

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MARCH 2022 AGM

It is with pleasure that I give my Chairman's report at this AGM.

I have had the position of Chairman for SARA for the past 4 years and have endeavoured to let all the members of SARA know what was happening, what had happened and what was about to happen. This information was sent out by way of the Chairman's newsletter. I now have to tell you that all of the pictures, cartoons etc were not my work, but were put into the newsletter by our very talented Executive Officer ie Mark Tyler. Thanks Mark.

For those who do not know my reason to stand for the Board, I will tell you my story. Under the old committee system, I tried to get access to paperwork and financial paperwork, and basically ran into a brick wall. To solve this problem, I decided to stand for the No 8 DRA representative and get a place on the committee, and much to Peter Shambrook's disgust, I was voted into the position of delegate for the No8 DRA, and I still had problems of obtaining information. When the Dept of Sport and Recreation made us change to the Board structure, I was elected Chairman by the newly formed Board. I then had the authority to examine all of the paper work of the past and the current time.

It was then that I started producing the Chairman's letter in an attempt to inform all SARA members of what was happening. It was also at this time that I had Mark produce a financial document for presentation at the AGM each year. This is not a document that must be delivered, but one I have put in front of you to try and give you a better understanding of how SARA was going financially. In answer to those who have been putting out the rumours that were "broke", I will simply say that you have no idea what you were/are talking about as we always had a good amount of money in the bank and we paid all our bills on time, and we still had a good balance in the bank.

This past year has been a very difficult one for SARA due to all the Covid problems, the changing of computer systems in both day to day operations and with the new financial program connected to our auditors, but hopefully we will be past this in the future.

I wish the new Board all the success for the next period of time, and I thank all nine applicants for the Board positions. The big whohaa about the 40:40:20 which was raised just recently at our special general meeting has left me laughing as the new Board complies with the wishes of the Dept of Sport and Recreation with 40% female, 40% male, and the fifth one being of either sex 20%. With that current mix, we will definitely qualify for grants from the Department.

To the new Board, my congratulations for having the drive and the guts to want to look after our association over the next few years. Unfortunately as a Board member, you will have to listen to those members of SARA who think they know everything about how our Association works, but in reality they know very little, but you will survive.

To those members who were on the Board over the last four years, my sincere thanks for being on the Board. I think we laughed more than we cried but at the end of the day you did a great job. My sincere thanks to you all.

I would like to say a special thanks to Andrew Goldsmith for taking on the position of Vice Chairman while I was very unwell and undergoing Radiotherapy for prostate cancer. I can now inform everyone that it appears that I am cancer free but I will still be being checked by my doctors and specialists to make sure I stay on top of it. Thanks Goldy.

I look forward to seeing you on a rifle range somewhere over the next few years, and I still maintain that our Association is very similar to a large family. Please take the time to look after our junior members and now that I'm a bit older, if you see any of our members struggling with their gear on a range, please give them a hand. May you all shoot straight, and may you all enjoy what we do.

Kind regards

Malcolm Flavel