



Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association Inc.

Report of Governing Board 2014 AGM

This report will describe Governing Board activity since the 2013 AGM

I will begin with the events that lead to the Board appointing me Interim President.

Since the 2013 election of Officers and Board Members at Large was canceled due to nomination irregularities, soon after the last AGM the board requested input and discussion about the process that lead to executive members that were standing for reelection being appointed to the nominating committee. The board requests went unanswered. Members of the Board also requested the president make the appropriate committee appointments to the standing committees of the Association as per our Constitution & By Laws.

These requests went unanswered. The Board tried for weeks after the AGM to get the President to announce the date place and time of a special meeting requested by the Board to form a RNBRA Airgun section. This meeting took place on Nov 24, 2013 in Fredericton, the majority of the people present voted to adopt the newly formed NB Airgun Association as the RNBRA Airgun section and to accept their officers as the officers of the section. The now Retired President opposed the formation of this section.

Around the first of Dec the president emailed the Board and asked for approval to travel around to all the clubs and roll out a long term athlete development plan. The board asked about the plan and asked about the projected budget for introducing this plan. He stated this plan had been developed by several Doctors that he had studied under but he declined to share the plan with the Board and he would not discuss the projected cost. With little information to go on the Board did not support his plan. The next communication the Board received from the now retired President was a general email to the membership and affiliated clubs announcing his retirement from shooting and the resignation of the 1st& second vice presidents as well as the Treasurer.

After several days of email communication the Board arranged to meet by conference call In order to appoint an interim president and suggest people who had some past experience and were able to accept appointments to the executive council as per our Constitution and By Laws.

Minutes of this and all subsequent Board meetings have been kept and are available.

I will now highlight some of the major decisions made by the Board.

- #1 we committed to regular board meetings
- #2 we committed to better communication with our members and affiliated clubs.
- #3 we committed to making the RNBRA website an effective and current tool to help promote the goals of the RNBRA and we now also have a Facebook page.
we will keep these sites current and updated and will be developing them as time & funding allow.
- #4. We undertook an extensive review of the our Constitution and By Laws and our Recommendations will be presented later in this meeting.
- #5 We examined our insurance requirements and coverage and decided to go with the NFA

policy and we purchase insurance for all full members which expires after our membership year . So this means your insurance will not lapse if you renew your membership soon after Dec31st when it expires. Aside (please try to renew your membership as soon after Dec 31 as possible)

- #6 We committed \$4000.00 received last year and \$4600.00 received this year toward development of the 2015 NB Airgun team to the Canada Games, the Airgun section has been actively working on this and will speak on it later in this meeting.
- #7 We followed the athlete assistance funding procedure introduced by the past executive as some money had been passed out by the recently retired president and in order to promote fairness we had to carry on with this procedure. We are currently determining A new procedure as we cannot currently sustain that level of assistance.
- #8. The Board dealt with a membership application from the "retired " president which was thrown on our Recording Secretary's table during a club meeting she attended. The board

decided after much discussion & deliberation which included reading letters presented to the Board by members, to refuse membership for undignified behaviour and actions contrary to the purpose of of the Association as per our Constitution and Bylaws.

Mr Kierstead was informed of the Board's decision by registered letter.

He is fully aware of his right of appeal but has not chosen to do so. In fact he has refused all direct contact with me and resisted and delayed returning RNBRA property in his possession.

#9 The Board sent representatives to the DCRA and SFC annual general meetings. These two organizations are national competitive shooting sanctioning bodies and we are affiliated with each and we encourage our members to join and support them.

#10 The Board reconstituted several committees in order to improve our financial transparency, to address many issues with our website, improve our coaching development, and meet with clubs to better understand and promote club needs.

#11 I'm proud to also report that RNBRA members and competitors have excelled in high level competition this year and I'll allow the sections to boast of their competitive successes in their reports. I'll just say these people are fine dedicated competitors and the Board is happy to be able to help support their effort. They define everything shooting sports have to offer. They are fine ambassadors for the RNBRA and their success reflects well on all members of our Association & our Province.

Now I regret to have to inform you about my failure to have the financial business of the Association reviewed by members appointed from the floor of our last AGM as required by our Constitution. One reason this didn't happen is because the previous president did not have the appointments made at the meeting. That will happen here today, they will be instructed to review the books of the association and prepare a report for the next AGM, they have the option of retaining professional help as required.

There were many challenges involved in our taking over the books of the Association and a lack of information and no help from the previous bookkeeper as well as identifying funds that had been been misdirected has taken most of our Treasurers time and focus. Fortunately I believe we will soon have these funds properly identified and invested. Our treasurer has kept our financial records in a simple easy to read and understand format that should make the annual review an easier process going forward.

One of my primary goals is transparency in RNBRA financial business so I would invite the membership to consider asking someone from the floor to review the books since the last AGM and report to the board who will then email the report to the members asap.

**Respectively submitted by
Interim President
Michael Lutes
Royal New Brunswick Rifle Association**