



VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

COUNCIL MEETING 23rd July 2020 Virtual Meeting

Meeting Opened: 6.05pm

ATTENDEES: Garry Kay (GK), Frank Conner (FC), Albert van Wyk (AvW), Trevor Rhodes (TR), Peter Farley (FP), Alan Wright (AW), Craig Weaire (CW)

APOLOGIES: NIL

MINUTE TAKER: Nikki Rees (NR)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Held on 14th June 2020

REPORTS

1. Chairman's Report

GK said that things he would like to discuss are covered in the general business sections of the meeting including Queens and Champion of Champions weekend.

2. Treasures Report -

Account Balances as of 23rd July 2020

Interest Bearing Account	\$229,095
Trading A/C (includes recent payment of \$144,926.38 from Dept of Sport - Milestone 3)	\$76,163
Junior Development Fund A/C	\$3,000.00

AvW gave an overview of the current VRA Financials and outlined figures relating to the amount of money received in memberships thus far. AvW also discussed the graphs provided by Arianne regarding Sales figures for the first three weeks of July in comparison to last year. The figures for sales for this year are significantly higher, however they are difficult to quantify due to the shop closing for renovations on the 10th July 2019. End of year financial documentation has been provided to the Accounting & Audit Solutions Bendigo (AASB) with a view to having the special review of the VRA financials completed by the end of August 2020. AvW also discussed the number of members who have renewed for the 2020/21 financial year with the outlook being positive to maintain strong numbers despite the current uncertain Covid outlook. AvW believes we should not have a large drop in membership for this financial year.

General Business

3. Champion of Champions weekend – 5 & 6th September 2020

Councillors discussed the viability of holding the C of C weekends in early September 2020. A decision was made to postpone the C of C to Saturday 17th October 2020 and to cancel the VRA prize meeting scheduled for the 5th September 2020. This will enable the C of C to be held with the AGM and DRA Teams on the weekend of the 17/18th October 2020. These events will be subject to review at all Council meetings depending on Covid-19 restrictions.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to distribute comms regarding the changing of dates	NR

4. Agenda Item removed due to confidentiality.

5. Breech Flags

GK said that he had sent an email to all S&T delegates who attended the NRAA members forum in late 2019. He believes there was no discussion regarding the breech flag rule of having to remove the bolt and place in the ECI. GK has received one reply to date.

GK said he is happy for a letter compiled by CW to be sent to the NRAA along with the other feedback received by the VRA in relation to the ECI's. CW said he has received lots of negative feedback regarding the new rule. He stated that the VRA membership had expressed numerous concerns and that the VRA Council should be acting on our members behalf.

GK agreed that he would draft a letter to the NRAA once he had received responses from the other S&T's. CW's letter would be from himself as President of Nagambie Rifle Club and VRA Council member. CW asked when the letter would be sent to the NRAA with GK stating he would have it ready by early next week.

Action Item	Responsibility
GK to draft letter and forward with extra correspondence to NRAA	GK

6. Agenda item removed due to confidentiality

7. Queens December 2020?

AW expressed his concerns regarding the viability of holding the 2020 Queens due to the current Covid situation. He mentioned that the event relies heavily on interstate shooters and interstate markers. He believes there is an ever-increasing likelihood that we will have to postpone it. The Council discussed using the already printed badges and medals for the Queens that may be held in 2021. The Councillors also discussed that if Queens December 2020 were cancelled, but state restrictions were loosened then maybe a local competition would be more viable. Queens 2020 will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

8. Australian Sports Foundation – late agenda item

PF asked Councillors to provide him with feedback regarding an email he previously sent about his investigations into possible funding from the Australian Sports Foundation. The Councillors discussed various projects including TV Screens, funding for Juniors, Electronic Targets for Wellsford. Councillors decided that the first project to be trialled would be the purchase of four electronic Hexa targets. PF said he would develop the idea further and put a proposal for Council to vote on.

Action Item	Responsibility
PF to develop a proposal for voting by Councillors	PF

9. Public Liability Insurance – late agenda item

TR expressed concerns that some clubs have SSAA members regularly shooting at their ranges. AvW said that the information regarding SSAA members shooting formed a part of the membership letter distributed to all club contacts prior to membership renewal. NR had previously sought clarification from SSAA Insurance regarding their members using VRA ranges and this was the information provided verbatim to clubs. It is the responsibility of the regional club to ensure they have adequate public liability insurance to cover all their participants and visitors.

Action Item	Responsibility
NR to draft a letter to clubs with assistance from AvW	NR & AvW

10. Elections – Late agenda item

A brief discussion was held regarding the election of Council Members with NR reminding Councillors that nominations had already been called for with a closing date of Wednesday 5th August 2020.

11. Council Meetings

CW requested that the VRA Council meetings be held virtually every month instead of bimonthly at Wellford. All Councillors agreed to this process with the next Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 27th August 2020.

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Thursday 27th August 2020 – 6pm
- Thursday 24th September 2020 – 6pm - TBC
- 17th October 2020 – After AGM

July 2020

	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Councillor Allocated</i>
1	Treasury/VRA Shop Staffing – HR F Class State Teams	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	Trevor Rhodes
5	Renewal of Wellsford Licence Other State Teams	Garry Kay
6	Membership Communications and Marketing Sponsorship for Events	Peter Farley

7	Strategy & Operational Policies Updating rules/by laws Updating Range Standing Orders	
8	Resident Club Liaison & Wellsford Range Facilities	Peter Farley