

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA)

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2017

I. Call to order

President Joe Hill called the Annual Budget Meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association to order at 11:10 am on April 22, 2017 in the Education Building.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Hill led 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 Colton Fleetwood conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

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

Absent: Annie Dean(excused), David DeLong (excused), Dana Dore (excused), Morgan Mundell (unexcused).

Quorum Present.

Staff: None.

Guests: James "Ace" Hill, Thelma Hill, Mike Weissmann, Mike Eder, Jeff Cunningham, Bill Foy, Robin Warner.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Fleetwood distributed the minutes from the last meeting.

Secretary Fleetwood presented a correction of the proper list of guests.

Ms. Waterman requested for additional details be added to the unfinished business discussed at the previous meeting about camper washing. The request was approved.

Ms. Waterman also requested that a meeting transcript be provided to the Board of Directors after every meeting. Secretary Fleetwood explained that the minutes of the meeting are the official transcript of a meeting and for legal reasons no other official or unofficial record of a Board meeting would be provided.

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

VI. Report of Officers/Committee Reports

a) **President**

President Hill notified the Board that many vendors are concerned about internet access to process credit cards. President Hill noted that while coverage issues could be fixed, the limited amount of bandwidth would still be a problem. President Hill mentioned this is an ongoing matter and he is waiting on solutions from our internet provider.

President Hill made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Secretary Fleetwood. Motion passed unanimously at 11:32 am.

Meeting returned into Regular Session at 12:02 pm.

President Hill addressed an issue with the NMLRA membership numbers. President notified the Board that an estimate from Dec. 2016 was 12,500 members. The office now estimated the number of members is over 15,300.

President Hill noted that the NMLRA Knife Drive made the Association over \$30,000.

President Hill also reported the new version of Muzzle Blasts has had a significant impact on the Association and outreach to current and perspective members.

President Hill updated the Board that Drift Media is currently constructed and the Marketing Committee is awaiting proofs.

President Hill mentioned that Stephen Tucker will be present in the NMLRA Booth at the NRA Annual Meetings.

President Hill added that the Association will see a savings of \$4000-\$5000 in printed materials such as but not limited to brochures, shoot programs, etc. These materials will also be printed in full color.

Mr. Larson raised concerns of the office having too much workload due to growth and staffing changes. President Hill believes they are effectively handling their tasks, but will hire additional staff when the need arises.

President Hill added that the Electrical Upgrade has been completed on all sites except Skeet camping. The current estimate of the cost so far is \$131,000. The estimated cost of Skeet is \$30,000. The original total estimate was \$300,000.

President Hill mentioned that the NMLRA entered 59 muzzleloading arms into the next Cowen's Auction.

b) **Vice President**

Vice President Jerry von Dielingen mention he hasn't received any suggestion from any Directors to create significant outreach to increase membership growth. He requested that everyone reach out to him with ideas.

c) **Secretary**

Secretary Fleetwood asked the Board to reach out to him with any corrections, comments, and/or concerns about Association documents such as Agendas, Draft minutes, etc. between meetings.

Secretary Fleetwood added he would work with Drift Media to establish a ***Director-Only*** portal on the new website to facilitate dispersal of information and documents to the Board.

Secretary Fleetwood accepted the resignation of Jerry von Dielingen as a Director and Officer of the NMLRA effective upon the approval of his successor.

Vice President von Dielingen made a motion to fill his vacancy on the Board with President Joe Hill, seconded by Secretary Fleetwood.

Andy Larson raised a Point-of-Order that the motion could not be made as President Joe Hill was a seated Director. Upon review of the NMLRA Constitution and Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order, Parliamentarian Mike Luma determined that neither governing work affirmed or denied the allowance of seated directors to fill the longer terms of other directors. Mr. Luma requested the Board pass an Association Policy to allow this procedure in the future.

Vice President von Dielingen withdrew his motion.

Treasurer Yazel made a motion to pass a policy that a sitting Director may be elected to fill out the term of a resigning Director, seconded by Secretary Fleetwood. Motion passed 15-2.

Ms. Cloud made a motion to fill the vacancy created by Jerry von Dielingen with Joe Hill for the remainder of said term, seconded by Mr. Steele. Motion passed 16-0 with 1 abstention.

President Hill made a motion to fill the Board vacancy with Jeff Cunningham, seconded by John Kemple. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Election

Nominations: Brent Steele, Ted Blackwell, Jeff Cunningham. All accepted their nominations.

Vote #1: Brent Steele – 7

Ted Blackwell – 7

Jeff Cunningham – 3

* As Jeff Cunningham received the least votes, his nomination was dropped.

Vote #2: Brent Steele – 9

Ted Blackwell – 8

Brent Steele received a majority vote and therefore elected Vice President.

d) **Treasurer**

Treasurer Mike Yazel reported the timber sale was an estimated \$96,000 with the NMLRA's share being an estimated \$87,000.

The timber will be cut over a 2 year period.

Treasurer Yazel mentioned that NMLRA Accountant, Joan Rohrig, has been paying for Camping Upgrade expenses periodically with new income from the Life Membership Fund, instead of one large sum of monies.

Treasurer Yazel reported that the annual audit will take place some and try to clean up and reorganize the accounting structure to eliminate the large number accounts.

Treasurer Yazel added that camping policy needs to be reviewed to determine how campsites are passed between persons, relative or non-relative.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Marketing Committee

Jeff Cunningham presented the designs of the new Pull Ups, Booth materials and new logos that will be used at the NRA Annual Meetings.

B. Pittman-Robertson Committee

Chairman Ted Blackwell reported he has received some bids on range/grounds improvements and is awaiting others.

Bathrooms are an improvement issue as they are expensive to replace and otherwise expensive to modify/repair.

Mr. Blackwell and President Hill are exploring options to hire an architect to draw plans for range improvement buildings and determining a scope of work.

Mr. Larson made a motion that the NMLRA will not accept any funds associated with the Pittman-Robertson Act until a long-term plan (5-year minimum) be presented and approved by the NMLRA Board of Directors, seconded by Ms. Waterman. Motion was withdrawn.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Adjournment

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Treasurer Yazel. Motion passed unanimously.

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:14 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Colton Fleetwood, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Joe Hill, President