



VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

COUNCIL MEETING 28th January 2021

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Opened: 7.10pm

Attendees: Albert van Wyk (AvW), Douw de Kock (DdK), Alan Wright (AW), Craig Weaire (CW), Pettina Love (PL)

Apologies: Trevor Rhodes (TR),

Minute Taker: Nikki Rees (NR)

General Business

1. Yarram Rifle Range

The VRA received formal notification dated 26th January 2021, from Yarram Rifle Club that an incident of unauthorised activity had taken place at their range. An individual had been identified via social media to have been in attendance at the range. A Facebook post by Stuart Ellam showed a photo using metal targets that was presumed for South Eastern Practical and Precision Service Rifle Club. Stuart is a previous member of the VRA. Councillors discussed the email from Yarram and concluded that the local District Firearms Officer should be contacted. They also decided that they should suspend the ability for Stuart Ellam to join any club associated with the VRA.

AvW put forward a motion that the VRA will write to Stuart Ellam stating it is not possible for him to join any VRA club.

Moved: AvW Seconded: CW Carried

Action Item	Responsibility
AvW to notify DFO's and to draft correspondence to Stuart Ellam	AvW

2. Removal of Barnard Action from VRA premises

AvW was contacted by the president of the Colac RC regarding a Barnard Action that he was in possession of an action in the VRA's name. The action was accidentally removed from the safe and given to Michael Atherton on the 10th of November 2020 during the VRA Prize Meeting. AvW told Councillors that the matter had now been dealt with and the Shop Manager would be receiving a warning letter about this incident.

3. F Class State Teams

Councillors discussed who was to be appointed as Captains for the VRA F Class teams. AW explained that State Team Captains are appointed by the VRA and not decided by the team. The F STD team received two nominations for the position of Captain. Both of these nominees would be required to submit a statement of claims for this position.

4. Legal Professional Retainer

Councillors discussed the viability of retaining the services of a legal professional for the VRA. The cost would be approximately \$6000 a year or the option would be to retain a legal professional on a case-by-case basis.

AvW said he will contact the solicitor and seek costings for certain situations which will then allow Councillors to make an informed decision regarding future legal advice.

Action Item	Responsibility
AvW to contact solicitor	AvW

5. NRAA Discussion Papers

CW will be attending the NRAA members forum scheduled for 14th February 2021. He would like to distribute some of the discussion papers to members for feedback.

A discussion ensued regarding the discussion paper contents being marked as board in confidence.

Councillors agreed that sending out the papers would give members an opportunity to provide feedback and that CW would seek permission from Catherine Berry regarding the distribution of the papers.

Action Item	Responsibility
CW to email CB regarding permission to distribute papers	CW

6. VRA Employee Bullying

7. EO Resignation

Meeting Closed: 12.00 pm

Upcoming Council Meetings - TBC

- Wednesday 17th February 2021 – 6pm
- Wednesday 17th March 2021 – 6pm
- Wednesday 14th April 2021 – First day of Queens