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## RNBRA Board Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

April 25, 2021

### Attendees:

Steven Stewart, President

Debbie Craig, Past President

Dick Platt, Director-at-Large

Adam MacDonald, Director-at-Large

Justin Edmonds, Pistol Representative

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

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

Laura Kaderly, Recording/Membership Secretary

Mark McMullin, Director-at-Large

Regrets: Larry Schriver, Treasurer

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 9:06am. The President welcomed those in attendance.
2. Reading of Article 10.02 of the By-Laws: Article 10.02 was read by Laura.
3. Agenda Approval: Laura requested to delete item #17 – RNBRA Website and motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.
4. Appointments:
  1. Treasurer: Gord motioned to appointment Larry Schriver as the Treasurer for 2021. Motion was seconded and CARRIED. Steven stated that he received an email from Larry indicating he was resigning as Treasurer, effective until the AGM or a suitable replacement is found (whichever comes first).
  2. Membership Secretary: Gord motioned to appoint Laura Kaderly as the Membership Secretary for 2021. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.
5. Minutes of Board Meeting – October 1, 2020: Meeting minutes were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. Justin motioned to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.
  1. Matters Arising from Minutes of Board Meeting: None.



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6. Correspondence: Laura summarized the recent correspondence. The SFC has a number of activities happening: (1) Applying to reinstate air rifle and pistol in the Canada Games for 2027; (2) hosting a virtual Coast to Coast Championship across Canada; (3) Recreational Target Shooting Program; (4) Preparing the 2022 first Junior National Championships held in Nova Scotia. If anyone would like more information, they can contact Laura or visit the SFC website. The RNBRA currently does not have an appointed representative to the SFC.
7. Membership Update: Laura noted that currently, the RNBRA has 48 individual members and 13 affiliated clubs.
8. Treasurer Update: Larry was not in attendance to present the Treasurer update, but RNBRA financials as per April 3 were made available to the Board prior to the meeting.
9. Activity Updates:
  1. Fullbore: Mark noted that the Fullbore schedule is complete and they are waiting for 5 CDSB Gagetown to approve their proposed dates. DCRA requires anyone using a DND range to be a DCRA member or pay a \$10 guest fee. Fullbore will collect the names and fees as required. They have selected Francis Bezeau to be the Fullbore Representative to the RNBRA Board.
  2. Pistol: Justin noted that the IPSC schedule has been updated; the nationals have been unofficially cancelled, with the official announcement most likely coming soon. There will be a Level III Atlantic Championship 2-day event depending on an Atlantic Bubble. IPSC has added new matches and Black Badge courses as well.
  3. Shotgun & Smallbore: Steven noted that the Shotgun championship will be in September. There will be two Smallbore events; one at Woodstock and one at St. Anthony.
  4. Benchrest: Gord will provide future updates for Benchrest; they are planning on holding a provincial championship.



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5. DCRA: Gord attended the DCRA AGM on March 27 via phone. The DCRA has sent letters to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness requesting discussions between the Ministers and the DCRA regarding firearms restrictions. The letters have been formally received, but no response has been issued.

The DCRA prepared an affidavit related to the court cases proceeding this summer.

They have received government support through COVID-19 relief funding, but are still reporting a significant loss of income due to fewer matches hosted.

A DCRA membership is required to shoot on a DND range. DCRA is currently negotiating with DND to ensure their members will have ongoing access. The previous Order of Council is being modernized, but is still in place until it is replaced.

The DCRA Council held a meeting on April 18 that was attended by Daniel Chisholm, but Gord has not received an update. (Note: Daniel submitted his summary after the meeting and it is included below.)

*W.r.t. now, here are some things I can think of worth noting / passing along:*

- *DCRA would like to run F-Class and TR national matches, however at this time it is not known whether or not this will happen*
- *current indications are that on-base housing and mess facilities will not be available to DCRA staff or competitors*
- *we know that "C" range will NOT be available to us; it has been closed since late last year and is scheduled for re-construction of the butts area*
- *therefore the shooting programme might be limited to 600 yards, unless we are able to shoot 900m from "B" range, if that is at all possible*
- *There will be no Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley in 2021, however a small number of Canadians are trying to go individually.*
- *The F-Class World Championship has been deferred to 2023, therefore both F-Class and TR world championships will be in the same year in South Africa*

Dick motioned the RNBRA reimburse Gord for his meeting expenses in attending the DCRA AGM. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.



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6. Club Outreach: Steven has been distributing packs of paper targets to affiliated clubs and noted he has 10 out of 50 left. Justin motioned to purchase an additional 10,000 targets. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.
7. COVID-19: Debbie has been attending the SportNB COVID-19 conference calls on behalf of the RNBRA. They are issuing guidelines, but the RNBRA is compliant. Typically spectators should wear masks, barbecues and carpooling should be discouraged, etc.

Debbie updated the RNBRA Return to Play document with a 4<sup>th</sup> amendment. This will be translated and distributed to affiliated clubs.

### New Business

#### 10. Chair Appointment of Standing Committees:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Audit Committee: Mitch      | 5. Nominating Committee: Dick |
| 2. By-Laws Committee: Mitch    | 6. Program Committee: Laura   |
| 3. Elections Committee: Laura  | 7. Finance Committee: Gord    |
| 4. Membership Committee: Laura | 8. Awards Committee: Steven   |

#### 11. Appointment of Additional Committees as Needed:

1. Trophy Trustee: Conrad Leroux

#### 12. Appointment of Representatives:

1. DCRA Representative: Gord
2. Shooting Federation of Canada: TBD
3. SportNB: Laura to handle communication; Steven to attend meetings.



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### 13. Sport & Rec Funding Model 1 Allocation 2020: The RNBRA has received:

Funding Model 1 - \$5,625 + \$16,575 = \$22,200

Federal Emergency Fund COVID-19 Relief- \$5,625

Justin motioned to recommend the following disbursement of funds to Pistol and Fullbore Sections, affiliated clubs and programs. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Requested Funding</b>
Fullbore Section	\$6,000
Pistol Section	\$6,000
Provincial Championships	\$2,400
Programs	\$7,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,650</b>
<b>COVID-19 Relief Funding</b>	<b>\$300 to each club and section in 2020</b>

### 14. Sport & Rec Funding Model 1 Allocation 2021: Laura noted that the website has been down all weekend, but she has all the information and just needs to enter it into the form. The deadline is April 30, so she will keep the Board informed via email throughout the week.

### 15. Domville Challenge Cup: Conrad provided the following update:

*I phoned Mr. Thomas McLaughlin (retired Major), Curator of the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars Military History Museum in the former train station in downtown Sussex. The museum is open June to September.*

*Specifically, he requests that RNBRA transfer the Challenge Cup (Trophy #28) to their museum, where it will be prominently displayed. They have recently been granted additional space within the station building and are preparing for their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Regiment in April 2023.*

*The Challenge Cup was presented by James Domville, MP, Kings County. Mr. McLaughlin informs me that Mr. Domville was Commanding Officer of 8<sup>th</sup> Princess Louise's New Brunswick Hussars until about 1899. He feels that the Domville Challenge Cup is an important historical symbol of Sussex's military heritage.*

*The last record of it being competed for in RNBRA matches is 1998. Since then, it has been on display in one of the hallway cabinets, Combat Arms School, CFB Gagetown.*



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*Inasmuch as we are not presently using the trophy and considering that it would be going on permanent display in a museum which values its community connection, I have no hesitation in supporting the request. I suggest that it should be an outright transfer, rather than a loan.*

*I have informed Mr. McLaughlin that the decision on his request can only be made by the RNBRA Board, to whom I hereby forward his request.*

The Fullbore Section had no objections to the request. Debbie motioned to transfer the Challenge Cup to the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars Military History Museum. Motion was seconded and CARRIED.

16. 3-Gun Championship: Steven noted this championship will be held in Saint John. There are other championships coming up, but dates have not been confirmed.

17. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Prepared by L. Kaderly