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# **Meeting Minutes**

January 11, 2020

### I. Call to order

President Brent Steel called the Board of Directors meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) to order at 10:02 am EST on January 11, 2020, Friendship, IN.

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and Special Messages

President Brent Steele led the meeting in Pledge of Allegiance. Marty Murphy gave the invocation.

#### III. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was modified and unanimously adopted by the Board.

#### IV. Roll Call

Secretary Arthur Fleener conducted roll call. The following Persons were present: Board Members: President Brent Steele, Vice President Jeff Cunningham, Treasurer Mike Yazel, Secretary Arthur Fleener, Bill Foy Jr., Marty Murphy, Karen Latta, Mike Weisman, Michael Eder, Richard Crabtree Jr., Rick Weber, Neil Eddington, Cal Merritt, Jerry Von Dielingen, Andy Larson, Mark Donaldson, Colton Fleetwood, Joe Hill

Excused Board Members: Richard Repovsch and David Delong



Absent Board members: Alan Hoeweler

Quorum Present (requires 14 board members)

Staff: Rod Scobee, Operations Manager, Lora Parks, Membership Manager and Ethan Yazel, Director of Marketing

### V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Fleener distributed the minutes from the last meeting September 19, 2019. Minutes were approved unanimously with the corrections showing that the motions passed unanimously and also showing the members that submitted Board of Director petitions for election. The minutes as corrected were approved unanimously.

#### VI. CPA report

Turpen & Deckard LLC is a new CPA firm hired by President Steele. Craig Turpen, Turpen & Deckard LLC reported that he has been working with NMLRA staff and Treasurer to update and consolidate our financial reports and systems. Mr. Turpen reported that he has been looking at our past financial data and has not found any impropriety or misspending of NMLRA funds.

### **VII. Report of Officers**

#### a) President

President Steele discussed the following:

- 1. Need for professionalism with employees
- 2. A complete insurance review is ongoing for both employee health and general insurance.
- 3. Th NMLRA will not enter into any contracts over \$500.00 without prior approval.
- 4. The use of two Kubota quads will be donated for the June Nationals



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5. Trauma kits have been assembled and will be located at each range for upcoming National shoots.

Motions made during the Presidents reports are as follows:

**Motion**: I move to purchase mower for \$3,000.00 from Kubota dealer per arrangements made by President Steele. Moved by Colton Fleetwood. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

**Motion:** I move to approve process to obtain NMLRA trademarks. Moved by Colton Fleetwood, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

# b) Vice President

Vice President Cunningham discussed the following:

1. Cunningham and Steele have been reworking the committee structures.

# c) Secretary

No report

# d) Treasure

Treasure Yazel reported on the following:

1. Discussion on the life fund accounting process.

Motions made during the Treasures report are as follows:

**Motion:** I move on restricted assets we change the way they appear on the investment statement. With regard to bank reconciliations we write off anything over one year old. On lifetime memberships we assume for accounting purposes they have a 20-year life span for amortization purposes. Moved by Jeff Cunningham. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

**Motion:** I move that the Deex and Loetz improvement funds at Raymond James be combined into a NMLRA range investment account at Raymond James. These funds would replace the various funds spent down in 2019. An account will be established at Friendship Bank for yearly income to be deposited in for use of to be determined by the range committee and Board



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of Directors. Individual account tracking will remain for individual accounts. Moved by Mike Yazel. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

### e) Operation Manager

Operation Manage Scobee reported on and discussed the black powder sales. New ATF background check forms were distributed to the BOD for completion.

The BOD celebrated and recognized Joyce Vogel's 39 years of outstanding service to the NMLRA with cake.

### VIII. Report of Committees

**Alternate Range:** Chair Neil Eddington stated that they have no recommendations at this time.

**Membership**: Chair Colton Fleetwood distributed a report on retention and recruitment.

**Pittman-Robertson:** Chair Arthur Fleener reported on the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting with the INDNR.

**Motion:** I move that we use up to \$100,00.00 as part of our match for the Pittman Robertson Grant with the INDNR. This money is specifically for making improvements to our permanent assets like shooting ranges, buildings, and grounds. Moved by Arthur Fleener. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

### **IX. Unfinished Business**

Rick Weber reported on the upcoming Hawken match.

Discussion on pistol shooter classification at the AZWIN shoot.



#### X. New Business

**Motion:** I move that as part of our merchants' campaign, we give one time 3-month free digital membership to those that respond back to the NMLRA. Moved by Arthur Fleener. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

**Motion**: I move to allow pistol matches at the 2020 AZ WINS to be allowed to be classified for NMLRA match programs. Moved by Colton Fleetwood. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

**Motion**: I move to approve Rick Weber to continue to host/admin on the Creedmoor 150 Facebook page using the NMLRA logo/name. Moved by Rick Weber. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

Mike Yazel discussed replacement of the roof on the maintance building and will get prices and report back in June of 2020

At 2:35 PM Board moved into executive session At 2:45 PM Board moved out of executive session

**Motion**: I move that going forward anyone raising money in the name of the NMLRA will issue a receipt for any money received with a copy returned to the office with funds raised for any raffle or give away a numbered ticket shall suffice as a receipt. Moved by Mike Yazel. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

Andy Larson reported on the status and repair of trap machines.

Amber May and Rick Weber reported on the Hawken Book

Jeff Cunningham discussed using NMLRA field reps and new board members to help sell powder at National shoots. Cunningham requested that Field Rep.



Coordinator Colton Fleetwood send an email out to the field reps requesting volunteers for powder sales.

Joe Hill discussed upcoming BPCR regional match.

Jeff Cunningham discussed the reimbursement policy.

**Motion**: I move to adopt the expense reimbursement policy as submitted. Moved by Jeff Cunningham. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

Marty Murphy discussed range rules

**Motion**: I move to approve a charter club grant for Fish Creek Longrifles (\$500). Moved by Colton Fleetwood. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY

Richard Crabtree Jr. discussed that he will be done running the gunsmith shop during National shoots in 18 months. Richard stated that the NMLRA needs to find someone to replace him.

**Motion**: I move to accept the contract proposal as presented by Ethan Yazel for marketing services. Moved by Jeff Cunningham. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY Mike Yazel abstained.

#### XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 pm EST passed unanimously

Respectively submitted, Arthur L. Fleener, Secretary



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"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Second Amendment to the Constitution