

Australian Match Rifle Association

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Annual General Meeting MINUTES

Date: 31st August 2024, 3:30pm

Venue: Lower Light Rifle Range Club House

1. _____ PRESENT

In Attendance

P. Monaghan (Chair), S. Courtney, J. Freebairn, C. Halloran, V. Hunt, P. Maher, M. Walters, M. Kelly, A. Dyson, P. Murphy, D. Rich, T. McGuigan, M. Liston, N. Cock, J. Clifford, A. Bell, W. Skinner, M. Halloran, G. Warrian, C. Austen, R. Whalen, A. Blain, R. Bailey, B. Wingrove, J. Dixon, B. Wray, L. Rozsnyai, T. Gosling, P. McCarthy,

Apologies

P. Bain, S. Wingrove, C. Maher, L. Horwood, T. McGuigan, W. Freebairn, J. Cay, A. Beetham

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES & RECORDS

Resolution

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held 15th October 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: C. Austen

Seconded: D. Rich

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

C. Halloran spoke to the meeting about the correspondence re: NRAA removing Green Blazer for future Woomera Matches.

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4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Paul Monaghan, provided a report on AMRA activities with the following key points highlighted.

- Formally acknowledged the passing of Susan Weisser.
- Tensions between the NRAA and AMRA in regards the downgrading of Woomera Match from an Australian Green Blazer team to a NRAA Participation Blue Blazer Team. AMRA has managed to keep the 2025 team a green jacket team but will need to work towards reverting the decision that all future teams are blue jacket.
- Thanked Chris Martens and the team from SA Matchrifle for their hard work in preparing and running a successful National Championships.
- The hosting of the website needed to be updated and will require a complete rebuild of the site. There are several options but It needs to be revamped whatever the route we take. Ideally, we would have an AMRA member take responsibility for this task as they will understand the content.
- AMRA is looking for someone to take responsibility for the newsletter. These are a vital part of our communication with the long-range shooting community.
- New shooters and the simple fact is that MR and long-range F class are not the first thing that new shooters think about, and we need to make a positive effort to bring shooters back to the longer ranges to show them that it is not that difficult and the further back you get, the more fun it is.

Resolution

That the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Proposed: P.Monaghan

Seconded: J.Freebairn

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 FINANCIAL

5.1 Treasurer's Report

Viv Hunt presented the report.

AMRA Accounts are presented at each AGM – due to the shooting calendar the period covered by this report extends from October 2022 through to August 2024

The Association accounts remain in a healthy stable state with a net worth of approximately \$13000.

Major income has come from

membership fees collected during the past 22 months totalling \$1180.

A donation of \$1000 from Stawell Rifle Club from the 2022 Nationals.

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Sponsorship of the ACT Trophy of \$250 from Susan Weisser

Surplus from the Woomera Team Fund of \$2138

Major outgoings were \$1632.75 for trophies and prizes

That the Treasurer's Report be approved and accepted.

5.2 Approval of Financial Reports & Accounts

The financial reports for the period ending 18th August 2024 were presented showing a Net Worth of \$13,135.67 consisting of cash at bank in the AMRA General Account of \$10,487.82 and in the AMRT Team Fund of \$2,437.85 plus stock on hand of \$210.

Resolution

That the Financial Statements to 31 July 2024 be approved and accepted.

Proposed: V. Hunt
Seconded: L. Rozsnyai
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Approval of Accounts for Payment

Resolution

That the following account be approved for payment

- *Philip Bain – Reimbursement of \$436.50 for Just Host account being 50% of cost of website hosting for 3 years from 19 September 2022 (50% of the website sponsored by P. Bain & S. Weisser).*

Proposed: C. Halloran
Seconded: S. Courtney
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 Determination of AMRA Membership Fees

Resolution

That the Annual Membership Fees for AMRA increase to \$25 as of the 1 July 2025

Proposed: P. Monaghan
Seconded: S. Courtney
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 STATISTICAL REPORT

Nil

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7.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

It was noted that no nominations had been received any of the positions available. With all the current executive willing to carry on in their positions the following resolution was moved.

Resolution

That the current executive remain in their role.

Proposed: S. Courtney

Seconded: J. Freebairn

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

With the passing of Susan Weisser the position of statistician was vacant. Nick Cock expressed his willingness to take on the role. With no other nominees Nick was accepted into the role of Statistician.

7.5 Confirmation of Zone Delegates

The following were confirmed by the respective States and meeting as the relevant State Zone Delegates:

- New South Wales Vacant
- Queensland John Kielly (email to see if willing to accept)
- South Australia Bill Naismith
- Tasmania Mark Walters
- Victoria Lew Horwood
- Western Australia Vacant
- ACT Shaun Wingrove
- F Class Paul Murphy

The number of F Class delegates was discussed, and it was proposed that a motion be tabled at the next AGM that the constitution be changed to have two F Class delegates

7.6 Appointment of Account Signatories

It was noted that with the change in office bearers, there was a need to change the signatories to the AMRA Bank Account held with the Bendigo Bank.

7.7 Appointment of Accounts Certifier

Viv Hunt to look for a person to take on this role.

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7.8 Appointment of Statistician

Nick Cock volunteered to take on the role of statistician for the Association.

8.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil Received

9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Website Needs Updating to help promote the sport

Paul Monaghan proposed AMRA pay for somebody to do it or see if a member will do it.
Paul Murphy agreed to look at taking it on.

9.2 Target Dimension Change

The NRA UK has decided to change the dimensions of their long range target, becoming smaller in some dimensions. It was discussed whether AMRA should follow suit as we would be shooting on their target in Woomera Matches in the UK. Paul Monaghan suggested leaving the target the same.

Resolution

That the target dimensions remain the same

Moved: G.Warrian
Seconded: Mick Liston
SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Team Make Up and Numbers

Paul Murphy spoke on catering for more members to participate in teams matches, suggesting that team sizes remain the same but allow States to nominate a second team if numbers permit. This was discussed vigorously with the following points made.
Greg Warrian suggested increasing team numbers

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Aron Horder noted that an extra team would mean having to find a lot more people while adding numbers to a single team would be easier to do.

Les Rozsnyai, Marty Kelly and Viv Hunt spoke on the matter.

Chris Halloran suggested maybe a secondary competition much like the Rutland Cup in F Class World Championships so as not to dilute the importance of the State teams matches.

Resolution

That the F Open and FTR teams be increased in size by one shooter and shooting time be adjusted to suit.

Moved: C Halloran

Seconded: Aron Horder

SUPPORTED with two against

ACTION: AMRA to write to NRAA requesting a to the NRAA competition manual

9.4 Future National Championships & Woomera Matches

Paul Monaghan made it known that AMRA was proposing that the next National Championship be held at Raglan QLD in 2026 and the next Woomera Match be hosted by NSW in 2028

9.5

James Freebairn mentioned that he fired the opening shot of Match Rifle in Australia in 1990 and mentioned that Lower Light currently has two possibles of 100 @ 1200 yards in match rifle but as yet none in F Class and put out the challenge.

9.6

Greg Warriar moved that the organising committee for the Nationals be congratulated which was met with general applause from the floor.

10.00 CLOSURE

In closing, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone well in the future.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4:23 pm.

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I Certify that these Minutes of AMRA General Meeting held on 15th October 2024 at Lower Light Rifle Range are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Paul Monaghan (Chairman)

Christopher Halloran (Secretary)

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