



Australian Match Rifle Association Inc.

(Incorporation No. A40530)

PO Box 535 Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

info@matchrifle.org

NOTES OF DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH AMRA MEMBERS – 5th NOVEMBER 2016

Following the closure of the AMRA Special General Meeting on 5th November 2016, the AMRA Executive invited Members to provide their views and input to the Discussion Paper put together by the Executive in March 2016 and circulated to all members.

Paul Monaghan, Chair, opened the discussions by stressing the need to continue to develop the long range shooting disciplines and encourage new participants into the sport. He noted that a number of the strategies outlined in the Discussion Paper have been progressed. In particular he noted that:

- There had been a 30% increase in AMRA membership from March 2016
- The website was seeing a 30% increase in usage and the match rifle email account was seeing an increase in enquiries
- AMRA was now producing a newsletter which has a wide circulation not only amongst AMRA members but to all clubs through their State Associations.

Feedback was sought and provided by members on the following items.

Reserve Grade for Match Rifle

The discussion paper canvassed three options with respect to Reserve Grade –

1. Its continuation as is,
2. Modification by setting a defined Grade Point for Reserve Grade and separation of Reserve Grade from the Open competition
3. Cessation of Reserve Grade.

A number of members spoke to the need to continue with a form of Reserve Grade, particularly given AMRA's desire to encourage new shooters into the discipline as Reserve Grade provided them a pathway to start in the discipline and still have some potential for winning prizes. It was noted that Reserve Grade also provided for those who were no longer competitive at the Open level to also stay in the sport.

Action

The Executive were asked to put together a Resolution for Reserve Grade along the lines of that outlined in Option 2 of the Discussion Paper for consideration at the 2017 General Meeting.

Australian Championship Medals and Prizes.

The Chair noted that the Discussion Paper had provided a summary of the number of prizes and NRAA and AMRA medallions & badges distributed at the National Championships as well as an alternate proposal to reduce the number of AMRA medallions issued.

Go Further!

Match Rifle – FTR – Long Range F Class

www.matchrifle.org



Australian Match Rifle Association Inc.

(Incorporation No. A40530)

PO Box 535 Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

info@matchrifle.org

Currently there are 84 AMRA medallions (in addition to NRAA Medallions, Badges and Prizes) issued each Championship across individual and teams events. The proposal outlined in the discussion paper was to reduce the number of AMRA medallions (only) to ~15 with commensurate savings of ~\$1000 being applied to keeping entry fees manageable.

There were varying views expressed by Members with a number feeling having a good number of medallions on offer was an encouragement for new and lower level shooters to participate. Others felt medallions were not necessary and could be ceased altogether. The need to keep costs down to ensure entry fees were affordable to everyone was also noted.

It was noted that the number of awards should be commensurate with the entry numbers and in events such as the Freebairn Teams where there were a large number of teams competing, there was a case for retention of some medallions for this event

Action

The Executive were asked to work on a compromise position for medallions, prizes and badges, having consideration to participant numbers in each discipline and event, to give some reduction in costs (but not to the extent proposed in the Discussion Paper).

Great Britain – Rule Change for Rests in Match Rifle

The recent Rule Change for rests in Great Britain was discussed. It was noted that this rule change had occurred without consultation with Australia. The Chair noted the need for Australia to give consideration as to whether it wishes to implement a similar rule change. It was noted that the 2019 Woomera Team which is to compete in UK will be competing under their new rule.

Action

The Executive were asked to prepare a Resolution for consideration at the 2017 General Meeting for a Rule Change in relation to Match Rifle Rests similar to that now in effect in UK.

1500 Yard Targets

It was noted that there are now 2 ranges in Australia that have shooting at 1500 yards – Campbell Town in Tasmania and Coonabarabran in NSW. Currently there is no Rule regarding the target dimensions for shooting at 1500 yards. Tasmania are using the standard Match Rifle target (as for 1000-1200 yards) whilst NSW has introduced a larger scale target. The need for a standardised target size for 1500 was discussed.

Greg Warrian outlined the reasoning behind NSW's development of the larger targets. Others expressed the view that reasonable scores were being achieved on the standard MR target.

Go Further!

Match Rifle – FTR – Long Range F Class

www.matchrifle.org



Australian Match Rifle Association Inc.

(Incorporation No. A40530)

PO Box 535 Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

info@matchrifle.org

Action

The Executive were asked to prepare a Resolution for consideration at the 2017 General Meeting regarding a standard target size for 1500 yard shooting in Australia.

2019 Woomera Match Rifle Team

The Chair noted that nominations were currently being called by the NRAA for the Captain of the 2019 team to compete in the UK. It is expected that the call for nominations for shooters and coaches will follow once the Captain has been selected

All Match Rifle shooters were encouraged to put in a nomination. It was noted that fundraising has already commenced for the new team and a number of possible Sponsors approached. Winchester Australia has donated 400 rounds of ammunition which it is planned to raffle in 2017 as a fundraiser for the team

In closing the Chair thanked everyone for their input.

Go Further!

Match Rifle – FTR – Long Range F Class

www.matchrifle.org