



Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Association

(Incorporated)

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TSNZ Conference Report 2013

Christchurch Copthorne Hotel

The meeting started on time with a welcome by the TSNZ President Grant Taylor.

The Roll call, voting numbers and proxies were then read out. Manawatu held the proxy for Target Shooting Auckland.

Manawatu votes 127 and Target Shooting Auckland 40.

Manawatu had been advised by email of Auckland's Vote.

There was a minutes silence for absent friends notably for Manawatu, Betty Hooper, Bob Weston and Ivan Sigvertsen.

The Scrutineers were appointed, Simon Senior and Nina McKenzie

The Minutes were approved with a question by Marlborough re some wording but it was stated that according to the written notes they were correct.

Matters arising:

Manawatu questioned the sending out of the 2012 President's report and was told that this had been circulated to Associations earlier in the year.

We also questioned one of the rule changes from last year as we believed that the correct wording had not been followed re Marlborough's remit.

Presidents Report:

Grant Taylor read his report which had been given to the Delegates before the meeting started. It was a comprehensive report which included an NZSF report which outlined Grant's dissatisfaction with the way that Federation had handled the last Olympic selection.

Manawatu seconded the report with the proviso that the section containing the NZSF report be taken out of the President's report and tabled for the meeting as an NZSF Delegates report.

This was agreed to and the Report as amended was adopted.

Financial Report:

This was presented by Deputy President Peter Lissington.

Gordon Tocher from East Otago had done some analysis on the accounts and Peter asked Gordon to elaborate on his findings.

Manawatu had submitted a few questions and these were answered by Peter.

The reduction in the profit margin on Trading was attributed to the Executive reducing the percentage of mark-up on its sales by 5%.

We were assured that the Trading officer does hold a master sheet of sales by all Agents and keeps a close check on sales.

The reduction in ammo sales was attributed to shooters keeping higher stocks of ammo so as not to be caught out on slow indent arrival.

The reduction in freight costs were due to the fact that a smaller container was used.

It was stated that a full stock-take was complied with and, as a further measure to keep track of sales, a six monthly stock-take would also take place.

It was stated that to reduce the stock held by TSNZ that there would be specials at both the Rees Scroll and the Andrew and Faulkner of slow moving stock.

Peter Lissington provided comment on the trend of ammo sales (downwards for the past four years and significantly so last year) with advice that next year's ammo indent is for 1.3 million rounds while last year's indent was for only 1.1 million rounds.

Venues:

2014 AGM, Airport Motel Wellington,
2014 Inter Island Indoor, Marlborough,
2014 National Outdoor, Mana,

2015 Christchurch.
2015 Wanganui, 2016 Christchurch.
2015 Christchurch, 2016 Manawatu.

Remits:

Remit 1: Executive, Veteran's Inter Island Match.

Manawatu put forward an amendment to hold it as a postal match and that lapsed due to a lack of a seconder.

After a little discussion the motion was passed with Manawatu against.

Auckland voted for the motion.

Remit 2: Executive, Changing the Inter Island Open team to a Men's Team.

This Remit provoked a great deal of debate, the most impassioned coming from Ashburton's delegate Bryan Hunter who denounced the proposal as prejudiced and discriminatory against our Women and Junior shooters. He presented a two page document outlining all the ways that this remit is contrary to our Constitution. He criticised the Executive for failing to consult all of the membership before considering such a radical step and said that the long term effects of this remit have been poorly thought through.

Comment was made by other delegates about how this would affect the quality of the Teams and devalue the strength of all the teams.

This competition is our Premier Indoor event and we should field our strongest possible teams.

Very little discussion was for the remit and therefore it was surprising that when it came to a vote, the number of Assn's that were for the motion.

The vote was 434 for and 709 against with 87 abstentions.

The motion was lost.

Auckland voted for the motion

Remit 3: Executive, Remove 50 & 100 Yards Postal Match.

The motion was passed with a little discussion.

Auckland voted for the motion

Remit 4: Nelson, Rifle butts in shoulder.

Discussion centred around that different ranges have the need for local safety rules and it was better to have range staff take a more proactive role in controlling the safety on the range.

The Motion was lost.

Auckland voted against.

Remit 5: Nelson, Range commands re warmers.

Most of the discussion followed along the same lines as the previous remit.

The Motion was lost.

Manawatu voted for.

Auckland voted against.

Remit 6: Southland, Change of dates for sending Remits etc.

Very little discussion.

The Motion was passed.

Auckland voted for.

Remit 7: Marlborough, Outdoor corrective lens fitted to the Rifle.

Most of the discussion revolved around how this would affect designated matches and ISSF Rules.

Comment was made that we are not conducting gear checks at these matches and it was possible that non compliant gear was already being used.

Robbie Gilchrist said the Outdoor committee that was set up after last year had been looking into how local rules may be used instead of strictly following ISSF when the vast majority of outdoor shooters were never going to be required to conform.

Most delegates want to see it made easier for indoor shooters to make the transition to outdoor with the minimum of change.

There was a need to have supplementary Local Rules.

Robbie Gilchrist said that the committee's report should be out soon for comment.

The Motion was passed.

Auckland voted for.

Subscriptions and Budget:

Marlborough expressed concerns that the Budget allowed for a \$22,000 loss and moved an amendment to raise the senior sub to \$90.00 and leave the others as recommended, this was seconded and it was stated that this would only bring in an extra \$6,000.00 and that it would be better to try and increase sales and maintain a decent profit margin.

The amendment was lost and the original recommendations from the Executive were passed, An increase of \$5.00 for Assn's Clubs and members.

Elections:

Patron: Colleen Lee

President: Grant Taylor

Deputy President: Peter Lissington

Executive: Rex Gardner, Robbie Gilchrist, Ralph Small, Bruce Cameron

North Island Selectors: Ellis Flay, Lindsay Arthur, Bruce Cameron

South Island Selectors: Terry Lee, John McCartin, John Chauval

NZSF Delegate: Robbie Gilchrist

Reports:

Trading:

Ian Pottinger gave a verbal report on the trading situation and said that they will be looking at the profit margin more closely in the future to keep on track with how things are going.

There will be more stock control in and out to alleviate the problems of having too much slow moving stock and sales to move this.

The Indent this year is up again with 1.3 million rounds ordered by the members.

He encouraged all members to deal with TSNZ to create profit for the benefit of all members.

Coaching:

Grant Taylor is conducting coaching clinics when requested by Assns or Clubs.

Eley/TSNZ Challenge & Inter-Secondary Schools:

Grant spoke of the support that these competitions were receiving from the Secondary Schools.

Over 300 shooters taking part in the Eley Challenge and a record number of teams, 26 in all at the Inter-Secondary School match at Manawatu.

JDS:

Peter Lissington said that numbers are down but the squad is still committed to the focus of developing our younger shooters.

He spoke of the commitment of manager Eddie Adlam and the work that he and others, especially Leon Griebel have put into this squad.

There is a great deal of time and practise needed by the squad members and that if the shooters are not prepared to do that then they need to question their involvement with the squad.

To progress in their sport of Target shooting then it is a must to obtain their firearms licence as soon as possible.

He asked how many delegates at conference had looked at the JDS Website which is linked to TSNZ and there were very few that had done so.

Please check out the website and see if there is any way you can assist as there is always a need for more volunteers.

There are a number of ex JDS Members out there if you have them in your club or Assn please make use of the knowledge they have been given.

NDC:

Robbie Gilchrist spoke of the great support that this contest is getting from the Assn's that take part.

He said that the contest ran well in the main with some issues that are still ongoing.

Winners:

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| Division 1 | The Plainsmen |
| Division 2 | Otago Blue & Golds |
| Simon Grant Memorial Trophy | Lindsay Arthur |
| Siggys Salver | Joseph McAddam |

Marlborough then presented Manawatu with the Candy Man Cup

General Business:

Marlborough raised the issue of magnifying-lens being allowed in the foresight in indoor but not outdoor.

This was agreed in principal but the same issues arise with designated matches etc.

Robbie said that this was an aspect that the outdoor committee had looked at and the report will promote more discussion as well.

A paper re Island of Origin Indoor Emailed Match had been circulated which was revealed as having come from Hawke's Bay.

There was discussion about whether this needed to be brought up at this meeting as I felt that this was not the place to do so.

I was told I was being a bit harsh as it was a light hearted shoot and such shoots had happened in the past.

It was left that if someone wished to arrange it then good luck to them.

Waikato wished to look at having more than one team from each School in the Inter-Secondary Competition, but it each time this has come up at a meeting of the School coordinators it has been agreed that only one team from each School should enter.

It was pointed out that the Eley Challenge Competition does allow for more than one team from each school.

Danny de Hek offered to liaise with TSNZ to promote sales via a website.

A Question was asked re bullet catcher design and ventilation standards for Indoor Ranges.

Ashburton said the standard was for 7 changes an hour and they had achieved more than this.

The Office said they are still having problems with clubs not sending in the grading returns on time it was stated that of the 121 clubs only 43 had sent returns so far.

Delegates: Peter Neilson & Bruce Marchant