

VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

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Council Meeting Wednesday 28th July 2021

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

TIME: **6:11pm**

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

Apologies:

Minute taker: Arianne James (AJ)

Minutes of previous meeting 26th May 2021 and 1st July 2021:

That the 4th sentence in paragraph 7 be changed.

Moved: AvW Seconded: CW

Business arising from previous meetings.

To follow up on powders and projectiles.

REPORTS:

Chairman's Report

Congratulations to Robinvale; Rosedale and Wangaratta for receiving grants from the round 4 sporting recreation association. We look forward to seeing their use put in place. Unfortunately, the VRA was not successful in their grant to assist in the development of Hexa targets. There is a discussion with sport and rec to decide why and how we can do better in the future. AS MOST CLUBS have volunteer this may give us the knowledge to help them.

A special thanks the AJ for getting the website, online membership and shop process up and running, and we look forward to seeing it go live very soon. A special thanks to the Werribee Rifle Club for being volunteers to test the online membership process and help with the alterations that had to be made. Thankyou to Nikki and AJ for the social update's, it has been great.

A change of dates for the Champ of Champs and the DRA, has been changed to the 13th and 14th November to avoid any clashes with VRA approved competitions. We are also looking at ways we can help to make the event a festival. If anyone has any thoughts please come forward.

Happy days are here, to all clubs, as we are now glad to be out of lockdown and COVID free. We look forward to seeing meets and competition to take place.

Moved AvW Second AW Actioned

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Treasurers Report

DK to provide a detailed report of the monies coming in and going out of the bank accounts. DK reported on the Queens sales and how it impacted on the year intake for the shop and the VRA for this financial year. It can be seen that there is good revenue for the shop with a substantial profit for the year compared to last year. There have been some operational costs this year with the creation of the new website, online shop and membership set up and that our insurance had increased and that we still have the NRA subs, salary and wages to account for this year. DK hopes that this continues and that shop profits will continue to increase throughout the next financial year.

AvW thanked DK, AW, and AJ for involvement Queens and the shop. DK was very happy with the shop income for the year. AW said that because of the Queens being cancelled last year most of our sponsors where accounted for in last years budget.

DK mentioned that AJ has done some work with the bank and as you can see from the general business, has come up with some ideas that will benefit the VRA in the future.

Motioned: AJ to arrange for a deposit card and new account with the Bendigo Bank.

Moved DK Second MG Actioned

EO Report

AJ mentioned about they were progressing with the online shop and website and that the final detail was left to do. We hope to have this up and running by the end of August.

AJ would like to give a big thankyou to the Werribee Rifle Club for being the volunteers for the online memberships, without them this would not be possible to complete and get the feedback and changes that where required.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. POS/Website/Online membership

The system is looking good with the POS system starting to take place, with the photos being completed and barcodes going in. The website is starting to take shape with the final changes to be completed. The online membership process is just about complete but we do have the next 12 months to finish the final touches on this.

2. Trophy cases

AJ mentioned that it would be nice if we could display the trophies in display cabinets, perhaps over in the pavilion, where they could be put in correct categories and displayed for all to see during the competitions. These would have to be tempered glass to reduce the chance of breakages. TR mentioned that Brian McGalin did display cabinets and that he may be the one to talk to and get quotes from. AvW suggested that we get some quotes and complete and audit for the process by which we could complete the task.

3. Changing of email provider

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AJ mentioned that she has had various reports from a number of people that the VRA emails are going to people's junk mail. AJ has spoken with the IT man (Mark) and he has looked into it. Mark mentioned a change of provider after looking into it. AvW said to look at the business packages that is provided and would still provide the services that we currently have.

Moved AvW Second AW Actioned

4. Bank account changes

AJ has been into the local bank to assess the possibilities of getting more value for money. This has come about due to the fact that there are quite a few payments that have to come out of AJ credit card that are not allocated for and the business should have their own.

The Members discussed this in length.

Motion: That the VRA increase in stock levels, audit financials and look into the net profit over 5yrs for increasing stock levels.

Moved AvW Second DK Carried

5. Membership renewals

AJ said that membership renewals were coming in at a slow pace, but most were in. There are some clubs still to come. Some of the clubs are putting their memberships in as a whole club group, while others are individually sending them in. Printing the cards is a slow process so will take time to complete.

6. EO Position

AJ asked if there had been a final decision on the position. AvW said that it would be discussed at another time.

7. Shop Employee Position

AJ asked if there could be someone else employed in the shop, as it was getting busy and training would be required.

CORRESPONDANCE:

8. Des Coulter (email)

An email was sent by Des Coulter asking if there could be a discount on the membership fees for the upcoming financial year. The council discussed this and decided that there would be no further discount, despite COVID, as all events for the years still ran and outgoing costs were still there to pay.

9. Keith Toh

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Keith who represents the Werribee Rifle Club and who help organise the volunteers to complete the online membership, has asked if he can write a letter about the membership online process and how it worked form them. The council agreed it would be great.

Other business arising:

10. State Teams Nominations

Look at nominations for State teams and the TR position.

11. Council Elections

AJ to look into who was up for re-election on council and the process to re-elect.

12. Target Repairs

It was noticed during Queens that there were some targets in need of repair. The council have suggested to ask Bill to complete the repairs needed to the targets at the VRA expense.

13. Shot Markers

The council have discussed the purchase of some Shot Markers for the Range. It was discussed that 5 be purchased and to see if any other clubs would like to purchase them. CW volunteered to ask the other clubs if they would like any and to contact the company on the price for the number required. CW then to advise AJ and the council.

14. Bruce Sargent

15. Michael Purden

To notify all members of the change of date for the Karramonus shot.

16. DRA teams

That the DRA teams and the Champ of Champs be held on the 13th and 14th of November as to not clash with the NRAA match at Stawell. It will also depend on the availability of Peter Hullett as RO for the event. AJ to ring PH and ask his availability for the event.

Next Council Meeting

- August 25th at 6pm

Meeting Closed: 7:32pm