

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA)

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2016

I. Call to order

President Alan Shourds called the regular meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association to order at 8:03 am on September 14, 2016 at Education Building.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Shourds lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Robin Warner gave the invocation.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted by the Board.

IV. Roll call

Secretary Annie Dean conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Board Members: President Alan Shourds, Vice-President Jerry Middendorf, Secretary Annie Dean, Treasurer Mike Yazel, Parliamentarian Mike Luma, Merle Crane, Marty Murphy, Joe Hill, Bud Diehl, David DeLong, Ted Blackwell, Colton Fleetwood, John Kemple, Jerry von Dielingen, Dana Dore, Rebecca Waterman, Brent Steele, Andy Larson, Alliey Nunn, Roger Spurgeon.

Absence: Morgan Mundell (excused), Adina Cloud (excused).

Quorum Present.

Staff: Chris Gergeni, Managing Director.

Guests: Mike Weissmann, Bill Foy, Robin Warner, Brian Schnurpel, Leann Schnurpel, Karen Latta, Mark Heiembach.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Annie Dean distributed the minutes from the last meeting.

Mr. Fleetwood and Mr. Yazel presented corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Middendorf made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Blackwell. Motion passed.

VI. Report of Officers/Committee Reports

a) President

President Shourds and Mr. Gergeni both addressed Ms. Nunn.

President Shourds deferred discussion about Pittman-Robertson until later in the meeting.

President Shourds gave updates on Range Officers, the electrical upgrade, and movement of Running Boar.

Upon request from President Shourds, Mr. Steele updated the board on the Water Company issue faced back in June. The matter is still pending.

Mr. Hill addressed the board over concerns about the concrete on the Silhouette Line. Concerns were addressed.

Mr. Gergeni reported on Gunmaker's Hall and requests from Dick Miller, Gunmaker's Hall Chairman.

b) Vice President

Vice-President Middendorf addressed that status of the Fall Shoot to date.

c) Secretary

Secretary Dean reported that the Board Petition by Karen Latta had been discovered and meet all requirements for acceptance.

Mr. Kemple made a motion to accept Ms. Latta petition, seconded by Mr. Fleetwood. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Treasurer

Treasurer Yazel discussed membership levels and the lack of infrastructure to drive revenue. He continued by addressing concerns on expenditures and continuing declines in revenue streams. He mentioned the loss of new vendors from June Shoot for the Fall Shoot, and predicted less are likely to be here in June 2017. He asked the Board to learn the budget and please contact him for any questions or concerns.

Treasurer Yazel made a motion to suspend the Managing Directors Report until after Unfinished Business. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fleetwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fleetwood made a motion to go into Executive Session. Treasurer Yazel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting returned into General Session, Mr. Spurgeon was excused to leave. 18 Directors present. Quorum present.

Treasurer Yazel made corrections about items discussed during his report.

Mr. Fleetwood made a motion to go into Executive Session #2. Treasurer Yazel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting returned into General Session.

Mr. Fleetwood made a motion to go into Executive Session #3. Treasurer Yazel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting returned into General Session.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to elect the existing executive committee by acclamation. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion failed.

VII. Election of Officers

President:

Alan Shourds accepted his nomination. Mike Yazel declined his nomination. Joe Hill accepted his nomination. Joe Hill was elected with a vote of 13 to 5.

Vice-President:

Jerry Middendorf accepted his nomination. Jerry von Dielingen accepted his nomination. Ted Blackwell declined his nomination.

1st vote: Jerry Middendorf, 9 votes. Jerry von Dielingen, 9 votes. Revote was held.

2nd vote: Jerry Middendorf, 9 votes. Jerry von Dielingen, 9 votes.

After the second tie, Jerry Middendorf withdrew his nomination.

Jerry von Dielingen was elected by acclamation.

Secretary:

Annie Dean accepted her nomination. Colton Fleetwood accepted his nomination. Colton Fleetwood was elected with a vote of 12 to 6.

Treasurer:

Mike Yazel accepted his nomination. Mike Yazel was elected by acclamation.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Mr. Gergeni gave the Managing Director's Report. Subjects of the report included water issues, hunting policies, 1 of 1000 pins, Highway 62 construction, American Marksman, and Pittman-Robertson update.

President Joe Hill called a special meeting of the Board of Directors on 10/22/16 at 10:00 am in the Education Building.

IX. New Business

President Hill requested Mr. Gergeni to research whether the Association currently has a nepotism policy.

Mrs. Waterman made a motion to give sole signatory authority for contracts binding the NMLRA to the Managing Director. In the event of an absence of a Managing Director, the President of the NMLRA becomes the signatory authority. All previous authority is hereby rescinded. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Joe Hill told the Board, at the request of Dave Miller, he had named Jerry Middendorf as Chief Range Officer.

Mr. Dore made a motion that the NMLRA support the "Shot Heard Round the World" Day and allow Scott Lavin to name the NMLRA as a participant. Mr. Shourds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Murphy seconded. Motion passed.

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Colton Fleetwood, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Joe Hill, President