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Hello NRB Members,

My apologies for not doing this sooner.

In March we finally had the long overdue AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended with a special thanks to former president Scott Wagner for taking on the duties of Returning Officer, also a thanks to Jai Rowell NSW CEO and Lance Miller National and State President for making the effort to attend the meeting and address the members.

We had around 112 members in attendance with another 2 or 3 attending as guests plus the state representatives. This was the second largest meeting held in the past 10 years and despite all the promises of the past 2 years by various members to raise a host of questions about the performance of the committee, when the opportunity was offered to them the meeting was met with silence. This would almost bring a conclusion that there is nothing more to complain about.

There was also the matter of a letter sent to Firearms Registry from some members with a list of complaints, some of these allegations were quite serious and prompted a formal investigation by Firearms Registry, these allegations could not be substantiated and as such the branch and committee have been completely cleared of any wrongdoing which is a great outcome for the branch and its happy members.

The annual raffle which was implemented back in November 2021 by the current committee was drawn, with the board of handmade fishing lures that were donated by a club member and were used as the lucky door prize on the night was also won by a local member. The raffle raised approx. \$1400 for the club of which 10% will be donated to a local charity. This is still to be decided.

In late April we finally received notification from the Department of Crown Lands that our application for the extensions to the rifle shed have been approved. This has taken nearly 2 ½ years.

We are currently working on lodging the DA can be lodged.

The State Lever Action Titles were held in early May with 38 competitors from all over Australia attending. Many thanks to Don and the 12 volunteers who helped over the weekend.

A friendly reminder to all "H" licence holders, once you lodge a PTA you still need to send an email or text to myself with your Range Pass number, Member Number and what discipline you intend to participate in. If you don't supply this info I cannot process your application from the club side.

Some updates from State regarding RO's,

All RO's on duty MUST wear an identifying Vest whilst on duty. The "RO on Duty Board" must have all RO's listed. This will apply to all events at the range whether it is a practice or competition.

I might also add that whilst load development is part of range activities it can also be a dangerous activity so if you are not sure about what you are doing, please ask someone with more experience for help.

I would once again like to thank all the members who volunteer their time to help run the range and provide a friendly place for members who share a common passion to meet.

Finally, a friendly reminder for everyone to review the Range Standing Orders, they form the basis of how things operate at the range. They can be found on the web site or on the wall at the range there is also a zero-tolerance policy at the range which can also be found on the wall at the range please familiarise yourself with it. This policy is there so that all members can enjoy their time at the range. No one can keep everyone happy all the time, if you have a problem with something at the range a complaint can be made in writing,

addressed to the committee but sent to the secretary. This gives the committee an opportunity to address concerns from members but its not a platform to complain about trivial things.

One final note do not approach an “On Duty Range Officer” for general conversation when the range is open, they need to focus on what’s happening on the firing line. If it’s a non-urgent matter, there is plenty of time after the range is closed.

I hope this helps,

Thank you for your time.

SSAANRB President

Ian Wills

