

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA)

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2018

I. Call to order

President Joe Hill called the Annual Budget Meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association to order at 10:04 am on March 24, 2018 in the Education Building.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

President Hill led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Fleetwood gave the invocation.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Vice President Steele made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion 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, Alan Hoeweler, Karen Latta, Marty Murphy, Mike Weismann, Ted Blackwell, Alliey Nunn, Roger Spurgeon

Absent: Adina Cloud (unexcused), John “Digger” Kemple (unexcused), David DeLong (excused), Dana Dore (excused), Andy Larson, Alan Shourds (resigned).

Quorum Present.

Staff: None.

Guests: Robert Wetzler.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Fleetwood distributed the minutes from the last meeting.

Mr. Howeler requested “Jerry” be stricken before his name under Roll Call.

Ms. Latta asked that her name be added to the Roll Call as present.

Mr. Murphy requested a spelling change of “J. Cindric” under Guests.

Ms. Waterman requested the time at which the Board went into Ex. Session during the previous meeting. Secretary Fleetwood noted the time as 6:46 pm.

Vice President Steele made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Foy. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Report of Officers/Committee Reports

a) **President**

President Hill noted that, weather permitting, the Playground equipment will be installed by the Spring Shoot. Weather has delayed the final stage of the electrical upgrade, which is the top priority.

President Hill and Vice President Steele are working with the Indiana DNR to determine the regulations for construction on the range. (Commercial Row, Bathrooms, Clubhouse)

President Hill reported that driving membership continues to be his priority as it is essential for financial growth to afford the construction ambitions of the Association.

President Hill informed the Board that Muzzle Blast Editor, Lee Larkin had been relieved of his duties. The new Editor of Muzzle Blasts is David Ehrig.

President Hill noted that the need for a new mower as grass cutting season is soon approaching. The NMLRA currently has 2 Scag mowers in operation. President Hill is looking at a Cub Cadet Commercial mower for an additional mower.

President Hill reported that the Signature NMLRA Knife produced by Buck Knives can be ordered at \$19,000 for 500 knives. Knives will be available at the June Shoot.

President Hill stated that he is looking into taking less people to Shot Show and making the yearly trip more efficient and cost effective.

Mr. Murphy made the motion to enter Executive Session at 10:44 am, seconded by Mr. Foy. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:20 am.

President Hill informed the Board that Hertz has cancelled our discount program due to the fact we are a shooting organization.

President Hill asked if the Board would be in favor of moving the Running Boar Range. The Board reported favorable at this idea.

President Hill discussed that he has been contacted about the construction of a cellular tower on the NMLRA property. J.C. Tucker is reviewing the contract at this time.

b) **Vice President**

Vice President Brent Steele reported that the correct target paper has been found and the correct target should be available for the Spring Shoot.

c) **Secretary**

Secretary Fleetwood presented the Board with the results from the Board of Director Election.

Elected

Joe Hill –	2586
Colton Fleetwood –	2558
Mike Yazel –	2510
Richard Crabtree –	2360
Clifford Blackwell –	2347
Rick Weber –	2237
David DeLong –	2201

Not Elected

Cal Merritt –	1798
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Secretary Fleetwood reported that Alan Shourds had tenured his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer Yazel made a motion to fill the vacancy of the Board of Directors, seconded by Secretary Fleetwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations

Merle Crane, accepted.	– 14 votes
Cal Merritt, accepted.	– 1 votes

Merle Crane elected to fill the vacancy of Alan Shourds.

d) **Treasurer**

Treasurer Mike Yazel began discussion on the 2018 NMLRA Budget.

Treasurer Yazel discussed the proposed Budget for 2018 has a deficit of \$13,835.

Treasurer Yazel stressed that an NMLRA Digital Membership is an avenue to significantly increase revenues to counter the proposed budget deficit.

Mr. Cunningham made a motion to approve the 2018 NMLRA Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Weismann. Motion passed 13-1 with Ms. Waterman abstaining.

Treasurer Yazel reported that Kalamazoo Living History was again successful and that the NMLRA needs to be more engaged in trying to reach out to vendors to attend NMLRA events.

VII. Unfinished Business

Mr. Eder asked for clarification on the NMLRA's camper cleaning policy as discussed in previous meetings.

Ms. Latta asked if the NMLRA is continuing to pursue ADA across the range. President Hill reported that it is a constant effort that the NMLRA is dedicated to correcting.

Mr. Cunningham made a motion to dismiss Mr. Robin Warner's (2) requests for an Ethics Investigation that were discussed at the September 11, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors, seconded by Mr. Weismann. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Fleetwood informed the Board that he, as a personal matter, is requesting that Mr. Warner issue a public apology in the same manner in which Mr. Warner issued his letters of request for an ethics investigation.

Robert Wetzler requested that his former employment with the NMLRA be reinstated. President Hill noted that he will make that decision at a later date.

President Hill noted that he has disbanded the Pittman-Robertson Committee indefinitely.

VIII. New Business

President Hill informed the Board that the new campsites and renovations near the Skeet Range were near completion.

The Board was shown new NMLRA Merchandise that is now available for sale.

Ms. Waterman requested that Board view emails of correspondence between her and Secretary Fleetwood.

IX. Adjournment

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

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:29 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Colton Fleetwood, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Joe Hill, President