

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA)

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2019

I. Call to order

President Joe Hill called the Annual Budget Meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association to order at 12:04 pm on July 27, 2019 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

Agenda was unanimously 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 Brent Steele, Secretary Colton Fleetwood, Treasurer Mike Yazel, Jeff Cunningham, Michael Eder, Bill Foy, Karen Latta, Marty Murphy, Mike Weissmann, Art Fleener, Rick Weber, Rich Crabtree, Mark Donaldson, Andy Larson, Merle Crane, Neil Eddington,

Absent: Alan Hoeweler (excused), Alliey Nunn (unexcused), Roger Spurgeon (excused), David DeLong (excused).

Quorum Present.

Staff: Rod Scobee (Operations Manager), Lora Parks (Membership).

Guests: Jerry VonDieligen, Cal Merritt, Rick Repovsch.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Fleetwood distributed the minutes from the last meeting.

No corrections were presented to the minutes.

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

VI. Report of Officers/Committee Reports

a) President

President Hill yielded to Mr. Fleener for an update on the Pittman-Robertson Committee. Mr. Fleener informed the Board that the funding match will be increased to 90% program grant to the grantee's 10%.

President Hill yielded to Mr. Scobee. Mr. Scobee informed the Board that he is looking into more cost-effective means for awards during the National Shoots. He informed the Board that the Association is averaging approx. \$19,000 per year in award expenses for both National Shoots.

President Hill stated that the Bill Goldsmith Estate is still in lieu. President Hill hoped to see it finalized in the next month.

b) Vice President

Vice President Steele had nothing to report.

c) Secretary

Secretary Fleetwood presented the Powder Sales schedule to the Board.

Secretary Fleetwood reviewed Board Policies to reconcile the authority given to former NMLRA Managing Directors and the current NMLRA Operations Manager as he mentioned to the Board at the June Meeting.

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to vest all authority and powers given the former NMLRA Managing Directors in the current NMLRA Operations Manager without giving Signatory Authority, effective immediately, seconded by Vice President Steele. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to rescind the purchasing authority of \$25,000 in the Operations Manager, seconded by Treasurer Yazel. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Yazel made a motion to authorize the NMLRA Operations Manager to spend up to \$5,000 per transaction. Any purchases over \$5,000 must require a majority vote of the Executive Committee for any purchases not previously Board approved, seconded by Secretary Fleetwood. Motion passed unanimously.

d) **Treasurer**

Treasurer Mike Yazel reported the June Shoot income was \$154,000. Expenses were \$159,000; however, powder and clay birds are purchased for both shoots in the Spring. Therefore, we have significant inventory for the Fall Shoot. Treasurer Yazel reported the he would work with staff to adjust reporting for the Fall Shoot report.

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed unanimously @ 1:19 PM.

The Board returned to regular session at 1:56 PM

VII. Unfinished Business

Mr. Weber made a motion to donate 1 pound of powder to every youth shooter at the June National Shoot, with the powder being supplied from that donated to the Association, seconded by Mr. Fleener. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Weber made a motion to change the Longhunter Program to online only with administrative changes, seconded by Mike Eder. Motion passed.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Weber made a motion to accept Treasurer Yazel's cabin program proposal and purchase four (4) cabins, not to exceed \$30,000 in total expenses.

Mr. Weber made a motion to open the Walter Cline Range to modern firearms for alternate range use and policy to be determined by the Alternate Range Use Committee, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 15-1.

**President Hill named Mr. Eddington chairman of the committee.*

Mr. Cunningham made a to institute the "Red Farris Pass" effective September 1, 2019, that covers permanent camping, registration & unlimited shooting for one shooter, and an annual digital membership (Does not apply to reentry matches), seconded by Mr. Weber. Motion passed.

Mr. Eddington made the motion to amend the motion previously adopted to read, "to establish the Red Farris Pass for details to be determined by the Red Farris Pass Committee", seconded by Secretary Fleetwood. Motion passed.

**President Hill named Mr. Weber chairman of the committee.*

President Hill called the meeting to recess at 6:20 PM until the fall of the gavel.

President Hill called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM on July 28, 2019.

Vice President Steele made a motion to give authority to the Executive Committee and Operations Manager to do activities necessary to apply for Pittman-Robertson monies and implement the same, seconded by Treasurer Yazel. Motion passed unanimously.

Ethan Yazel presented a comprehensive marketing and web maintenance proposal to the Board.

Mr. Cunningham made a motion to hire Ethan Yazel for Marketing Services for \$2,000 per month for a six (6) month trial term as proposed to the Board of Directors, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion passed unanimously with Treasurer Mike Yazel abstaining due to conflict of interest.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Fleener made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Foy. Motion passed.

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:33 AM on July 28, 2019.

Minutes submitted by:

Colton Fleetwood, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Joe Hill, President