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REPORT TO NRANZ MEMBER'S – Long Range World Championship 2019 - #5

Dear Members

Welcome to another update on the way to the 2019 Long Range World Championships.

Since the last report in January our main focus has been the 2018 Championships and the learnings we can take from that.

Project Management

The committee have continued to hold monthly meetings and tasks and work streams are being actively managed. Updates since the last report include.

- Debrief and review of the 2018 NZ Championships and mini Palma.
- An update of the Marketing and Communications Plan.
- A review and update of the risk register.

Review of 2018 National Championships

The 2018 National Championships ran from 26 January to 3 February with a mini Palma teams match on Sunday 4 February. On the whole it was a very successful event with entries of 209 competitors which included 108 international entries from USA (22), Australia (68), Great Britain (12), Japan (3) and Canada (3). The mini Palma match was contested between four international teams from New Zealand, Australia, USA and Great Britain as well as three veterans' teams from New Zealand, Australia and USA. A full range of weather conditions was encountered during the event including record high temperatures for the first few days, a cyclone which cancelled shooting on the Thursday afternoon and then changeable fishtail winds for the rest of the event with some rain.

Feedback was sought from all team captains and some valuable suggestions was received in terms of additional support that could be provided to visiting competitors.

A formal debrief was carried out on Sunday 11 February and the following issues identified;

Preparation –

Volunteers - we did not have enough to prepare the range before the competition with the work largely done by a small group (5 or 6) Wellington members,

- Need more volunteers 2 weeks out from the start

- Target preparation can be done earlier and needs to be finished a month before needed – more targets needed next year
- We need to make a better effort to attract some help from outside Wellington.
- We can consider if there is some work that can be contracted out.

300 Metres

- There will be only one 300 metre event in 2019 on the Friday morning – (one detail) this will free up the range for practice

Zero Range

- Only a few people used the range
- We can use the same facilities next year and this will be suitable and remove the need for costly capital works
- We need volunteers to be at the range and collect the fees at the times scheduled

Practice days

- The majority coming next year will be in teams so they will be expected to book practice targets (and pay for these) through the office.
- Need better communication with office about who had booked the targets this year

Other

While we have a Match Director and a Chief Range Officer it would be good to appoint an Operational Manager as well during the event to coordinate range changes and equipment movements.

The council meeting normally held on the Saturday at the start of the meeting will this year will be in December 2018, which will free up councillors to assist with management.

Marking

This area needs a major re think as the event coincides with the first week of schools starting back which turned out to be more of a problem than considered. MENZ shed members were engaged as markers this year which did not work out very well due to the age group of the members who saw themselves as volunteering for MENZ shed and were not very receptive to taking direction from younger Butts Officers. A separate sub-committee has now been set up to address this.

Range Operation

- There is a need to make up clip boards for the scorers, Paul Tidswell has volunteered for this, thanks Paul.
- Parking behind the mound will need to go back further and designated areas to be more clearly defined
- Better signage needed for where to park
- Team transport area to be marked
- Better communication needed with Army and Golf Club
- A point of contact is needed to meet contractors ie portaloos, containers etc

Programme

- The Red book was very late coming out meaning that card pickups were late and ID cards not available till cards picked up – office to open earlier and Red Book to be printed at least one month earlier
- The Championship programme itself was too busy and needs to be cut down to account for the additional number of competitors – options for this to be discussed through the council
- Concurrent teams for Vets and Undies in the belt series

Village

- The tents went well and the area was used by many
- There was an issue with the wind on the Marquee during the cyclone and containers could be used as a wind shield next year
- The Prize Giving at the Racecourse went well even though it had to incorporate extra events that could not be carried out earlier in the week due to weather. A bigger room will be required next year and it was felt that some of the daily prize givings could be left to the end the same as this year for the NZ Championships which would free up team time during the week
- ID cards worked well
- The Liquor Licence arrangements worked well and it was well supported by Paul Lambert as Duty Manager when there wasn't one from the Trentham and Petone Club bar managers available.

Capital Works

Of the Capital works originally identified only the development of targets 1 & 2 and 49 & 50 remain to be started. Army are being consulted about proposals and we are just awaiting notice of funding applications submitted.

Conclusion

I think the biggest thing to come out of our review is the need for further assistance to deliver this event. This applies to assistance to prepare the range before the event, assistance with security and parking management during the event as well as scoring and large score board marking as well as moving those boards. However, most pressing is assistance in the butts especially with marking. If you are looking for a workout or know of anyone who might appreciate employment over this period even if you or they are not available for the whole time please give it some thought. We need a large number of people to cover marking over 17 days (markers will be paid). Anybody who thinks they can help is asked to email; volunteer@nrnz.org.nz.

All the best

Rob Morgan
LRWC 2019 Committee Chairman