

**NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
OPEN SESSION**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held on Friday 5th June 2026 at 13:45pm
in the NRA Meeting Room, NRA Offices, Bisley Camp**

Present:	Jonathan Djanogly	(JD)	Chairman
	Nick Brasier	(NB)	
	Nick David	(ND)	
	Charles Dickenson	(CESD)	
	Alice Gran	(AG)	
	Chris Lloyd	(CLd)	
	Andrew Reynolds	(AR)	Treasurer
	Richard Stebbings	(RSt)	
In attendance:	Simon Lee	(SL)	Secretary General
	Georgina Thatcher	(GT)	Secretary to Meeting
Apologies:	Gary Alexander	(GA)	
	James Harris	(JH)	
	Julia Hilger-Ellis	(JHE)	Vice Chair
	Chris Lees	(CL)	

T2312 – T2322

The Chairman noted that the Confidential Session of the meeting had ended and declared the Open Session open.

1. T2312 – APOLOGIES

- 1.1. Apologies were received from GA, JH, JHE and CL.

2. T2313 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 2.1. The Chairman reminded the Trustees that:
- 2.1.1.all Trustees must declare any conflicts of interest at relevant points during the Meeting; and
 - 2.1.2.a decision would be taken as to whether it was considered appropriate for any Trustee to remain, speak or vote during any discussion when a declaration has been made.

3. T2314 – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2026 were presented to the meeting for approval. The Trustees approved the minutes.

4. T2315 – MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 4.1. There were no matters arising.

5. T2316 – REVIEW OF ACTIONS

- 5.1. The Trustees noted the Review of Actions.
- 5.2. **Overseas Team Fund (OTF)** – The Meeting noted the Team Finance Committee agreed to maintain the proceeds from the aggregates into the OTF funds and continue to draw down on the fund until it runs out, which is expected to take around 10 years.
- 5.3. **Special Prizes Fund (SPF)** The SPF has increased to approximately £406,000 given asset growth and consistently lower levels of expenditure which is currently restricted to prize-related items. Prize values for eligible pre-1962 competitions have not been updated since 1990, leaving many prizes worth less than the

cost of entering the events. Council are undertaking a review of the spending level to ensure that we get the most from the SPF within the confines of the endowment restrictions and agreed that this work should be completed. Several members suggested that a more strategic solution may be to seek Charity Commission approval to modernise the fund's permitted uses so it can support wider participation or development goals rather than simply boosting prize values. The Trustees agreed that AG and CESD review John Bloomfield's research on prize restrictions to clarify what changes are legally possible, and develop a proposal for discussion at the next meeting before any decision is made.

- 5.4. **NRA Disciplines** – Shooting Committee to provide a list of disciplines for review.
 - 5.5. **Finance** – The CFO to discuss the transfer of excess cash with the NRA Treasurer to ensure liquidity and credit risk is minimised.
 - 5.6. **Impact of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act** – The Secretary General confirmed the draft Counter-Terrorism Compliance Framework is to be fully developed and documented by end of 2026.
 - 5.7. **Financial Matters** – IR35 contracts are being reviewed by the HR Manager and Training manage to ensure they remain within HMRC rules.
 - 5.8. No further items were raised.
6. **T2317 – SECRETARY GENERAL'S OPEN REPORT**
- 6.1. The Trustees received the Secretary General's report and noted the contents.
 - 6.2. **Moss Mustafa Electricity Arbitration** – The Secretary General confirmed that the cost schedules had been sent to MM's solicitors, who had confirmed receipt. The Trustees instructed the Secretary General to ask Irwin Mitchell to contact MM's solicitors with a deadline for a response.
 - 6.3. **Membership Renewals** – The Trustees noted membership renewals were slightly down on the previous year. Reasons for non-renewal were given included end of the free Under 21 membership, retirement from the sport, affordability, distance from Bisley, and reduced participation in shooting. The Secretary General also highlighted the delay in police checks which had resulted in over 190 new applications being held up for 4 months. All outstanding checks had now been received.
 - 6.4. **Bisley Familiarisation Course** – The Secretary General presented a new course for consideration. The course reinforce critical safety principles and clarifies the responsibilities of acting as one's own Range Officer. The ultimate aim is to improve safety standards and reduce incident rates across the site. The Trustees acknowledged the reason for the course but highlighted the need to ensure the course can be expanded to the regional ranges, not just Bisley and also ensure the cost is not excessive. The Trustees suggested an online video course would be beneficial and more cost effective, with an annual requirement for completion in order to renew SCCs.
 - 6.5. **Skills Training** – CESD asked that more information is provided for each discipline to assist new shooters to the sport in understanding what is available to them, or reintroduce the skills courses that used to take place.
 - 6.6. **Youth Shooting** – A discussion was held on how to promote Youth Shooting more effectively. RSt remarked that the NRA needs to look at the potential for increasing youth shooting, rather than looking inwardly at what has gone wrong. The Secretary General will discuss this with the SMT as part of the Strategic Framework review.
 - 6.7. No questions were raised.
7. **T2318 – CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OPEN REPORT**
- 7.1. The Trustees received the Chief Executive's report and noted the contents.
 - 7.2. The Chief Executive informed the meeting that BSG have secured a further clay pigeon provision at Stoke Park Hotel which is expected to produce a record month for BSG income.
 - 7.3. AG asked that the NSC report include areas outside of RV's control such as the Range Office, Armoury, Ranges and Range Booking System. The Chief Executive noted the request.
 - 7.4. No questions were raised.
8. **T2319 – FINANCE REPORT**
- 8.1. The Treasurer presented the finance report to end of March 2026 and gave a verbal update on the position to end April 2026.

- 8.2. April has seen an overall loss of £248k which is £90k adverse to 2025. The main reasons are considered to be poor weather conditions over the first quarter, changing costs basis, staff costs and department allocation.
- 8.3. The cash position is strong and the KPIs are all within the required limits.
- 8.4. Better narrative will be provided in future reports.
- 8.5. The Treasurer reported the intercompany balance between NRA and NSC requires a complete review and Haysmac have provided a report with suggestions on how the balance can be addressed. The NRA will need to seek legal advice on HMRC and the Charity Commission's positions on inter-company balances before implementing any changes.
- 8.6. The new Financial Controller has been asked to provide more timely month end reporting and clearer commentary. The Trustees recognised the current structure creates complexity and that future system changes should help reduce manual work and improve reporting.
- 8.7. No further items were raised.

9. T2320 – SHOOTING COMMITTEE

- 9.1. The Meeting received no report from the Shooting Committee.
- 9.2. The minutes of the Shooting Committee Meeting held in January 2026 were received. No questions were raised.
- 9.3. **Team Finance Committee (TFC)** – The Trustees received the TFC report and were asked to approve the following:
 - 9.3.1. **GB TR Team to Canada and USA 2026 Grant** - a grant of £12,500 was requested for the team. The TFC confirmed the team met the Relevant Person participation requirement and noted the grant was in line with previous grants. The Trustees approved the grant.
 - 9.3.2. **Team Captain's Handbook** – the final draft of the Team Captain's handbook had been reviewed and approved by the TFC at their May meeting. They request final approval from the Trustees to circulate and implement it, with the Fundraising sections now removed into a separate TFC document. The Trustees approved the handbook.
 - 9.3.3. **Request for additional funds** – The TFC informed the meeting that the cash currently held in the bank is insufficient to pay the recommended grants for 2026 and 2027 and request £42k of investment fund assets are liquidated to meet the needs. The Trustees agreed.
 - 9.3.4. **Team Captains**
 - 9.3.4.1. **NRA Team Captain to the Channel Islands 2027** - A ballot has taken place for the captaincy following three candidates being nominated. Alastair Brown won the ballot and will be sent a confirmation letter. The Trustees approved the captaincy. GT to send a letter of confirmation to Alastair Brown, and inform the other candidates of the outcome of the ballot.
 - 9.3.4.2. **GB Handgun Captain Australia 2027** – One candidate has been nominated for the captaincy. The Trustees approved the captaincy. GT to send a letter of confirmation to David Morrow.
 - 9.3.5. **Reason for Council Vetting** – CESD had submitted a paper for consideration regarding the vetting of team captain candidates. Trustees agreed that candidates should be vetted by the Secretary General and Head of Membership to identify any confidential information or disciplinary records that might make them unsuitable before candidates are put forward for approval. The Trustees also agreed that future urgent team captain approvals could be handled by written resolution outside of Council meetings, where timing required.
- 9.4. **Imperial Meeting Report** – The Secretary General confirmed the Imperial Meeting planning is going well and entry numbers are in line with 2025 figures. Last minute entries are expected.
- 9.5. **International Tour Schedule** – CESD informed the meeting that the TFC and Shooting Committee have agreed the future tour calendar through to 2030. CESD asked that the Secretary General send letters to the various host countries to propose the GB team tours and to ask for invitations where agreed. CESD also confirmed that GB teams to Canada have been reduced to tour every other year, rather than annually, to avoid Australia Match years as well as Long Range World Championship/Palma Match tour years.
- 9.6. No questions were raised.

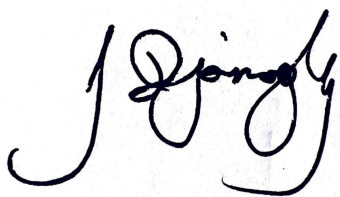
10. **T2321 – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- 10.1. The Membership Committee Chairman presented the draft minutes of the Membership Committee held on 12th May 2026. No questions were raised.
- 10.2. No questions were raised.

11. **T2322 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1. **Retirement of Council Members** - The Trustees noted GA and JHE terms of office are both due to expire in September 2026, their last meeting being August 2026. The Trustees agreed it would be beneficial for new candidates to have PR, Marketing and Human Resources experience/expertise. Youth development or someone from the northern region or a military background would also be beneficial. ND and CL first terms of office are also expiring in September 2026. Both have expressed a wish to re-stand for a second term. GT will send a nomination form and CV form to ND and CL to complete.
- 11.2. **ICFRA GB F Class Rep** – CESD informed the Trustees that the current ICFRA GB F Class Rep is due to stand down in August after the F Class World Championships. A new candidate is being proposed and Trustees agreed to confirm the recommendation by Written Resolution upon receipt of the new candidate nomination.
- 11.3. No further issues were raised.

The meeting closed at 14.10pm



Jonathan Djanogly
Chairman of Council

Date of next meeting: Friday 21st August 2026