



THE ROYAL NEW BRUNSWICK RIFLE ASSOCIATION

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## RNBRA Board Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

October 1, 2020

### Attendees:

Debbie Craig, President

Larry Schriver, Interim Treasurer, Director-at-Large

Gord Holloway, Past President

Adam MacDonald, Director-at-Large

Steven Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Lorraine Chapman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Laura Kaderly, Recording/Membership Secretary

Dick Platt, Director-at-Large

Regrets: Mark McMullin, Richard Telesenki

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
2. Opening Remarks: The President welcome those in attendance and noted that the Sport & Rec Funding Model 1 funding disbursement has been delayed.
3. Reading of Article 10.02 of the By-Laws: Laura read Article 10.02 and reminded all that in accordance with Bourniot's Rules of Order, names of those seconding motions and those who vote for or against motions will not be recorded except upon request.
4. Agenda Approval: No amendments were submitted. Larry motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.
5. Minutes of Board Meeting – Nov. 17, 2019: Minutes were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Larry moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.
  1. Matters Arising from Minutes of Board Meeting: Item 5.1.1. – RNBRA Registration with CFO. The CFO has not yet processed the application.
6. Correspondence: Laura noted Debbie had sent letters to both the NB Premier and the Lt. Gov in regards to recent changes to firearms regulations and received responses from both. They have been posted to the RNBRA website.
7. Membership Report: There are currently 15 affiliated clubs and 61 individual members. This is lower than last year, most likely due to COVID-19 and that no RSO courses were held.



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8. Treasurer Report: The most recent Profit & Loss Statement and RNBRA Financial Ledger were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Larry noted the RNBRA has a balance of \$81,380.56 in the bank; the P&L shows a profit of \$12,190.98, but 2020 funding has not been distributed to the Sections yet. Steven noted that there will be income and expenses from the Provincial Shotgun Championship forthcoming. The Smallbore Championship was cancelled.
9. By-Laws Committee Report: The By-Laws Committee (including Larry-Chair, Adam and Steven) have proposed two changes to be voted on at the AGM. See attached By-Law Committee Report.
10. Nomination Committee Report: Larry stated that every position has a nominee, so nominations from the floor at the AGM will not be required. There were no lifetime member nominations. The Nominating Committee received the following candidates to stand for election at the AGM:

President – Steven Stewart

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Gord Holloway

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mitch Pelletier

Directors-at-Large: Adam MacDonald, Mark McMullin, Dick Platt

11. Elections Committee Report: The Elections Committee (including Laura-Chair, Larry and Dick) have decided to send mail-in ballots to all individual members and club representatives. A self-addressed stamped envelope will be included. A draft letter to members was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting and there were no changes noted.

### 12. Activity Updates:

1. Pistol Section: The Pistol section has held events almost every weekend. A maximum of 20 competitors are allowed per match and they sell out very quickly. The Provincials went well and the Atlantics are coming up. All four Atlantic Bubble provinces are intending to send competitors.
2. Fullbore Section: At the start of the season there were some issues getting access to the range at the Base, but Mark helped to resolve them. Matches were held almost every weekend at St-Antoine with around 12-15 people attending each match. The Atlantics were held in St-Antoine and the NB APM was at Batouche last weekend. The DCRA Nationals were cancelled. Access to Batouche could be an ongoing issue in the future.
3. Shotgun & Smallbore: The Shotgun Championship was held with approximately 30 competitors in Senior, Women and Youth divisions. Fredericton Trap & Skeet Club indicated they would like to host again. The Smallbore Championship was cancelled.



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4. Benchrest: The Centrefire Championship was held on Sept. 27 with around 10 competitors. The Rimfire Championship was held on Sept. 20 with about 20 competitors attending. Updates can be found on the Minto website.
5. DCRA Activities: The RNBRA has to designate a member for the DCRA Advisory Board. The RNBRA can also submit a name for the DCRA Board, but that person has to be voted in by the membership. Currently the NB representative on the DCRA Board is Daniel Chisholm.

The DCRA has prepared affidavits for all 3 court challenges related to the firearms ban. They are preparing for a cross-examination by the Crown.

For next year, the DCRA is looking to host a Service Conditions Championship. They will also be looking at the relationship between the PRAs and the DCRA. Over the winter the DCRA is planning to host rimfire, air gun and postal matches.

6. Club Outreach: Steven has visited 6 affiliated clubs to hand out targets. They are also available as a giveaway at The Gun Dealer. The paper targets are well-received, but in general club activity is down.

### New Business

13. RNBRA COVID-19 Op Plan & Return to Play Guidance: The RNBRA issued an Operation Plan to its affiliated clubs on May 15 and has translated it into French. Clubs have to produce a copy if HealthNB shows up during a match. Two amendments have been issued and a third is forthcoming regarding passive screening. Many other sports clubs are very concerned because they do not have insurance coverage, but RNBRA does.
14. RNBRA Insurance & Finance Committee: It was noted that the Finance Committee (FC) should be responsible for investigating insurance coverage. The Audit Committee oversees the Finance Committee, so the FC is to submit a report to the Audit Committee, who will then make a recommendation at the AGM for the coming insurance year (May 1 – April 30, typically).
15. RSO Practical Component: A discussion was held because a club has asked for a live fire practice/demonstration for action shooting. It was suggested this could be recorded and turned into a workshop.



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16. Pistol Shooting Course: Steven has designed a practical shooting course, similar to but not exactly like a Black Badge course, to be independent from IPSC courses. It has been reviewed by two other individuals. Clubs have requested the course and Steven said it is ready pending RNBRA Board approval. The course will cost \$50 and include an RNBRA individual membership; upon completing the course, participants will receive a certificate. It was noted that the course should include qualifications for the instructor. Steven motioned that his Practical Shoot Course be sanctioned by the RNBRA. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.
17. RNBRA Championships:
  1. RNBRA Service Conditions Pistol Championship: The Championship is still in the works with the plan to hold it in the summer of 2021. No expenses for 2020.
  2. George McGillivray Three Gun Championships 2020: Scheduled for October 23 in Saint John.
  3. RNBRA Revolver & Practical Pistol Championship: In 2019 these matches were held in Hampton as the Austin MacPhee Match. They have been cancelled for 2020.
18. RNBRA Plaque at FTSC Clubhouse: The Annual Shotgun plaque at the Fredericton Trap & Skeet Club is full. A new one or an addition to the existing is required. It is currently 16x18". Steven will look into options and costs and have a suggestion at the next meeting.
19. Next Meeting & Adjournment: The AGM is scheduled for November 1, 9am to noon. Laura will host a free Zoom meeting through SportNB. The next Board meeting is TBD.

Prepared by L. Kaderly