

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA)

Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2019

I. Call to order

President Joe Hill called the Annual Budget Meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association to order at 10:05 am on June 7, 2019 in the Education Building.

*** Due to a technical glitch, proper notice failed to be provided to the Board for this meeting. Per the NMLRA Bylaws, and Board policy, the Board filled out a waiver of notice form. ***

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, Alan Hoeweler, Karen Latta, Marty Murphy, Mike Weissmann, David DeLong, Rick Weber, Rich Crabtree, Merle Crane, Roger Spurgeon Neil Eddington, Mark Donaldson, Art Fleener.

Absent: Alliey Nunn (excused), Andy Larson (excused).

Quorum Present.

Staff: Rod Scobee (Operations Manager)

Guests: Bob Schlegel, Cal Merritt, Curt Krominaker (Pershing & Co.).

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Fleetwood distributed the minutes from the last meeting.

Mr. Fleenor informed Secretary Fleetwood that his last name was misspelled, “Fleenor”. Necessary corrections were noted.

Also, Secretary Fleetwood noted a spelling correction of the word “hosting”, misspelled “hosing” under the President’s report.

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**

Firstly, President Hill introduced the Board to the new NMLRA Operations Manager, Rob Scobee.

President Hill updated the Board on the progress of Bill Goldsmith’s estate. The NMLRA is currently waiting on a check to be released.

President Hill discussed current relations with the NRA and their desire to pass shooting sport events to other. President Hill indicated the NMLRA would be interested in taking over Black Powder Target Rifle and that he would be working on a proposal to present to the NRA.

President Hill informed the Board of the hiring of the new Muzzle Blast Coordinator, Amber May.

President Hill informed the Board that the NMLRA would be discontinuing services with Livewire Partners at the end of June.

President Hill urged the Board to take a look at the updates that were completed in the 204 Restroom in the 6 Acres Campground.

President Hill noted that Mr. Cunningham had successfully oversaw the completion of the water line upgrade for the Education Building.

President Hill informed the Board the Mr. Crane’s son-in-law has graciously offered to assist with the drainage project on the 6 Acres Campground free of charge.

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to suspend the agenda to allow Curt Krominaker of Pershing and Co. to present the annual financial review to the Board, seconded by Mr. Eder. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foy made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

President Hill mentioned that the NMLRA had received an offer for a buyout offer for the cellular tower contract. Upon examination, the offer was declined.

President Hill yielded to Rod Scobee. Mr. Scobee informed the Board that he was examining all NMLRA practices to see where we can become more efficient, and save money. He mentioned mailings as an example. He is also working with the Indiana State Police to create an Emergency Response Plan.

b) **Vice President**

Vice President Steele presented his fundraising proposal for the Restroom and Commercial Row upgrade.

Vice President Steele made a motion to form a monthly fundraising program to be used for restrooms and Commercial Row. The program is to be \$10 per month for 1 year with an automatic withdrawal, seconded by Secretary Fleetwood. Motion passed unanimously.

c) **Secretary**

Secretary Fleetwood presented the Powder Sales schedule to the Board.

Secretary Fleetwood asked the Board for suggestions for Field Representative of the Year for 2019.

Secretary Fleetwood informed the Board of NMLRA Bylaw requirements for providing notices as by mail. Robert's Rules allows for the use of electronic mail.

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to allow all notices sent to the NMLRA Board of Directors be allowed per the guidelines set forth by Robert's Rules. (Pg. 89, lines 16-23), seconded by Mr. Eddington. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Fleetwood added that he would be reviewing Board policies concerning authority vested in the Managing Director and look at moving said authority to the new Operations Manager given it is a new position within the NMLRA.

d) **Treasurer**

Treasurer Mike Yazel noted that the transition period has begun on the accounting practices of the NMLRA with the help of new NMLRA accountant Kim Scobee.

Treasurer Yazel noted that due to a downturn in the financial markets at the end of 2018, the NMLRA end up with an estimated loss of \$250,000 for year end.

Treasurer Yazel yet again stressed, as he has for much of his tenure as treasurer, that the NMLRA must increase utilization across of its facilities in order to maintain them.

Treasurer Yazel expressed that the NMLRA was currently valued at \$1.1 million with around \$145,000 in outstanding expenses which leaves around \$960,000 left in capital.

VII. Unfinished Business

Mr. Weber presented an update on the Tennessee Muzzleloading History Banquet.

Mr. Weber made a motion to purchase a Jim Kibler Southern Mt. Rifle Kit to raffle at this year's banquet using funds from the previous year, seconded Mr. Crane. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cunningham informed the Board that we did not meet the requirements for the Indiana and Ohio license plates program for 2019 but would continue the efforts in 2020.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Eder presented his proposal for a single fee shoot registration. Discussion was held and a follow up was planned for the next meeting.

Mr. Weber presented an idea for the "Red Farris Pass" that would be encompass registration fees for all NMLRA sanctioned in events on the Walter Cline Range, excluding the BPCR event. It would included all camping, registration and match fees. Price would be \$125/month (\$1500/yr).

Mr. Weber made a motion to establish the Red Farris Pass beginning in September 2019, seconded by Mr. Crane.

Secretary Fleetwood made a motion to table given the lack of time to fully examine the possibility of a yearly event pass, seconded by Mr. Eddington. Motion to table passed 9-7.

Mr. Weber presented the idea of hosting a Black Powder Cartridge National in conjunction with the Fall National Shoot.

Mr. Weber made a motion to host a Black Powder Cartridge National event to include skeet, trap, pistol, rifle, silhouettes and lever action. This 2-day event will occur TBD during NMLRA Fall National Shoot, seconded by Mr. Crane. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Steele made a motion to establish a pre-shoot registration discount of \$5 for the National Shoots, seconded by Mr. Foy. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eddington made a motion to take \$140,000 of board restricted funds and transfer these funds to the general fund account, seconded by Mr. Fleetwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Weber made a motion allow smokeless trap and skeet matches the Friday before the in NMLRA national matches, seconded by Art Fleener. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Weber made a motion to allow campers and cabins to be subleased. Owners shall assume all risks. The NMLRA shall determine the sublease rental cost. The NMLRA shall create a sublease contract for owners and renters to use, seconded by Mr. Fleener. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Weber made a motion to allow instructors at the NMLRA Gunsmithing Seminar to determine their own cost per class along with a minimum and maximum of students per class. The NMLRA will then determine the price of the class based on the instructor fees and minimum number of students need to facilitate the class in order to be profitable, seconded by Mr. Crane. Motion passed unanimously.

President Hill tasked Mr. Fleener to form a Pittman-Robertson Committee to meet with Mr. Mark Reider of the Indiana DNR.

IX. Adjournment

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

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:48 pm

Minutes submitted by:

Colton Fleetwood, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Joe Hill, President