



Rover Scouts

National Rover Council

National Rover Council Remote Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday the 25th of March 2021

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8.05 pm ADST.

As Scouts of Australia, we acknowledge Australia's First Nations Peoples, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

We're grateful to do our Scouting in this country; we commit to use its resources wisely and develop our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We also acknowledge any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scouts who are part of our movement today.

1.2 Attendance

Eleanor Hewitt (NAT)	Chris Young (ERT)
Nicolas Gardiner (NAT)	Clinton Smith (ERT)
Jake Goodall (NAT)	Jay Reid (ERT)
Hugh Crawford (NAT)	Brendan Wilson (QLD)
Liam Gallagher (NAT)	Bryn Catlin (NSW)
Georgia Welch (NAT)	Monica (NSW)
Patrick McCormick (NAT)	Josephine Bond (SA)
	Toby Blyth (WA)
	Addy (WA)
	Thomas Milham (SA)
	Shaylah McClymont (ACT)
	Lachlan Court (ACT)
	Max Kelly (ACT)
	Peter (VIC)
	Michelle Saffin (VIC)
	Andrew Strachan (ACT)
	Narelle Ball (TAS)
	Calista Beck

1.3 Apologies

Georgia Sands (NAT)
Kuzma (NSW)
Sam De Rota (ACT)
Shaun Sandilands (QLD)
Nathan (QLD)

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Previous Minutes

J.Goodall presented the minutes from the NRC Annual Conference (AGM) meeting held on the 29th - 31st of January previously circulated in March for approval by those present at the remote meeting.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the NRC Annual Conference (AGM) meeting held on the 29th - 31st January.

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: South Australia

MOTION CARRIED

3. Standing Items

3.1 Child Safe Issues

NIL

3.2 WHS Issues

B.Wilson asks that all take care around Australia due to the wet weather facing the country currently.

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

3.4 NRC Finances

J.Goodall spoke to the NRC finances and filled the NRC on how the new standing item will work.

4. NRC Team Report

4.1 NRC Team Report.

The NRC Executive and Standing Project Officers presented their combined report, providing an update against the NRC Strategic Objectives. This report can be found in the OneDrive

MOTION

That the Action Item List be noted

Moved through the Chairperson

Seconded: ACT

CARRIED

4.2 Action Items List.

The NRC Exec presented the action items list of tasks that the office bearers had been working on since the last NRC meeting and upcoming projects they intended to complete over the next couple of months. This can be found in the OneDrive

MOTION

That the Action Item List be noted

Moved through the Chairperson

Seconded: NSW

CARRIED

5. Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report

5.1 Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report.

N.Ball gave a report on behalf of the moot chair. It is confirmed that the moot will be held on the 31st of December 2022 to the 8th of January 2023. Be sure to check the Facebook page and the website as more details are coming out soon!

ACTION: Apple Isle Moot Chair to distribute the Contingent Leader role description at the next remote meeting for BRCs to look over

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through TAS Chair on behalf of the Apple Isle Moot Chair.

CARRIED

6. World Scout Moot 2029 Team Report

6.1 World Scout Moot 2029 Team Report

J.Goodall spoke to the report on behalf of the WSM Bid Team Lead providing an update on the World Scout Moot Bid.

T.Blyth raised concerns regarding the timelines, deadlines and theme. J.Goodall spoke providing support for the WSM team in regards to the deadlines and that a document outlining the theme is in the works.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through J.Goodall on behalf of the WSM Bid Team Lead

CARRIED

7. NRC External Review

7.1 ERT Team Report

The ERT presented their report, providing an update on the External Review.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the External Review Team.

CARRIED

8. Branch Reports

8.1 Training

QLD: First group of Rover Scouts have been through the new training package; QLD Rovers have had great support from their Branch regarding the changeover.

8.2 Program

SA: First major state moot has been run and was a major success with 50 Rover Scouts attending. Activities included: caving, kayaking and rafting.

NSW: NSW will be running Dr. Moot at the end of the year in their northern area. One other State Moot has been postponed.

TAS: Easter weekend will hold first state moot. We have had some trouble since getting event back up from this time last year. 3 BP awards were passed last BRC meeting. TAS is currently focussing on assisting units on the nYP and Terrain.

WA: WA's first event of the year will be a st georges day event run inline with the nYP. However they are concerned about staffing and finding people to run events.

QLD: 2 weeks ago a venturer and rover event (Urban Challenge) was run which made the QLD chief very impressed. QLD has awarded 4 BPSA since the NRC conference.

8.3 Governance

TAS: AGM had occurred since the NRC conference and 3 / 4 positions have been filled. Congrats to those appointed into the roles.

SA: Units have brought up a few issues from last year and SA Rovers are looking at solving them.

NSW: New exec for the upcoming year has been voted upon, congrats to those incoming members! the NSW BRC conference will contain workshops that include: Election reform, Redoing the strategic plan and constitutional changes

QLD: New training officer and finance officer has been appointed, congrats! Position cycle is June to June to come in line with the branch ARP. Some region reps positions have not been filled and it creates some issue amongst regions

WA: WA has appointed an NRC delegate and branch council positions have been filled. Congrats!

8.4 Marketing

NIL - Please email Eleanor if you would like anything included

8.5 Learnings

SA: Focus on the issue and not the people, if you focus on the issue you will not damage relationships and fix the issue faster

8.6 Sustainability Action Plans & SDGs

QLD: Urban Challenge got in touch with QLD BC Creating a Better World and was able to run tons of activities and help Rover and Venturers learn new skills

SA: A few rover scouts are helping woodhouse become a SCENES activity centre. They have been very busy over summer writing programs so that within the next few months the accreditation process can occur.

8.6 General

ACT: ACT has a new observer for NRC, first annual Rover Coast Trip took place and they had half of units represented. Their BRA has moved interstate and currently 2 BRAs have been appointed to work with the ACT BRC

VIC: You lose 30% of your taste buds when you fly, currently there is a map being created of the indigenous locations in VIC so that in welcome to country's are being respectful of the places on where they stand

9. NRC Elections

9.1 NRC Diversity & Inclusion Project Officer & NRC Environment & Sustainability Project Officer

NRC Adviser confirmed that nominations for NRC Diversity & Inclusion Officer and NRC Environment & Sustainability Project Officer roles were called for after the closing of the NRC 2021 Conference, promoted widely to Rover Scouts across Australia through BRCs and social media. Nominations were via an online form

Branch Rover Council Chairs were informed of nominees so they could confirm their endorsement. The endorsed candidates have now provided confirmation of their training status and their pre-recorded candidate statement, so we are good to commence. In order of their submission, below are the endorsed:

Lachlan Court nominated for the NRC Diversity & Inclusion Project Officer
Emma Johnston nominated for the NRC Environment & Sustainability Project Officer

NRC Adviser noted that as there was only one nomination for each position, a vote of confirmation would be held for those positions.

NRC Adviser noted that elections would follow the order set out in By-Laws. Each candidate pre-recorded candidate statement (provided with their nomination) was played in order of nomination received.

Congratulations to both the above nominees, both of which have been voted into their respective positions.

E.Hewitt thanked Georgia Welch (Outgoing E&S) and Georgia Sands (Outgoing D&I) for being a part of the NRC and are looking forward to see where they go

10. Voting Items

10.1 NRC Reoccurring Meeting Dates

J.Goodall spoke to the paper in the OneDrive. No questions were raised bar those on the paper.

MOTION

That the Nation Rover Council agree to the periods set out in '10.1 NRC Reoccurring Meeting Dates' where a doodle poll will be sent out to decide the actual date as per the NRC By-Laws

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: SA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 By-Law Update

J.Goodall spoke to the By-Law Paper in the OneDrive

L.Court asked that tracked changes be made on the original doc so they can see easily what has been changed in addition to the Amendment History on the final Page. J.Goodall (current secretary) has agreed to make this happen for ease of reading.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council approve the By-Laws version 2.3 to supersede By-Laws version 2.2

Moved: Secretary

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 Rules of Debate

E.Hewitt spoke to the paper in the OneDrive. L.Court spoke to his question on the paper in the OneDrive.

L.Court asked who made the call on if it was a structured debate or a non-structured debate. E.Hewitt said that it is the council, as the council votes if the procedure is moved to a non-structured debate.

B.Catlin questioned when branches move a motion to move to non-structured, E.Hewitt spoke that it occurs between a paper being seconded and moving to a formal debate.

M.Saffin raised concerns regarding the time limit. E.Hewitt spoke that it is hoped that branches ask questions before hand on the paper in comments rather than in the meeting. Branches have the option to contact the paper author for mor clarifying questions if needed. E.hewitt opened to the floor regarding if the paper should move to an opt-in system. B.Catlin stated that the structured debate should be the default.

S.McClymont spoke that it creates equal opportunity to each branch weather or not they want to ask questions. A.Strachan proposed that paper authors could put in the paper they want it to move to a non-structured debate. J.Bond spoke that it is better to vote on it during the meeting. B.Catlin asked that the chair asked for each paper after it is seconded that if anyone wants to move to non-structed debate. Many branches agreed

AMENDMENT

Under point 2, add a step gauging whether structured or non-structured debate occurs for the paper

Moved: NSW

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

That the National Rover Council trial the procedure set out in '10.3 - Rules of Debate' as the formal debate structure of the National Rover Council from the May Remote Meeting until the end of 2021.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 NRC Conference Hosting 2022

N.Ball spoke to the paper in the OneDrive. No questions were raised.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council approve:
-Tasmania to run the 2022 conference in Victoria
-Victoria to run the 2023 conference in Tasmania

Moved: TAS

Seconded: ACT

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Information & Late Papers

11.1 Beyond the Horizon Update

J.Goodall spoke to the paper and answered clarifying questions from VIC regarding the design and sizing.

ACTION: J.Goodall to send out results from survey completed in October 2020

MOTION

That the National Rover council:
-Note the report
-Send postal addresses to Liam (M&PR) and Jake (SEC)

Moved: Sec

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Code of Conduct Working Group

E.Hewitt spoke to the paper in the OneDrive. No questions were raised.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council nominate delegates to actively participate in the working group to the NRC Chair by the 15th of April for consideration

Moved: Chair

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 ERT – NRC Purpose Paper

C.Smith spoke to the paper in the OneDrive

B.Catlin asked that should the functions of the NRC include 'Promoting corporation of Rovers between other section of Scouts Australia' C.Smith spoke that that should be covered in the last point and believed it is not necessary.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council approve the changes to:
-The Purpose statement of the NRC
-The functions of the NRC

That the National Rover Council approve the addition of the above changes to the NRC By-Laws (Part1, Articles 1 & 6)

That the National Rover Council Chair submit the above changes and By-Laws to the National Operations Committee for inclusion in Scouts Australia's Policy and Rules (P6.2)

Moved: NRC Executive

Seconded: VIC

11.4 Election Buddy Guide for the NRC Election

P.McCormick spoke that it is in the OneDrive for refernece and to direct any question to the NRC Executive

11.5 External Review Team – Where to From Here

E.Hewitt spoke to the paper and email that is in the one drive

VIC prefers the June meeting to consult with regions and members, it will also make meetings easier and run shorter. SA prefer the June meeting as it allows more consultation period. NSW also prefers June meeting. TAS prefer the June meeting.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council agree to the timeline in the paper and that an extra-ordinary meeting be held in June to vote on the recommendations put forward by the ERT.

Moved: NEC EXEC

Seconded: SA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: J.Goodall to distribute a poll to NRC members to decide the date of upcoming extra ordinary remote meeting to be held during 14-18th of June 2021

12. General Business

Nil to report

13. Procedural Items

13.1 Next Meeting

J.Goodall notes to the council that the next NRC Meeting period will be between the 3rd - 9th May 2021

ACTION: J.Goodall to distribute a poll to NRC members to decide the date of upcoming remote meeting.

13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 10.25pm AEDT