



**Minutes of RNBRA Annual General Meeting
Gateway Mall, Sussex, NB
October 29, 2017**

Attendees:

Board of Directors:

Gordon Holloway, President
Steven Stewart, 1st Vice President
Conrad Leroux, Past President
Lorraine Chapman, Director at Large
Debbie Craig, Recording Secretary
Richard Telesnicki, Pistol Section Representative

Members:

Don Brown, Air Gun Representative
Edison Chapman
Bert deVink
André Levesque
Adam MacDonald, President's Designated to
DCRA Board

Invited Guest: Mr. Jamie Shanks, Consultant, NB Sport and Recreation Branch

Regrets:

Don Coleman
Shelley Gregan, Treasurer
Dollard LeBlanc, Cadet Committee Chair
Michael Lutes, Director at Large
Matt Wolf, 2nd Vice President

Call to Order and Reading of Article 10.02 of the By-Laws. The meeting was called to order at 9:15AM. The President read By-Law, Article 10.02 and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed to remember deceased comrades of the shooting fraternity.
2. Opening Remarks and Introductions from the President. The President introduced himself and the Executive Board and welcomed Jamie Shanks, Consultant, NB Sport and Recreation Branch. He then reminded those members, presenting a report, that they must make a motion for its acceptance.
3. Agenda Amendments/Approval. The Agenda was amended to include a report by the 1st Vice President, Para 6.2, and a Range Safety Officer Training report, Para 6.11. Bert deVink moved, seconded by Edison Chapman, that the Agenda be accepted as circulated and amended. MOTION CARRIED
4. Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting, October 16, 2016. The Recording Secretary read the Minutes of the October 16, 2016 AGM. Debbie Craig moved, seconded by Edison Chapman, that the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of October 16, 2016 be accepted as distributed and read. MOTION CARRIED
5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting, October 16, 2016. The following items from the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting were discussed:

- 5.1 Motion to Change By-Law 9.1.3b. The Recording Secretary read the Notice of Motion; Para 12, Minutes of the RNBRA Annual General Meeting, October 16, 2016, which was attached to the 2017 AGM Notice of Meeting. The Notice of Motion stated “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”. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Bert deVink that the motion be accepted as read. MOTION CARRIED

6. Activity Reports.

- 6.1 President’s Report. Gordon Holloway reported that he experienced an enjoyable year as President serving with a group of dedicated volunteers and recognized the exceptional competitive shooting programs organized by the Pistol and Fullbore Sections and affiliated clubs; evident by the number of outstanding New Brunswick marksmen who placed highly at Regional, National and International competitions this past year. He reviewed some of the RNBRA highlights of 2016-17 such as the successful celebration of the RNBRA 150th Anniversary (1866-2016); placement and display of the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup at the New Brunswick Government House; and acceptance, by the Honourable Jocelyne Roy-Vienneau, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, to be the Patron of RNBRA and her attendance at the Fullbore Annual Prize Match to present the Prince of Wales Challenge Cup and the Governor General’s silver and bronze medals. The President acknowledged that membership in the RNBRA remains stable and that this membership guarantees insurance coverage under the National Firearms Association (NFA); RNBRA membership is also mandatory to shoot on DND ranges. He noted that the RNBRA website was updated to allow for completion of membership application forms and payment by Email Money Transfer (EMT). In 2016 the RNBRA sanctioned Provincial championships in smallbore, shotgun, fullbore and practice pistol in addition to Regional championships; competitions being held at private affiliated sports clubs and DND ranges. He thanked the clubs and DND for their support of these events which fulfils RNBRA’s mandate to promote marksmanship. The President acknowledged that RNBRA continues to be the Provincial sports organization for the shooting sport and as such the Provincial Sport and Recreation Branch granted RNBRA \$16,000 this year; \$12,000 of which was distributed to the RNBRA Pistol and Fullbore Sections and to a youth air gun program at the St. Croix Sports Club to be used for athlete development and the running of competitive shooting programs; the remaining \$4,000 was used to support training of Range Safety Officers and for RNBRA administrative expenses. He stated that RNBRA continues to maintain sound financial accounts; this year moving to online banking. The President reviewed outstanding issues that will require further attention by the incoming Board: shooter training and the involvement of competitive shooting clubs in the RNBRA. Money has been set aside for shooter training but the current Board was unable to identify a formal training approach that they felt confident would enhance the quality and the number of competitive shooters. Currently, providing a framework of competition, within which interested shooters can develop, is the primary pathway to success in Provincial-level competition and beyond. RNBRA recognizes that informal mentorship is an essential element of this development; the challenge is to fit this experience together with the body of training knowledge that exists in other sports. The President stated that there are currently 17 privately owned sporting clubs affiliated with RNBRA which provide the facilities to attract potential competitive shooters and host Provincial, Regional and, in some cases, National-level competition but the number of clubs affiliating with RNBRA is not growing. This

is in spite of the fact that there are several clubs which have committed groups of competitive shooters, in disciplines not currently represented on the RNBRA Board. To address this situation, RNBRA contacted several clubs to discuss the role of the RNBRA in competitive shooting and provided affiliated clubs with a vote in the AGM so that they are part of RNBRA decision making; further efforts should be made in the coming year to involve the competitive shooting clubs in the RNBRA. In conclusion, the President thanked the volunteers on the Board for the many hours donated to the running of the RNBRA. Gordon Holloway moved, seconded by Conrad Leroux, that the President's Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

- 6.2 1st Vice President's Report. Steven Stewart thanked the President for his support this past year and stated that as 1st Vice President he serves on committees with activities that fall outside the scope, not specific to Sections, such as promoting shooting disciplines to Clubs, facilitating workshops and helping Clubs organize shooting activities. As Chair of the Finance Committee he prepared, assisted by Debbie Craig, the Funding Model request for the NB Sport and Recreation grant for 2017-18. In addition, Steven facilitates the awarding of RNBRA trophies for pistol, shotgun and smallbore shooting; those awarded this year were the Pickerell Shield to the RNBRA 2017 Revolver Champion and the Magnusson Challenge Trophy to the Practical Pistol Champion; Production and Standard. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Bert deVink, that the 1st Vice President's Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 6.3 Membership Report. The Recording Secretary read the Membership Report prepared by Matt Wolf, Membership Secretary. As of October 27, 2017, there are a total of 17 Shooting Clubs affiliated with the RNBRA, with an affiliated membership of 2,616 members; down from 2,924 in 2016. Individual membership is 101 regular members, compared to 93 in 2016. A current Membership List was attached to the report. Gordon Holloway moved, seconded by Lorraine Chapman, that the Membership Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 6.4 Audit Committee Report. Steven Stewart, Chair of the Audit Committee, stated that he and Bert deVink, the Audit Committee, will review the RNBRA books and submit, by end-November, their report for 2017. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Edison Chapman, that the 2017 Audit Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 6.5 Treasurer's Report. The Recording Secretary presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Shelley Gregan which included the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year April 2016 – March 2017 and the year-to-date Financial Statements, April 1, 2017 – October 17, 2017. The current bank balance, as at September 17, 2017 was \$69,639.84. The Trusts and RNBRA Investments, invested for a five-year period with the NBTA Credit Union, were reviewed. The Recording Secretary noted that a \$16,000 grant was received, for 2017-18, from the NB Sport and Recreation Branch and that a review of the RNBRA books, for the period 2016-2017, was completed on September 16, 2017, by Laura McGuire, BBA, and submitted to the Branch as required. Debbie Craig moved, seconded by Steven Stewart, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, subject to audit. MOTION CARRIED
- 6.6 Pistol Section Report. Richard Telesnicki, the new Pistol Section representative, reported that IPSC NB has a current membership of 150 members. The Section had a very active year with four (4) Black Badge courses conducted which brought 40 new members to the sport. He mentioned many IPSC matches were held at numerous clubs throughout New Brunswick with St. Croix and Woodstock experiencing growth in the number of IPSC shooters. New Brunswick shooters attended the Canadian IPSC National in Alberta this past summer and some participated

in matches in Nova Scotia. This year, for the first time, IPSC-NB divided the Provincial Competitions into four divisions; Open, Standard, Production and revolver, which proved successful in allowing competitors to participate in more than one Provincial tournament and division. Richard previewed the IPSC 2018 season featuring the Summer Slam competition, SNB250 and the Provincial competitions. Also being planned are the first sanctioned IPSC shotgun and rifle matches to be held at the Hampton Gun Club with competitors from all Maritime Provinces and Quebec. Richard thanked the RNBRA for their donation and support. Richard Telesnicki moved, seconded by Steven Stewart, that the Pistol Section Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

- 6.7 Fullbore Section Report. Bert deVink read highlights from the Fullbore Section Annual Report for 2016/17 and indicated that the full report can be accessed on the Fullbore Blog site. The Section sponsored 16 matches, attended by 246 participants this past year; ten (10) Target Rifle and FTR matches, Black Powder Cartridge matches, Precision Rifle and Military Rifle matches at the Batouche Range at 5 Div Support Base Gagetown; four (4) matches hosted by the Club de Tir St. Antoine Gun Club; and two (2) matches at the St. Gabriel Club. Bert mentioned the Annual Prize Match, where the Lieutenant-Governor presented the Prince of Wales Trophy, and the Annual Mini-Palma Match in which seven (7) New Brunswick shooters participated; both matches held at the Batouche Range. The following awards were available for presentation this past year: the Snow and Burge Trust Funds, which provide plaques and cash prizes to Junior shooters at Smallbore MTR matches, none were awarded as no matches were held; the M. Ellen MacGillivray prize, not awarded as there were no nominations; three (3) Alban Emery Trust Fund prizes, awarded at the Alban Emery matches at the Annual Prize Match; and the Al Lockett Prize Fund prize, awarded at the Annual All Comers Match. Bert stated that the Section is financially sound and sets aside \$10 per shooter per match in the eventuality that the e-target system has to be replaced. He acknowledged the \$3,200 received from the RNBRA for projects to address the Section's shooter support program and requirement for an additional e-target system. The Section's Executive met four (4) times this past year with their AGM being held in Sussex on October 28, 2017. The Section had three (3) representatives attend the Atlantic High Power Rifle Committee Meeting of the Fullbore Sections of the Three Maritime Provinces at which a schedule of major matches was developed and other mutual concerns discussed. The Section has developed a Strategic Plan that will make it easier for new shooters to become involved, support shooters at Regional, National and International matches and to develop an Elite Shooter Program; Bert acknowledged Adam MacDonald's role in these initiatives. The specific goals of the Strategic Plan, for the next 2-5 years, are to 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; the Section has already instituted measures to support these initiatives. Bert then acknowledged a number of New Brunswick Fullbore F-Class, F-Open Class and TR Class shooters who excelled in Provincial, Out-of-Province and National Competitions in 2017, in particular, Paul Bastarache, Francis Bezeau, Gordon Holloway, Ken Kyle, Adam MacDonald, Ron Mason, Matt Wolf, Tanner Anderson and Don Coleman. In conclusion, Bert thanked the very dedicated and impressive people of the Section for their contribution and support. Bert deVink moved, seconded by Conrad Leroux, that the Fullbore Section Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 6.8 Air Gun Club Report. Don Brown presented the 2017 Annual Report of the St. Croix Sportsman Youth Air Gun Club which currently has 15 youth and another five (5) prospective shooters. He then detailed upcoming shoots that Club shooters will participate in; the Nova Scotia Provincial Championships and a non-title shoot in Augusta, Maine. He mentioned that Emily Dean, a Club

shooter, is now a member of the 2018 National Team; one of only two shooters in Canada to make the cut score in competition. Don stated that the Club is currently seeking new accommodations that will allow for Round Robin shoots with Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Quebec. He detailed challenges with scheduling and obtaining coaching courses for Club members. In conclusion, Don stated that Club fundraising enabled the Club to obtain a fourth electronic target, noting that they are the only Club in New Brunswick with electronic air gun targets. Don Brown moved, seconded by André Levesque, that the Air Gun Club Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

- 6.9 Shotgun Activity Report. Steven Stewart, read the report of the Shotgun Championship which was conducted at the Fredericton Trap and Skeet Club and thanked the Club for a well-organized and run event. The Championship comprised of three disciplines: 50 shots Skeet, 50 shots Trap and 100 shots Sports Clays and Steven noted that RNBRA is the only organization at this time that holds an all-round, three discipline shotgun championship. The results of the New Brunswick Championship shoot are available on the Fredericton Trap and Skeet Club website. The Championship will be held, once again, at the Fredericton Club in 2018. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Conrad Leroux, that the Shotgun Activity Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- 6.10 Smallbore Activity Report. Steven Stewart read the 2017 Smallbore Championship report. Since no clubs volunteered to host this event during 2017 plans are in place for RNBRA to host this Championship on an indoor range in Fredericton in the New Year. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Richard Telesnicki, that the Smallbore Activity Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 6.11 Range Safety Officer Training Report. Steven Stewart reported that in 2017, six (6) Range Safety Officer (RSO) courses were held with 57 students participating; 19 students being NB-DNR employees. He advised that, in recognition of the Canada 150th Anniversary, a special RSO course fee is in effect: the special price is \$30 for affiliated club members and \$40 for non-affiliated club members; the normal course fee is \$60. Courses registered before December 31, 2017 are at the special price and will be conducted before March 31, 2018. Currently a course with 20 students is scheduled for January 2018. Twenty-eight (28) renewal RSO cards were issued in 2017; these cards were issued through a request by the members' club and the cards sent to the clubs for distribution. Steven Stewart moved, seconded by Edison Chapman, that the Range Safety Officer Training Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

7. Other Committee Reports.

- 7.1 Club Development Committee Report. Conrad Leroux reported that club development was helped through the Range Safety Officer training courses delivered by Steven Stewart. He indicated that the Minto, Petitcodiac and Florenceville clubs are focused on bench-rest shooting and may be interested in hosting a competition. He suggested that RNBRA sanction the competition and provide trophies should Minto and Petitcodiac affiliate with the RNBRA. Conrad noted that there is a National Bench-rest Championship held in Calgary but there are no New Brunswick shooters participating; it may be cost-prohibitive. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Bert deVink, that the Club Development Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

- 7.2 Trophy Trustee Report. Conrad Leroux reported that the Prince of Wales Trophy is on loan to the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick and displayed at Government House in Fredericton. He then reviewed the current location of RNBRA trophies; trophies held at his, Dollard LeBlanc's and Bert deVink's homes, and trophies held at 5 Div Support Base Gagetown at CTC Headquarters, the Military Museum and 2 RCR Headquarters. He noted that the RNBRA trophies at the Military Museum still have to be removed and relocated. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by Don Brown, that the Trophy Trustee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 7.3 Coaching Committee Report. The Recording Secretary read the Coaching Coordinator Report submitted by Mike Lutes. Mike stated that a way to promote and grow the shooting sport in New Brunswick is by encouraging people to become coaches. There are many experienced mentors in competitive shooting sport disciplines in the Province and RNBRA has always encouraged members to participate in the National Coaching Certificate Program (NCCP). The NCCP training provides good instruction about sport coaching in general and technical training related to Olympic shooting disciplines. The main reason RNBRA supported coach certification in the recent past was to support Olympic Airgun shooting but it is no longer part of the Canada Games, therefore, coaching training in New Brunswick is stagnant. Also, most RNBRA shooters are adults and they seem to prefer a less formal mentoring approach to learning the shooting sport and to improving their skills. Mike indicated that he will participate in a National teleconference discussion with regards to coaching being organized by the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC). In conclusion Mike stated that he remains committed to the idea that training is beneficial to shooters. Attached to Mike's report was the Coaching Coordinator Report presented to the RNBRA Board in April 2017. Debbie Craig moved, seconded by André Levesque, that the Coaching Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 7.4 Cadet Committee Report. No cadet report was presented as the Chair, Dollard LeBlanc, was unable to attend the AGM.
- 7.5 Awards Committee Report. Bert deVink requested that the position of Chair of the Awards Committee be clarified; Conrad Leroux clarified that the Awards Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two members appointed by the Executive; one member shall be the immediate past winner of the Andy Gunter Meritorious Award (By-Law Article 9.2.2). Bert deVink moved, seconded by Richard Telesnicki, that the Awards Committee Report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED
- 7.6 Nominations Committee Report. Conrad Leroux, 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 2017/2018:

Honourary Lifetime Member – Bert deVink
Past President – Conrad Leroux
President – Gordon Holloway
1st Vice President – Steven Stewart
2nd Vice President – Debbie Craig
Director at Large – Dollard LeBlanc
Director at Large – Don Brown
Director at Large – Lorraine Chapman

The President indicated that there would be no nominations from the floor as a full slate of officers had been presented. He spoke about Bert deVink's distinguished commitment to the RNBRA and reviewed his accomplishments which made him an excellent candidate for Lifetime Membership in the RNBRA; Bert was given a round of applause. Conrad Leroux moved, seconded by André Levesque, that the Nominations Committee Report be accepted as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

8. Election of Officers for 2017/2018. Jamie Shanks distributed ballots to the membership that listed the 2017/2018 Slate of Officers. After counting the ballots, he announced that the Slate of Officers, as presented, was elected.

9. Comments from Affiliated Clubs.

9.1 St. Croix/St. Stephen Club. André Levesque presented the annual report of the St. Croix/St. Stephen Club for 2016/17 and reviewed the following activities: election of a new executive last fall, monthly action shootings, hosting of a Provincial IPSC Level 1 shoot in August 2017 and the Club's first corporate day, Stoeger Day, with displays by Stoeger and The Gun Dealer. He noted that the Club expanded its range lease from 15 to 48 acres with a 100m range, two 50m ranges and newly developed 25m and 300m ranges. These ranges have been inspected and are awaiting DPS certification. Current membership in the St. Croix/St. Stephen Club is 202 members.

9.2 O'Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity. Steven Stewart reported that the O'Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity held ten (10) monthly meetings with an average attendance of 28 members; guest speakers were present at half of the meetings. The Club hosts two (2) events per year; an annual BBQ at the Lake George Gun Club range and the annual Fredericton Gun Show at the Fredericton Motor Inn on the Labour Day weekend. The Club has an active Airgun section run in Burtt's Corner by April Brewer with 8 to 14 Juniors participating.

9.3 Lake George Gun Club. Edison Chapman reported that the Lake George Gun Club has a membership of 225 members. It facilitates a Junior Shooting Program in which 11 to 16 year old graduates of the Firearms Safety Course have a range experience with live fire; however, instructors are concerned, considering the age of the students, that there is no provision within the present Federal Firearms Course for an individual to experience live firing. The Club recently hosted a Mature Members' Range Day, at which 31 members enjoyed recreational shooting; shooters must be 70 years of age to participate. An Affiliation Agreement continues with the O'Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity which gives the Fraternity a range facility. The Club holds shoots open to members of other clubs and information about the Club and their schedule can be found on lg-gc.ca.

10. Other New Business.

10.1 Next Annual General Meeting. Gordon Holloway requested a date for the next Annual General Meeting of the RNBRA; that the date to be determined but it was recommended that it not be held during hunting season, so more members could attend.

11. Adjournment. Lorraine Chapman thanked the President for the efficient manner in which the AGM was conducted. The President then thanked everyone for attending and Edison Chapman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Craig

Attachments:

2017 RNBRA Annual General Meeting Agenda
RNBRA Annual General Meeting, President's Report
Report from the 1st Vice President
2017 RNBRA AGM Membership Report
2017 RNBRA Audit Report for RNBRA AGM
RNBRA AGM Treasurer's Report, October 17, 2017
2017 International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC-NB) of New Brunswick Inc. (IPSC NB) Report
2017 Annual Report of the RNBRA Fullbore Section
2017 Annual Report of the St. Croix Sportsman Youth Air Gun Club
2017 RNBRA AGM Report on Shotgun Championship
2017 RNBRA AGM Smallbore Championship Report
2017 RNBRA AGM Report on (RSO) Range Safety Officer Training
Club Development Report
2017 AGM Coaching Coordinator Report
2017 St. Croix Sportsman Club 2016/17 Activity Report
2017 Club Report from O'Dell Collectors and Shooters Fraternity
2017 Lake George Gun Club Annual Report to RNBRA