



Minutes of
Annual General Meeting
October 19, 2014
~Sussex, New Brunswick~

Attendees: Steven Stewart, Don Coleman, Tom Knowlan, Rodney Turner, Darlene Turner, Katelynn Turner, Stephanie Turner, Michelle Cormier, Ed Chapman, Larry Schriver, April Brewer, Blake Tibbetts, Jody Waring, Harrison Brown, Raoul LeBlanc, Tony Wood, Murray Watt, Brenda Henry, Julie Dean, Emily Dean, Michael Lutes, Lorraine Chapman, Bert deVink, Adam MacDonald, Daniel Chisholm, Conrad Leroux, Don Brown, Ed Weatherdon, Paul Bastarache, Jean Claude Gautreau, Matt Wolf

1. **Call to order**@9:10 by Interim President, Michael Lutes.
2. **A moment of silence** was observed to honour deceased comrades. This was followed by introduction of those seated at the head table.
3. **Acceptance of the agenda.** Steven Stewart moved and Murray Watt seconded the motion which was carried.
4. **President's Opening Remarks.** Interim President, Mike Lutes, opened the meeting with some remarks outlining what has transpired in the Association since the AGM of 2013 and what the new Board has tried to do along with what has been accomplished thus far. A complete copy of these remarks will be attached to the minutes.
5. **Approval of the 2013 Annual General Meeting minutes** as read was moved by Dan Chisholm and seconded by Bert deVink. Motion carried.
6. **2013/2014 Activity Reports.**
 - 6.1 **RNBRA Board Report-** This report was read by President, Mike Lutes, and is included with these minutes. Ed Weatherdon moved and Steven Stewart seconded a motion to approve the Board report. Motion carried.
 - 6.2 **Membership Report-** Don Coleman reported that there were 102 regular members including two

cadets and six juniors. This is 10 more than in 2013. Thirty have shot Full Bore. Full Bore shooters must be members of RNBRA. There are 21 affiliated clubs representing 2,805 affiliated members. Don said that membership fees are revenue neutral and that RNBRA loses money on junior memberships. Membership year ends on December 31st. Murray Watt asked for something he could present to his club showing benefits of joining the RNBRA. Something will be provided for him as this is something the Board has been working on.

Tony Wood stated that club support is needed. It is all about finances and money. RNBRA needs to become more self-sufficient and depend less on government. We cannot do as we have in the past. Don Brown agreed. We will need a joint force. RNBRA is the governing body for the sport in New Brunswick. Organizations such as the Shooting Federation of Canada would rather work with a governing body. Mike Lutes stated his belief that each club member should take out a membership in RNBRA giving them a vote in deciding issues important to shooters. He said that 3500 members would make the Association stronger. Don Coleman moved acceptance of the membership report. This was seconded by Jean Claude Gautreau. Motion carried.

6.3 Treasurer's Report- Treasurer, Michelle Cormier, read a letter saying how she came back, as treasurer, to help in the transition after 4 board members quit or retired. Because of other commitments, Michelle will have to leave the position but will help the new treasurer get started. The closing cash balance is \$90, 471.27 including \$44, 237.80 in investments that need to be reinvested. Received from government this year was \$17, 300. Her letter will be attached to these minutes along with her report on investments and profit and loss statement. Michelle moved acceptance of her report. The motion was seconded by Bert deVink. Motion carried.

6.4 Finance Committee Report- Michelle Cormier presented this report. It recommended spending \$750 to have the RNBRA books audited. It further recommended a fee increase across the board of \$10. An individual membership would go from \$30 to \$40. An affiliated membership would go from \$20 to \$30 and a junior membership would go from \$10 to \$20. A late fee of \$10 was recommended also for memberships or affiliations renewed after mid-March as the membership year runs out on December 31st. It was decided to discuss and decide these recommendations under New Business. The full text of this report will be included with the minutes. Michelle moved acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded by Jody Waring. Motion carried.

6.5 Club Development Report- This report was submitted by Wayde Clifford and read by Mike Lutes. Wayde Clifford and Mike Lutes visited and spoke with both the Hampton and Sackville Gun Clubs. In July, Wayde and Tony Wood travelled to Base Gagetown to speak with cadets. Tony gave a presentation that was so well received a second visit was requested in August. Wayde conducted two range officer courses certifying 25 people. The complete report will be affixed to these minutes. Mike Lutes moved the acceptance of this report and Ed Chapman seconded it. Motion carried.

Steven Stewart spoke of his role as Past President. He described his role as his duty to promote RNBRA. He promotes different types of shooting and does workshops. Steven said he provides information on shooting, ranges and RO courses. Steven coordinates the RNBRA Shotgun Championship. Besides the Junior and Senior Championships, there is now a Ladies Championship. Steven is a Board member of DCRA (Dominion of Canada Rifle Association). He said he attends

different shoots and keeps up on regulations. He reiterated that his role is to support RNBRA and advise. Steven moved acceptance of his report. Murray Watt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6.6 Coaching Development- This report was delivered by April Brewer, chair of the Coaching Committee. April told those gathered that coaching and development courses are available again. Members are being made aware of courses and encouraged to participate. The full report will be attached to these minutes. April moved acceptance of this report. Ed Weatherdon seconded the motion which was carried.

Don Brown said that last year his group tried to get funding to bring in an evaluator/facilitator. It happened just last week. These people come from Nova Scotia or Newfoundland. It is desirable to have properly-trained and certified people in this province who can fulfil that role.

Ed Weatherdon stated that coaches do not have to be certified through the Shooting Federation of Canada but can go directly to NCCP (National Coaching Certification Program).

6.7 Trophy Trustee- The Trophy Trustee, Murray Watt, presented this report. Murray said that 17 trophies for Full Bore and Small Bore are out for engraving and are under the care of Conrad Leroux. Brenda Henry asked if these trophies are easy to access. She further stated that her daughter's name is on one as is Emily Dean's and she would like to take a picture. Steven Stewart said the trophies are displayed in 3 different places and some are stored. Conrad said they are best seen when won. The trophies in question are probably stored and it would be hard to get access to them. Murray Watt moved acceptance of the Trophy Trustee Report. This was seconded by Conrad Leroux. Motion carried.

6.8 Airgun Section Report- Raoul LeBlanc presented this report. Raoul said that the Airgun Section has been quite busy. The Airgun Association was formed last November at a meeting in Fredericton. Tony stated that due to April Brewer's hard work, a team can be sent to the Canada Games in British Columbia. April Brewer and Tony Wood will accompany the team to BC. April, Tony and Raoul are supporting and encouraging the athletes. Raoul said it is nice to see one club visiting another and to see the youth have fun. He said shooting in a garage or in a basement at a tin can is fun. Raoul said that between introducing the young people to shooting and competition, there is something missing and that is fun.

Don Brown has recently attended a meeting of the Shooting Federation of Canada. He learned that archery has been chosen over shooting for the 2019 Canada Games. There is a push to reverse the decision or to move shooting to the summer games. In addition to that idea, there is a consensus that a youth event must remain available in Canada and there is a committee to work on options. One of the ideas tabled is to use the new facility to hold an event such as the Canada Cup which would include all provinces and be structured along the lines of the Canada Games. The new facility is a new training centre for airgun and 22 shooting being constructed near Barrie, Ontario for the PanAm Games. This idea received unanimous support. Don's report on the meeting of the SFC will be attached to these minutes.

6.9 Pistol Section Report- Larry Schriver gave this report. The pistol section of RNBRA is made up of IPSC shooters. IPSC NB has approximately 100 members. They have numerous competitions each year at several ranges around the province. Most of the matches are designated as club level, Level I, and Level II. 2014 is the first year in recent memory that 3 Level III matches were held in the province in the same year. Two Chief Range Officer courses were held in the spring, resulting in 8 new Chief Range Officer designations for provincial members. The complete report along with a financial statement will be included with these minutes.

6.10 Fullbore Section Report- Bert deVink gave this report. He reported a busy year for this section. An RSO course was sponsored and 16 matches were held involving 175 participants. Many people helped in making the matches successful. The largest project of the Fullbore Section was the purchase of an electronic marking system. RNBRA Treasurer, Michelle Cormier, and Fullbore Section Treasurer, Conrad Leroux, have been trying to identify Fullbore Section moneys, investments, trust funds et cetera in an effort to repatriate the Section's finances. Changes have taken place at Base Gagetown which primarily affect scheduling. There is now a new contact person who has been most helpful in arranging access. The full text of this report will be attached to these minutes.

6.11 Report of the Bylaws and Constitution Committee- This report was given by Larry Schriver. Larry noted that proposals were put forward last year but the time necessary for notice given was not followed so no changes were made. The Bylaws and Constitution Committee have reviewed the RNBRA Constitution and Bylaws and brought forth recommendations. For the most part, less power is given to the President and more to the Board. Also, the President must respond to the Board in a timely fashion. There are also changes to the nominating process. Notification of the changes has already been given and members have had an opportunity to respond. Larry moved the adoption of the report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Seconder was Steven Stewart. Motion carried.

6.12 Report of the Nominating Committee- Steven Stewart reported that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Raoul LeBlanc and Conrad Leroux, had met and were putting forth the following names for Executive positions.

President- Michael Lutes

1st Vice-president-April Brewer

2nd Vice-president- Don Brown

Director at large-Matt Wolf

Director at large-Larry Schriver

Director at large-Tony Wood

Larry moved the adoption of the Nominating Committee Report. This was seconded by Brenda Henry. Motion carried.

President, Mike Lutes, noted that only one person had offered for each position but an election must still be held. The membership could reject any of these candidates.

New Business:

7. Discussion and vote on Board proposed revised Bylaws- Dan Chisholm moved and Don Coleman seconded a motion that the Board proposed changes to the RNBRA Bylaws be accepted. Because prior notice had been given, there was little discussion on the proposed changes to the RNBRA Bylaws. A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

8. Discussion and vote on Board proposed revised Constitution- Tony Wood moved and Bert deVink seconded a motion that the Board proposed changes to the RNBRA Constitution be accepted. Again, there was little discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws will be affixed to these minutes.

9. Discussion and vote on Board proposed membership fee increase- In order to cover the cost of insurance and processing of individual memberships including postage, the RNBRA Board has proposed an across the board increase of membership fees by \$10. An individual not belonging to an affiliated club now pays \$30. This will increase to \$40. A junior membership in this situation is half or \$20. An individual who belongs to an affiliated club now pays \$20. This will increase to \$30. A junior membership in this situation would be half that or \$15. Blake Tibbetts moved a motion to increase individual memberships across the board by \$10. Dan Chisholm seconded the motion which was carried.

Don Coleman then suggested a late fee of \$10 after March 31st. Conrad moved a motion to that effect which was seconded by Dan Chisholm. Motion carried. The late fee will not affect new members.

10. Andy Gunter meritorious service award: Following the recommendation of the Award Committee, the Andy Gunter Award was presented to RNBRA Recording Secretary, Lorraine Chapman, for her volunteer work and promotion of the sport of shooting.

11. Election of any nominated life members: No nominations were put forward for life membership in RNBRA.

12. Election of Officers and Board Members at Large for the 2014/15 year: An election was held and the following persons were elected to the RNBRA Board for the 2014/2015 year:

President- Michael Lutes
1st Vice-president-April Brewer
2nd Vice-president-Don Brown
Director at Large-Matt Wolf
Director at Large-Larry Schriver
Director at Large-Tony Wood

Following the election Conrad Leroux moved and Steven Stewart seconded a motion that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

13. Other Discussion or Business:

13.1 Nomination and election from the floor of 2 members to review the books after the funding request is submitted and prepare a report for the next AGM. Three people volunteered and were asked to leave the room for a vote by show of hands. Daniel Chisholm and Conrad Leroux will serve as the Review Committee. The committee was also asked to review the books from April 30, 2013 till March 31st, 2014.

13.2 Club reports and Discussion: Club reports have been received from Fundy Shooting Sports, Lake George Gun Club, and St. Croix Sportsmans Club. The reports will be attached to these minutes. Time was permitted for club representatives to raise questions, ask for clarification, offer ideas, and share points of view.

14. President's Closing Remarks: In his closing remarks, President Mike Lutes thanked those in attendance for their confidence in the Board. He then thanked retiring board members, Wayde Clifford and Ed Chapman for their long service and dedication. Michelle Cormier was thanked for accepting the most difficult job of the transition. Michelle has allowed us to piece together the past financial business while keeping track and records of our daily business. Mike acknowledged the huge time commitment the Officers and Board members are making. He encouraged members to do all they can to grow the Association and attract new members. He also urged the members to support provincial and national associations with their membership to make for a strong and united voice to be able to participate in preparing reasonable and effective firearms legislation and support shooting sport programs in NB and Canada. The full text of the closing remarks will be attached to these minutes.

The next AGM is scheduled for October 18th, 2015.

15. There being no further business before the Association, Dan Chisholm moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45pm.

Respectively submitted,
Lorraine Chapman
RNBRA Recording Secretary

The next RNBRA Board Meeting is scheduled for March 15th, 2014 in Sussex beginning at 10:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Chapman
Recording Secretary