number of phone calls and emails of questions relating to the VRA rules and range rules. MG explained that he had also noticed that some of the members and new members were unaware of the rules on the range and suggested that although the rules are online perhaps a book we be beneficial. AJ mentioned that this could go out to members and then all new members so that they have a rule book on hand to revert to. When a rule changes we can send out the amendment so that they can place it into their book. Discussed was handbook.

Motioned: MG and AJ to work on the format and structure of rule book

Moved AVW

Seconded CW

Motion Carried

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5. Batteries

As discussed in the last meeting the batteries for the two-way radios were insufficient or declining and needed replacing. MG has looked into 8 batteries at \$65 each or \$520 for 8 batteries.

Motion: MG to order and send bill to AJ.

Moved MG

Second AW

Motion Carried

6. Powder Magazine

AJ mentioned about the process of having a powder magazine. AvW mentioned that this had been suggested in the past and AvW said to find the archive files with all the details. MG mentioned about getting a formal quote for the 10ft magazine. CW that AJ could pass all the filed information on to him, he said that he would be happy to look into it. AJ to find the file and pass onto CW and for it to be discussed at a later date.

CORRESPONDANCE:

7. NRAA/SSAA Insurance

AvW asked is everyone had read the letter form the NRAA regarding the issue relating to the SSAA shooters telling the NRAA clubs that they have insurance for all activities. As mentioned above, the letter states that the SSAA shooters insurance as the following:

'SSAA Insurance does not cover SSAA members regular shooting participation with NRAA clubs because the NRAA demands participants become NRAA financial members. As NRAA allows visitors three shoots before expecting them to become a member, I would interpret this to mean SSAA members can attend NRAA ranges on three occasions before being expected to join and become NRAA financial members. Further, SSAA Insurance is not designed to cover NRAA activities and therefore does not cover NRAA activities because NRAA has its own insurance in place.

SSAA Insurers will not cover SSAA members who shoot regularly with NRAA clubs because NRAA has its own insurance and expects participants to become financial members to be covered by that insurance. SSAA Insurers supports NRAA's position from an insurance coverage perspective.'

8. Derek Report

AvW asked if everyone had read Derek report and what was AW opinion. AW said that he does make a valid about a floater in the butts as we simply did not have the numbers. All council members agreed with the report a hope that next year we can get enough numbers to help in the butts.

9. Community Grant

The Minister of Community Sports had announced that the VRA will receive an additional grant from the Third round of the Community Sport Sector as a short-term survival package. AvW said to put it towards new printer, targets or new two-way batteries.

Other business arising:

AvW decide the date DRA AGM and Champ of Champ.

Next Council Meeting

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- *July 28th at 6pm*

Meeting Closed: 7:45pm