



# National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association

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## Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2021

### I. Call to order

President Jeff Cunningham called the Board of Directors meeting of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) to order at 9:04 am EDT on September 14, 2021 Friendship, IN.

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

Marty Murphy led the meeting in Pledge of Allegiance.  
Jerry Von Dieligen gave the invocation.

### III. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board.

### IV. Roll Call

Secretary conducted roll call. The following persons were in attendance of the meeting: Board Members: President Jeff Cunningham, Vice President Jerry Von Dieligen, Secretary Arthur Fleener, Treasurer Mike Yazel, Robin Bonaventura, Bill Foy Jr., Marty Murphy, Karen Latta, Rick Weber, Neil Eddington, Cal Merritt, Andy Larson, Mark Donaldson, Brent Steele, Joe Hill, Alan Hoeweler, Rick Repovsch, Dave Delong, Michele Meanley, Rich Craptree, Mike Eder

Quorum Present



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Legal Council: Neil Fairweather

Parliamentarian: Joe Cindric

## V. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary Fleener distributed the minutes from the last meeting June 11, 2021. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## VI. Range Improvement Committee

Ravi Rafferty with Heritage Engineering discussed the bids received for the various projects for the Pittman Robertson grant program.

Motion: I Alan Hoeweler move to reward of contract to Poole Group for their bids on the Walter Cline Range Improvements, not to exceed the Sept 2, 2021 bid package. Package 1, 2, 4, 5 and including rifle range improvements with portable buildings and remodeling rifle buildings. Second by Jerry Von Dieligen Motion passed with 14 yes, 4 no, and 2 abstained.

## VII. CPA report

Craig Turpen, Turpen & Deckard LLC reported on current financials for the NMLRA.

Motion: I Mike Eder move to accept Turpen CPA report 2020/2019 financials. Second by Bill Foy Jr. Motion passes unanimously.

## VIII. Report of Officers

### a) President

President Cunningham discussed the following:

1. NRA show cancelled
2. Membership meeting moving the bylaws prior to the awards and recognition was an embarrassment
3. Gun Makers Fair
4. Hawken Classic update
5. Contract with NMLRA food vendor e



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President Cunningham asked that the meeting move into Executive Session. Motion to moved into executive session moved by Joe Hill, Seconded by Bill Foy Jr. Executive session started at 11:40 am EDT, ended 1:20 pm EDT.

MOTION: I Marty Murphy move to create a committee to work with legal consul to hire and setup a forensic audit of the NMLRA for up to the past 5 years. Second by Bill Foy Jr. Motion passed unanimously Committee members appointed are Andy Larson, Michele Meanley, and Robin Bonaventura

Break for lunch 1:24 pm EDT to 2:15 pm EDT

**b) Vice President**

Vice President Von Dieligen discussed the following:

1. Great article in Muzzle Blast regarding NMLRA first long rifle show.

**c) Secretary**

No report

**d) Treasure**

Treasure Yazel discussed Treasure's report.

MOTION: I Mike Yazel move that we offer a refund of one "free" shoot camping for those that did not get one for sites reserved for September 2020 shoot. To be use in the 2022 shooting season. Second by Dave DeLong Motion passes unanimously

## Report of Committees

**Ethics:** Bonaventura provided an update that were 14 referrals to the ethics committee for investigation, 10 of these investigations are completed.



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Executive session 3:55 pm EDT to 4:22 pm EDT

**Pittman-Robertson:** Chair Art Fleener reported recent activities.

**Alternate Range:** Chair Crabtree report on looking at sites on the NMLRA grounds to host other non ML events.

**Safety and Risk Management:** Chair Bonaventura report on the recent Stop the Bleeding Training

## IX. Election of Officers

President: Mike Yazel, accepted (12 votes)  
Rick Repovsch, accepted (9 votes)

Vice President: Rich Crabtree, accepted (12 votes)  
Michele Meanley, accepted (9 votes)

Secretary: Karen Latta, accepted (18 votes)  
Art Fleener, declined

Treasurer: Neil Eddington, accepted (9 votes)  
Alan Hoeweler, accepted (12 votes)

## X. Unfinished Business - None

## XI. New Business

- a) Motion made by Dave DeLong to create a second Vice President position. Seconded by Neil Eddington.
  1. Motion made by Jeff Cunningham to postpone this motion indefinitely. Seconded by Art Fleener.





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a) Drafting minutes

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a) Jerry Von Dieligen and Michele Meanley were the nominees for co-vice president.

1. Michelle Meanley, accepted

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2. It was determined that Jeff Cunningham's motion was not debatable.
  3. A vote was then taken by the Board to decide on the a second Vice President position being created.
  4. The vote was a tie, 10 yes, 10 no.
  5. President, Mike Yazel, broke the tie with a yes vote.
- b) Jerry Von Dieligen and Michele Meanley were nominated for second Vice President.
1. Michelle Meanley, accepted(12 votes)
  2. Jerry Von Dieligen- accepted(9 votes)
- c) Executive Committee – Updated
1. President – Mike Yazel
  2. Vice President – Rich Crabtree
  3. Vice President – Michele Meanley
  4. Secretary – Karen Latta
  5. Treasurer – Alan Hoeweler
- d) Maintenance Building
1. Diana applied for and received a \$16,000 grant from Ripley County to use towards the construction of a new maintenance building.
  2. The Board discussed looking into quotes for a 45'x48'x16' and 25'x50'x12' building.
  3. Quotes, additional grants and construction will be pursued in 2022.
- e) Motion by Mike Eder for minutes to be out to directors within 14 days and approved for posting within 28 days.
1. Motion carried unanimously.

## XII. Adjournment

- a) Jeff Cunningham motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Art Fleener.

Respectively submitted, Karen Latta, Secretary

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