

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA)

Meeting Minutes

Sept. 11, 2017

I. Call to order

President Joe Hill called the Meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association to order at 4:01 pm on Sept. 11, 2017 in the Education Building.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Hill led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Marty Murphy gave the invocation.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Secretary Fleetwood noted the Election of Officers would take place during unfinished business.

Mr. Blackwell moved to adopt the Agenda. 2nd Mr. Eder. Passed unanimously

IV. Roll call

Secretary Colton Fleetwood conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Board Members: President Joe Hill, Vice-President Brent Steele, Secretary Colton Fleetwood, Treasurer Mike Yazel, Parliamentarian Mike Luma, Jeff Cunningham, Michael Eder, Bill Foy, Jerry Alan Hoeweler, Marty Murphy, Mike Weismann, Ted Blackwell, David DeLong, John Kemple, Dana Dore, Andy Larson, Alliey Nunn, Alan Shourds, Roger Spurgeon, Rebecca Waterman.

Absent: Adina Cloud (excused).

Quorum Present.

Staff: None.

Guests: Ebbie Roberts, Bob Wetzler, James "Ace" Hill, Rick Weber, Jerry Von Dielingen, Byron Steele, Merle Crane, Bob & Tina Schlegel, Robin Warner, Londean Warner, Lee Larkin, Jim Fulmer, Karl Kuehn, Jean Skroma, J. Cundric.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Fleetwood distributed the minutes from the last meeting.

Bob Schlegel asked that he and his wife, Tina be added to the list of guests.

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

VI. Report of Officers/Committee Reports

a) **President**

Mr. Larson requested the status of the Pittman-Robertson Committee. President Hill stated that Pittman-Robertson had been placed on hold indefinitely as the Association needs to examine the financial requirements fully needed to complete projects as the bids received on the Maintenance Building and Clubhouse were significantly higher than expected.

President Hill gave an update on the buildings and structures on the property and informed the board that he is looking into options for rebuilding or replacing these structures in the future.

President Hill stressed that immediate actions need to be taken to make the range ADA compliant.

President Hill added that mowing equipment would need to be updated within the next year as the current mowing inventory is beyond its life expectancy.

President Hill stated that he plans to explore options and report back at the Budget Meeting.

President Hill reported that Carrie Bruce gave her 2-week notice at the beginning of August and she will continue to coordinate the Muzzle Blasts magazine until a replacement is hired.

President Hill stated that he used a head-hunting company to search out potential replacements and is having a second interview with Lydia Morath, on Thurs. Sept. 14th.

President Hill gave a general update on the office employment structure going forward and believes that Lydia's experience gives her the ability to be the sole employee working on Muzzle Blasts as well as office manager.

President Hill gave an update on the social media pages, noting an increase in Facebook followers of approximately 19,000 people. Citing that 68% of those were exploring the page were in their 30s.

President Hill said that redesigning the website is a continuous process and it will continue to be updated.

Lastly, President Hill informed the Board that we need to expand our exposure to new vendors on Commercial Row as we are down in the number of vendors.

After a meeting with Mike Yazel and Mike Eder (Commercial Row Committee), there will be an exploration of options over the winter.

b) **Vice President**

Vice President Brent Steele presented the Board with the June Shoot Report.

Vice President Steele also updated the Board on his work with Rifle Committee Chairman, Neil Eddington on the issue with the target paper. He believes there will be a solution found in the near future as the correct paper has been identified.

Vice President Steele proposed the idea of the Association hiring a CPA firm to perform a forensic audit. The proposal was discussed, and Vice President Steele reported that he would receive some quotes on the cost to commission such an audit.

Vice President Steele requested if the Board currently has an anti-nepotism policy. It was reported that the NMLRA has such a policy, however it unavailable for review. Secretary Fleetwood stated that he would report back to the board at the next meeting on the status of the policy.

c) **Secretary**

Secretary Colton Fleetwood presented the list of nominations for the upcoming the Board of Director Election:

Joe Hill
Colton Fleetwood
Mike Yazel
Adina Cloud (Withdrawn on 12/1/2017)
John “Digger” Kemple (Withdrawn 12/1/2017)
Rick Weber
Ted Blackwell
Richard Crabtree
David DeLong
Cal Merritt

Secretary Fleetwood requested that the Board examine the Powder Sales Schedule for any last-minute adjustments or changes.

d) **Treasurer**

Treasurer Yazel presented the request from Gunmaker's Hall Chairman, Richard Miller, that would transfer up to \$5000 to the Pistol Committee for improvements on the Pistol Line including, but not limited to pouring concrete pistol target foundations.

Treasurer Yazel made a motion for the Board to approve the transfer of funds from Gunmaker's Hall Fund to the Pistol Fund for the sum not to exceed \$5000 to complete target frame work, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Mike Yazel commented that the June Shoot Report as presented by National Match Director Brent Steele had no alarming changes from the 2016 June Shoot.

Treasurer Yazel reported that merchandise sales were up \$7,118 over the 2016 Sept. Shoot due in part to the sale of the new book, History of the NMLRA, by Tom Schiffer.

Treasurer Yazel made a proposal to the Board about the Scoring Room, enclosing the covering attached to the Clubhouse on the east side to become the new scoring room.

Treasurer Yazel informed the Board that the last Timber Sale payment is scheduled to be received on Oct. 14, 2017. The Timber Sale netted approximately \$87,000 for the NMLRA.

Lastly, Treasurer Yazel reported that the Firearms Action received \$27,000 for the Association. Some firearms did not sell; however, they would be included in the next Cowen's Auction.

VII. Committee Reports (For information only)

A. 1 of 1000 Committee

Mr. Larson, at the request of Chairman Bob Copner, asked the board members show their support of the 1 of 1000 program by joining.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Election of Officers

Parliamentarian Mike Luma conducted the election of officers.

Mr. Kemple made a motion to accept the slate of existing officers by a vote of acclamation, seconded Mr. DeLong. Motion passed.

Mr. Murphy requested that reference of muzzleloaders as firearms needs to be avoided.

Mr. Dore requested any help he could get for the Western National Shoot would be appreciated. He also let the Board know about the Western National Giveaway Rifle.

Mr. Larson presented a few corrections to the Sept. Shoot Program. Needed corrections have been noted and being addressed.

Mr. Blackwell presented that an estimate for the cost of new range cover would be conducted by Morten Buildings after the shoot.

Mr. Shourds asked for the conduction of an ethics investigation to the charges and claims made by member Robin Warner against President Hill, Vice President Steele, Secretary Fleetwood and Director Kemple.

Parliamentarian Luma stated that he advised President Hill to not respond to the letter until he could respond to each claim made by Robin Warner. Mr. Shourds consented to President Hill's explanations. Upon President Hill's conclusion, Parliamentarian Luma requested that Mr. Shourds reevaluate his request to which Mr. Shourds agreed to see if the matter could be resolved.

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to place the Board into Executive Session to discuss employee matters, seconded by Mr. Eder. Motion passed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:02 pm

IX. New Business

None.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Eder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hoeweler. Motion passed unanimously.

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Colton Fleetwood, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Joe Hill, President