



## VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

### COUNCIL MEETING

16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Wellsford Rifle Range

Meeting Opened: 12.25pm

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

**Apologies:** NIL

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

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

AvW welcomed all council members to the new year and spoke about the various events scheduled at the Wellsford Range. AvW urged all councillors to re-read the Chairman's address from the AGM and for us all to collectively consider what it is we could be doing to progress our five strategic pillars.

Moved: AvW                      Seconded: CW                      Moved

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

Report was not available; it would be emailed out to Councillors in due course.

#### **Bank Balances as at 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Trading account: \$ 98,006.34

Junior Members account: \$ 6,437.00

Interest Bearing Account: \$ 324,874.06

Statement Account (Credit Card): \$3907.66

Both Douw and Nikki hold a company credit card to be used in instances where direct deposit is not possible.

# General Business

## 1. Portfolios

The below portfolios were discussed and agreed upon.

	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Councillor Allocated</i>
1	Staffing – HR F Class State Teams Constitution & By Laws/Range Standing Orders Renewal of Wellsford Licence	Albert van Wyk
2	Technology NRAA Scoring and Statistics	Frank Conner
3	Events – Queens NRAA Scoring and Statistics	Alan Wright
4	Events – DRA & Other VRA OPM's All regional club PM's	Alan & Markus
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6	Treasury, Membership Comms & Marketing	Douw de Kock
7	Resident Club Liaison & Wellsford Range Facilities, NRAA Rules Committee & SSR's	Craig Weaire
8	Major Grant Project	Vacant
9	VRA Shop & Other State Teams	Markus

AvW thanked CW for the significant amount of work that CW has put into Wellsford Range. A discussion ensued regarding members who may be possible to co-opt into vacant positions within the Council. Keith Toh was mentioned as someone who maybe able to assist with the major grant application. Female members are also required for Council. NR to send a list of female members to Councillors for consideration.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to send Councillor's female members	NR

## 2. Major Grant Project

AvW asked Councillors for suggestions and ideas regarding what the VRA will apply for in the final round of Shooting Sports Facility Grant. This will be a 5 to1 funding ration with a maximum of \$300,000. A discussion ensued about various possible projects with Hexa targets being decided on. CW discussed a possible option of having them with a mobile capacity. Can we source a customizable trailer? The need for a shooting syllabus for Wellsford was also discussed and the increased usage of Wellsford Range.

Motion is for the VRA to submit an application for Hexta Targets.

Moved: AvW                      Seconded: CW    Motion carried

### **3. Hunter Class – Medal & Spoon**

Correspondence was received from Graeme Kerr of ECDRA regarding the Council including hunter class in the Medal & Spoon competition. CW spoke about its increasing popularity within the membership.

Motion – Council include Hunter Class in the Medal & Spoon competition.

Moved: CW                      Seconded: MG    Motion Carried

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

### **4. Ongoing supply of Projectiles**

CW started an email trail with other States & Territories regarding the ongoing issue of projectiles. Most of the states were supportive of the concept to allow other projectiles up until end of December 2022. CW also submitted a discussion paper to the NRAA as a subject for the upcoming members forum.

Motion – the paper be submitted as tabled.

Moved: CW                      Seconded: AvW - Motion carried

It was discussed that the SSR's are only changed twice a year in January and July, therefore the only chance to make a change would be in July with the VRA Queens scheduled for April 2022. This proposed change would apply for Victorian competitions only and not for the National Teams event.

Motion:

The VRA Council approve the use of any lead core, non-monolithic, projectiles up to 156grain for F STD and TR for any VRA approved competition as of 17th January 2022 up until 31st December 2022. This will also apply for the 2022 VRA Queens event.

Moved: CW    Seconded: DdK - Motion carried

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to distribute information via Facebook & mail chimp	NR

### **5. Delegates Forum**

AvW discussed the purpose for the delegates forum, explained the new membership management system and discussed the agenda.

The objective of the constitutional/range security items is to discuss with delegates the possibility for a co-operative that would control leases and access to ranges that a committee would operate. Discussions ensued regarding the benefits of a co-operative and the difficulties of implementation.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to send a reminder email regarding the delegates forum	NR

## 6. Director Education – Australian Institute of Sport

AvW discussed the new online course available through the Australian Institute of Sport, that AvW would be a valuable tool for all our Councillors. The course is called “The Start Line” AvW is requesting that the course be completed online by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to distribute the link to the course.	NR

**Correspondence:** An email was received from Geoff Morsby from Werribee RC.

*Is the Association onto the proposal to enact a new Public land Act to replace three existing Crown Land Acts (the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978, Forests Act 1958 and Land Act 1958) with a new Public Land Act.*

*Some ranges will be on land currently administered under those Acts and experience would dictate that new legislation will extinguish some tenancies or occupancies under the repealed law and is not likely to be generous to rifle ranges.*

Councillors agreed this may be a relevant topic for the Members Forum. NR or AvW to contact Geoff requesting his attendance.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to email Geoff regarding coming to the delegates forum	NR

**Meeting Closed: 1.58pm**

**Upcoming Council Meetings - TBC**