



Royal New Brunswick Rifle
Association Inc.

**Minutes of RNBRA Annual General Meeting
Gateway Mall, Sussex, NB
October 16, 2016**

Attendees:

Board of Directors:

Conrad Leroux, President
Gordon Holloway, 1st Vice President
Matt Wolf, 2nd Vice President
Shelley Gregan, Treasurer
Debbie Craig, Recording Secretary
Lorraine Chapman, Director at Large
Bert deVink, Director at Large
Steven Stewart, Director at Large
Dollard LeBlanc, Trophy Trustee

Members:

Paul Bastarache
Don Brown
Edison Chapman
Jim Cormier
Jean Claude Gautreau
Charles Gregan
Tom Nowlan
Murray Watt

Regrets:

Daniel Chisholm
Don Coleman, Membership Secretary
Diane Gould, Pistol Section Representative
Michael Lutes, Past President

1. Call to Order and Reading of Article 10.02 of the By-Laws. The meeting was called to order at 9:35AM. The President read By-Law, Article 10.02 and welcomed those in attendance.
2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed to remember deceased comrades of the shooting fraternity.

3. Opening Remarks and Introductions from the President. The President introduced himself and invited each attendee to introduce themselves, as well. He then reminded those members, presenting a report, that they must make a motion for its acceptance.
4. Agenda Amendment(s)/Approval. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Dollard LeBlanc that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED
5. Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting, October 18, 2015. The Recording Secretary read the Minutes of the October 18, 2015 AGM. Debbie Craig moved, seconded by J.C. Gautreau, that the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of October 18, 2015 be accepted as distributed and read. MOTION CARRIED
6. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting, October 18, 2015. The President informed the meeting that RNBRA membership cards would be issued online beginning in 2017.
7. Activity Reports.
 - 7.1 President's Report. The President acknowledged the work of the Board members and observed that it is relatively straightforward to administer the activities, which the RNBRA and Sections do, such as running a program of shooting matches; as RNBRA is recognized by the Province as the governing body for shooting sports. The President noted that the request for NB Sport and Recreation funding was submitted on time and that \$16,600 was granted; a reduction of \$6,900 from last year, related largely to Air Gun being dropped from future Canada Games. This past year RNBRA held three (3) meetings of the Governing Board and one (1) formal Executive meeting, all held at UNB in Fredericton with the exception of one (1) which was held in Sussex. In response to Club inquiries as to what the RNBRA does for individual shooters and what Clubs get for their money, the President indicated that "the money is nominal, less than the cost of one factory round annually per person" and that although the RNBRA cannot be involved in every aspect of shooting, it has "re-clarified" its mission. RNBRA will "emphasize its support of marksmanship and competitive shooting, though not to the exclusion of recreational clubs". The main purpose of the RNBRA "is to support the development of marksmanship and competition by New Brunswickers". To the President's disappointment, two (2) large affiliates in South East New Brunswick were lost last year, partly over this question but RNBRA will make every effort to attract and retain those clubs which have a presence of shooters interested in furthering their skill through competition. Last year, the RNBRA advised the NB Air Gun Association (NBAGA) that the RNBRA will operate without an air gun section. Instead, it will be dealing directly with any affiliated air gun clubs. Funding support was offered to the NBAGA, subject to certain conditions; unfortunately the offer was not accepted and funds were redirected to the air gun activities of the St. Croix and O'Dell clubs. Other activities this past year included, investigating the feasibility of hiring part-time help to assist with administrative functions and the decision to implement emailed membership cards in 2017. The President acknowledged the use of electronic target systems, shooting accessories, software and custom rifle barrels by some talented shooting members as well as acknowledging Bert deVink's diligent work with the Fullbore Section's blog site. He then outlined the reports to be presented at this year's

AGM: reports detailing the activities of the Fullbore and Pistol Sections and other affiliated clubs; a full slate of nominated officers and 150th Anniversary activities; December 3, 2016 being the RNBRA's official birthday. The President concluded his report by thanking all members and affiliated clubs for their support with a special thanks to the Governing Board, DND for use of the Batouche Range and the Sport and Recreation Branch of Tourism, Heritage and Culture. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Murray Watt, that the President's Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

- 7.2 Membership Report. The President reported, on behalf of Don Coleman, Membership Secretary, that as of October 7, 2016 there are a total of 18 Shooting Clubs affiliated with the RNBRA. He noted that the Charlotte Country Rifle Association, Moncton Fish & Game Association, Oromocto Biathlon Club and the Y.A.S. Centre did not renew for 2016. The Associated Membership is currently 2,924 compared to 2,858 in 2015 and individual membership is 93 compared to 143 last year. Don's observation is that most of the memberships, not renewed, originated from Range Officer (RO) courses and suggested charging a set price for the RO course for Associated Clubs, with an option of paying \$25 extra for RNBRA membership; persons from non-affiliated clubs, attending RO courses, would be required to pay extra fee(s), to be determined. He also suggested that all files for the Membership Secretary be copied to the RNBRA website with copy access to designated Board members; edit access would be restricted to the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer. Don expressed frustration in receiving membership applications every month, resulting in frequent updates to the website and the requirement for him, Lorraine Chapman and the Treasurer to continually open and update their information. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Matt Wolf, that the Membership Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 7.3 Audit Committee Report. Steven Stewart, Chair of the Audit Committee, stated that on September 6, 2016, the Audit Board, consisting of himself, Ed Chapman and Ed Weatherdon, reviewed the books for the period October 2014 to October 2015 and found no irregularities. He suggested, to the Treasurer, that Bank & Trust Fund documents be matched as to ID and names; and that Ledger sheets, with large amounts of money, be detailed. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Charles Gregan, that the 2015 Audit Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 7.4 Treasurer's Report. Shelley Gregan thanked Lorraine Chapman for her assistance this past year; without her support, Shelley would not have been able to continue as Treasurer. The current bank balance is \$64,786.57, including Outstanding Cheques. Fullbore funds were invested, as per instructions; and the RNBRA Investment, RNBRA Short Term Investment and MacGillivray Trust Fund were invested for a five-year period with the NBTA Credit Union. Shelley noted that the timing of these reinvestments and transfer of Fullbore funds, resulted in a Net Loss being shown on the books at year-end. A \$16,600 grant was received, for 2016, from the NB Sport and Recreation Branch and a review of the RNBRA books, for the period 2015-2016, was completed by Laura McGuire, BBA, and submitted to the Branch as required. Shelley spoke favourably about the use of Intuit QuickBooks Accounting Software to maintain the RNBRA books, especially with generating reports for review purposes. Shelley Gregan moved, seconded by Steven Stewart, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, subject to audit. MOTION CARRIED

- 7.5 Pistol Section Report. Steven Stewart, on behalf of Diane Gould, reported that IPSC NB has a current membership of 150 members and had a very active year with 26 IPSC sanctioned matches conducted. Three (3), Level 3 matches were held during the June-September timeframe with the Provincials being held in the Miramichi for the first time ever. A number of competition champions were acknowledged and the Section thanked the RNBRA for the financial support of their programs and activities. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Bert deVink, that the Pistol Section Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 7.6 Fullbore Section Report. Bert deVink read the report from the Fullbore Blog site and reported that the Fullbore Section had a busy year, sponsoring 24 matches, attended by 175 participants. He acknowledged that the success of these matches required the dedicated services of the Fullbore Section membership, to prepare, set up and take down the range and scoring systems, organize the events and serve as Range Safety Officers. Bert then detailed each match; when and where they were held and how they were conducted. He detailed the other projects and challenges faced by the Section in 2016 and described the Strategic Planning instituted to help identify the Section's priorities and goals for the next two to five years; with three (3) specific goals: increase the number of Fullbore and long-range shooters (300m and longer), enhance the skill level for competitive shooters to national caliber and retain casual competitive shooters. He detailed the Out-of-Province shooting matches and championships and acknowledged those who had achieved shooting excellence. In conclusion, Bert thanked the Fullbore Executive and others, in particular, Ron Surette, Michelle Cormier, Paul Bastarache, J.C. Gautreau, Gordon Holloway, match directors and those who had contributed write-ups and pictures to the Fullbore Section Blog. Bert deVink moved, seconded by Paul Bastarache, that the Fullbore Section Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 7.7 Air Gun. Don Brown stated that his report was for 2015-2016, as the program follows the school year because of the young shooters involved; starting with gun safety and then moving to the ranges to start shooting. Although the Club attracted 40 new youth shooters this year, conflicts with other sport team requirements and wait time to get onto ranges resulted in the loss of some members; the Club currently has a core membership of ten (10) dedicated new shooters. Don described the other activities the club puts on for its young members: an open house, Halloween and Christmas parties. He acknowledged the accomplishment of Club shooters, specifically Emily Dean who successfully participated in a number of National and International championships this past year; most notably, participating in the ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, where she ranked 69th. Don mentioned other club activities such as participating in the local Fall Fair and raising \$6,000 for the purchase of more electronic targets, by selling tickets on a \$1,000 gift certificate donated by Cabelas. He mentioned that New Brunswick is scheduled to host the North Atlantic Air Gun Championship in 2017 but currently there is a lack of participation by Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador. In conclusion, Don stated that several exchange students currently shoot with the club: 2 x Germany, 1 x Spain, 2 x Brazil and 1 x Turkey. Don Brown moved, seconded by Steven Stewart, that the Air Gun Club report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

7.8 Shotgun Activity Report. Steven Stewart, on behalf of Bev Bacon, read the Shotgun Report which detailed the 8th Annual RNBRA Shotgun Championship, hosted by the Fredericton Trap & Skeet Club (FTSC) on September 24, 2016 comprising of 25 skeet, 25 trap and 50 sporting clay targets and attended by 35 shooters. Jeb Newhouse, of Tenant's Cove, was the HOA shooter; he also received the RNBRA gold 150th Anniversary medal. Steven noted that the Club has agreed to host this even again in 2017. The Club's next event will be a Christmas Charity informal shoot on December 4, 2016 with 50 skeet or 50 compact sporting clay targets. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Edison Chapman, that the Shotgun Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7.9 Smallbore Activity Report. Steven then read the Smallbore Section Report, on behalf of Hans van Spingelen, Secretary of the Woodstock Pistol & Rifle Club, Inc. which hosted the Modified Target Rifle (MTR) match held on June 19, 2016 with 17 shooters, both senior and juniors; the youth program scoring high enough to qualify for a trophy. The top shooters were: Bert deVink, Senior Open Rifle; Chloe Dickinson, Junior Open Rifle; Steven Stewart, Senior Sport Rifle and Chloe Dickinson, Junior Sport Rifle; the Club providing the first, second and third place trophies. Steven also mentioned that the St. Croix Gun Club held a Club Smallbore and an RNBRA Smallbore Championship; the RNBRA event won by Steven Stewart. He mentioned that the Small Bore Target Rifle Championship was not held this year as no club volunteered to host the event; however, it may still be held in an indoor range this fall or winter (TBA). Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Bert deVink, that the Smallbore Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

8. NB Sport and Recreation Branch. The President introduced Jamie Shanks, a consultant with the Sport and Recreation Branch of NB Tourism, Heritage and Culture, who thanked the President for the invitation, and the opportunity to learn about the Association so that he can better assist, not only with funding, but with providing organizational support. He stated that his Branch is currently updating its 22-year old policy to align with the Canadian Sports Policy and Framework for Recreation in Canada. This policy update will not affect the operation of the RNBRA but the Association may have to realign its funding requests. He then gave a quick rundown of how RNBRA currently gets it funding; Funding Model 1 for sports organizations. Jamie stated that this year's grant, to the RNBRA, was reduced by \$6,900 (loss of Canada Games funding) and is more aligned with the 2013-2014 funding level which was allocated by points for organizational strength, technical leadership and athlete development. In future, accomplishments with regards to policies or funding requirements will be tracked more closely by his Branch. He then addressed questions from the membership, after which the President thanked Jamie for his presentation and past assistance.

9. 150th Anniversary Committee Report. Lorraine Chapman reported that the 150th Committee was well within its \$3,000 budget and reviewed how funds have been spent to date, ie, metal signs for affiliated clubs stating that they are members of the RNBRA and commemorative pins, designed by Bert deVink. These pins have been presented to members of the Association, DCRA and Provincial representatives, competitive shooters and other groups or individuals who have done a service for the RNBRA. Lorraine mentioned that the 150th Anniversary milestone will be recognized in Parliament. Lorraine Chapman moved, seconded by Bert deVink, that the 150th Anniversary Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

10. Other Committee Reports.

- 10.1 Club Development Committee Report. Steven Stewart reported that two (2) Range Safety Officer (RSO) courses were conducted for 19 students, in 2016. The cost per student is \$60; most fees paid by the student's home gun club. Since all RSOs must be members of an RNBRA affiliated club, the twenty (20) RSO renewal cards were issued through their clubs and not to the individual members. Steven mentioned that RSO cards are recorded and Lorraine Chapman keeps copies on file. The Committee is actively promoting the shooting disciplines by giving workshops to clubs and providing electronic rifle scoring targets for shoots, with an operator. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Matt Wolf, that the Club Development Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 10.2 Trophy Trustee Report. The President indicated that J7, at 5 Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown, formerly CFB Gagetown, will retain the trophies they currently hold but that the trophies at the New Brunswick Military History Museum will have to be relocated. He suggested that these trophies be divided by location, ie, Dollard LeBlanc would hold the trophies awarded in the Moncton area and Bert deVink would hold the trophies awarded at Base Gagetown, with RNBRA paying for an "insurance rider" to Bert's home insurance policy. The President suggested that the Prince of Wales Trophy, the oldest shooting trophy in Canada and the most valuable, be displayed in a more suitable location such as Old Government House in Fredericton. Lorraine Chapman mentioned that she has more trophies and requested that Conrad look at them; Steven Stewart then mentioned that 1 RNBR currently holds an RNBRA trophy on its Distribution Account (DA) valued at \$4,000 and is displayed at their HQ. (A full list of all the RNBRA trophies is attached to these Minutes). Dollard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Jean Claude Gautreau, that the Trophy Trustee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 10.3 Coaching Committee Report. The President reported that Mike Lutes, Committee Chairman, had submitted a report to the Association asking the Board to follow up on the need and funding requirements for coaching and officials (Minutes of the RNBRA Board meeting, September 26, 2016). Jamie Shanks volunteered to put RNBRA in contact with a Coach NB representative and indicated that the Association could gain points, for funding, by developing coaching. The President noted that he has obtained records of all trained coaches in the Province, from the Shooting Federation of Canada.
- 10.4 Cadet Committee Report. Dollard LeBlanc reported that cadets currently shoot air rifles and use electronic target systems but he has spoken with a cadet official who indicated that if proper security can be ensured for weapons (DND standard) things are favourable for the reissue of .22 rifles and ammunition to cadets. He stated that the NB/PEI Cadet Competition officials were very happy with the ten (10) medals RNBRA presented to the top five (5) Senior and top five (5) Junior competitors this year and would welcome the medals in future. Dollard supported this initiative by stating that it as a step forward in restoring a liaison between cadets and the RNBRA. He mentioned that RCACC 1535 Shediac placed third at the National Cadet Shoot and their coach, Capt Roger Benoit, was recognized as the Canadian Cadet Top Coach. Dollard encouraged all RNBRA affiliated clubs to help out cadets, indicating that the St. Antoine club will be offering Biathlon and shooting training to cadets this year. He noted that cadet training is insurance-dependent so

a DND RSO must conduct all cadet shoots to ensure DND rules and regulations are followed; therefore, affiliated gun clubs would have oversight, only, of their facilities and the shoots. Dollard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Charles Gregan, that the Cadet Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

10.5 Awards Committee Report. Lorraine Chapman read the criteria for the Andy Gunter award, that “the award may be made annually to a person who has promoted the objectives of the Association either as a marksman, as a builder, as a coach, through administration or by some other volunteer service”. She then gave a brief background on Andy Gunter, who kept the RNBRA viable during the “lean years”; and who, for his outstanding dedication to shooting within the Province, was admitted as a builder, to the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame. Bert deVink then mentioned that although the medal is presented, there was no way of recognizing the winners associated with it; so he designed a plaque to accompany the medal, on which the winner’s name can be engraved. The President thanked Bert for this plaque, presented in recognition of the RNBRA’s 150th Anniversary. Bert then announced that Mike Lutes was the 2016 recipient and read the citation. Bert deVink moved, seconded by Steven Stewart, that the Awards Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

10.6 Nominations Committee Report. The President, on behalf of Don Coleman, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, stated that a notice had been forwarded twice to the membership and the following individuals had agreed to let their names stand for election. He then presented the following Slate of Officers for 2016/2017: President, Gordon Holloway; 1st Vice President, Steven Stewart; 2nd Vice President, Matt Wolf and Directors-at-Large: Lorraine Chapman, Thomas Nowlan and Mike Lutes. The President indicated that there would be no nominations from the floor as a full slate of officers had been presented. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Steven Stewart, that the Nominations Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

11. Election of Officers for 2016/2017. Bert deVink, assisted by Edison Chapman distributed ballots to the membership that listed the 2016/2017 Slate of Officers. Edison announced that the Slate of Officers, as presented, was elected.

12. Notice of Motion, By-Law 9.1.3b Change. The President gave a brief background on the requirement to amend Section 9.1 3b of the RNBRA Bylaws in that when the Bylaws were revised two years ago; the affiliated clubs lost the member vote at RNBRA AGMs. He then made the following Notice of Motion: “I move to amend Section 9.1, 3b) of the Bylaws of the Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association Inc. as revised in 2014 to read: “The following may vote on any election or question: Honorary Life Members and Regular Resident Members of the Association, who are in good standing as of three weeks prior to the AGM, and one representative of each affiliated club as designated by such affiliated club. It is understood that no person may exercise more than one vote.” The motion was signed by: Proposer, Conrad Leroux and Seconders, Lorraine Chapman, Gordon Holloway, Matt Wolf, Bert deVink and Steven Stewart. The President indicated that the Motion would be voted on next year.

13. Comments from Affiliated Clubs.

- 13.1 Miramichi Club. Murray Watt stated that the Club will have an AGM on November 3, 2016. They enjoyed a 10% increase in membership this year and have held seven (7) competitions to date. They have a committee researching firing at metal targets and are awaiting an official policy.
- 13.2 Lake George Gun Club. Edison Chapman indicated that the Club currently has 225 members and that it hosted ten (10) official shoots this past year. The Club is currently developing a fire arms course for youth aged 11-16 years of age. A “Mature Members Day” was recently held for older shooters; 21/60 of these members being 70 years of age or older. Ed noted that Club website can be accessed at LG-GC.ca
- 13.3 St. Antoine Club. Dollard Leblanc indicated that the Club has received blue prints for rafters for the club house that will be professionally installed and that the Club is moving forward to build a six-mound indoor range. He mentioned that the Club had conducted shoots this past summer.
- 13.4 Charlotte County Club. Matt Wolf stated that an intentional oil dump, on the Club’s property by persons unknown, must be cleaned up at a cost to the Club of \$5-6,000. This has resulted in the Club shutting down its operation; however, the Club does have a more active membership and will affiliate with the RNBRA next year.
- 13.5 St. Gabriel Club. Paul Bastarache stated that two (2) shoots were held this year. The Club currently has 85 members and a waiting list of 125. Next year the Club hopes to purchase an electronic target system.
- 13.6 St. Croix/St. Stephen Club. Don Brown stated that lots of work is being done at the Club and they are close to having the 300m shooting mound completed.
- 13.7 Petitcodiac. Tom Nowlan stated that the Club has been very active this past year; conducting ten (10) shoots. The Club hopes to become affiliated with the RNBRA.
- 13.8 O’Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity. Steven Stewart stated that the O’Dell Club has approximately 60 members; including 15 junior members, and that the Club has changed its hours of operation to Friday evening and Saturday. The Club holds ten (10) meetings a year and on the Labour Day weekend hosted the Fredericton Gun Show with 35 vendors participating, and 900/1,000 guests. Other Club activities include 22-rifle shoots and holding an annual BBQ at the affiliated Lake George Gun Club. Steven mentioned the Burt’s Corner Club has 15 members and ten (10) lanes with a target return system. April Brewer looks after their Air Gun Program and Steven thanked the RNBRA for their financial support for this program.
- 13.9 Woodstock Pistol & Rifle Club Inc. The Club currently has 179 members and had major work done on the ranges this past year. It now has a 100m, 200m and skeet range as well as three (3) separate ranges mainly for pistol shooting and up to 50m for rifles. The range can accommodate over 100 shooters at one time on four (4) separate ranges. The Club also added a storage building and is in the process of installing steel targets. The Club hosted various activities over the year: an RNBRA RSO course; STOEGER Day involving a

display by Stoeger and The Gundealer; an MTR Smallbore Championship with 17 participants; an open house for the Club's Youth Program; sponsored two (2) Black Badge courses; run several IPSC and Club sponsored matches and held a yearly lottery.

14. Other Business.

- 14.1 Grant Allocation to O'Dell and St. Croix Clubs. The President informed the meeting of a motion made at the September 26, 2016 Board meeting that funding from the 2015 Sport & Recreation Branch grant, offered to the Air Gun Association, but not used, be reallocated. It was moved that \$320 be given to the air gun program of the O'Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity and that the remaining amount be devolved to the St. Croix Sportsman Club. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Steven Stewart, that a cheque for \$320 be issued to the O'Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity and a cheque for \$1,930 be issued to the St. Croix Sportsman Club. MOTION CARRIED
- 14.2 AGM Committee Reports Posted to RNBRA Website. Murray Watt suggested that AGM Committee Reports be submitted prior to an AGM and posted on the RNBRA website for the membership to read before to the meeting. The President stated the Board would consider this suggestion.
- 14.3 AGM Annual Reports. Steven Stewart inquired whether AGM Committee Reports could be attached to the Minutes of the meeting. It was decided that the Recording Secretary would provide these reports to the membership, upon request.
- 14.4 Next Annual General Meeting. Gordon Holloway requested a date for the next Annual General Meeting of the RNBRA; the date to be determined.

15. Adjournment. The President thanked everyone for attending and Bert deVink moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Craig

Attachments:

Agenda, 2016 RNBRA Annual General Meeting Agenda, October 16, 2016

President's Report

Membership Secretary Report, dated 07 October 2016

Audit Committee Report, dated 6 September 2016

Treasurer's Report, October 16, 2016

International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC-NB) of New Brunswick Inc. (IPSC NB) Report, October 15, 2016

Fullbore Section Report, October 16, 2016

2015-2016 St. Croix Sportsman Youth Air Gun Program

2016 RNBRA Shotgun Championship, dated September 25, 2016

Report on the New Brunswick Small Bore Championship (Modified Target Rifle), dated October 15, 2016
Club Development Report, dated October 16, 2016
2016 RNBRA Trophy Report, October 14, 2016
2016 RNBRA Awards Committee Report
Nominations Committee Report
Notice of Motion, Amend Section 9.1, 3b of the RNBRA Bylaws, October 16, 2016
Club Report - O'Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity, dated October 16, 2016
Activity Report – Woodstock Pistol & Rifle Club Inc., October 15, 2016