

Report of NZAHAA Management Committee Meeting October 2008

Here follows a brief report of the 6 ½ hour Management Committee meeting held in Whangarei (subject to confirmation by the official minutes).

Sub Committee Reports

Membership: The association currently has 852 financial members with 121 members whose subscription has not been paid for the current year. Branch Reps were urged to encourage these people to renew their membership.

Finance: 2008 expenditure has so far been kept within the approved budget and it is anticipated that the year will end with a modest surplus. The associations cash reserves are starting to look more healthy but there is still a way to go to achieve the ideal figure. The budget already circulated was approved and ratified at the General Meeting the next day.

Branches are encouraged to make a donation to the Association from the proceeds of auctions.

Activities and Promotion: Work is in hand to update the Association pamphlet and advertise the NZAHAA in commercial auction catalogues. Sale of Polo shirts saw the first batch delivered at the Whangarei meeting, but so far orders from members have been slow. Similarly orders for gun bags were disappointing.

The new postal shoot format proved to be more popular with 50% of branches participating, Canterbury being the outright winners.

The National Shoot in September was poorly attended with only 12 members entering. The format will be looked at again to make it more appealing to the membership. Wellington Branch were thanked for organising the event.

The Auction website proposed at the last meeting has been abandoned due to the high set up costs (\$6,000) and the small customer base (only 400 members on e-mail) making it commercially unviable. However the Editor pointed out that members can run a tender type sale through the e-Gazette.

This sub committee will be looking into ways to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the association on 2009.

Liaison & Legislation: Arms Amendment Bill No 3 will remain on the back burner until after the election. This committee has had further discussion with Police on the definition of "Antique Firearms" which the Police are now considering.

Publications: The Gazette continues to go from strength to strength and it is hoped that colour photographs may be included in the next year or two, budget allowing. Would you pay more for a full colour Gazette? The Editor visited several gun rooms in Whangarei for more material, please think about submitting an article yourself.

The 2009 Calendar in full colour was launched at the meeting. Have you ordered yours?

General Business:

The committee agreed to meet the Presidents accommodation expenses for meetings from National funds as these are not covered by his own branch.

A formal Marketing Strategy was tabled for future fund raising activities, this will be circulated to branches to assist them in the preparation of any future projects.

The NZCF No 8 & 9 training rifle are to be sold by auction, a maximum of two per bidder, prior registration required, further details to be announced in the media.

Dealing on Trademe has risks attached of your personal details being obtained by Police and passed on to defendants when cases go to court.

An insurance policy is being negotiated that for a \$50 annual premium will cover your costs in the event of a Police prosecution. Some members caught up in the Police raids of 2006 faced many thousands in legal costs. However this policy will depend upon a good number of members taking up the offer and more details will be circulated with the Gazette.

It has been proposed that many of the returnable trophies currently awarded for the National Shoot be replaced with permanent medals, this will be investigated further and the views of the original trophy donors sort.

Margaret Brown our National Secretary has indicated her wish to retire at the end of her 2009 contract. The position will be advertised in the Gazette and a sub committee has been appointed to vet applicants.

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