

Diary of Events re Times letter of 13 June 2017

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Several of the letters summarised here go into considerable detail and need to be read in full to understand the extent of the points made by both sides.

Abbreviated names are

AM Andrew Mercer, NRA Secretary General of NRA
CB Charles Brooks, Disciplinary Committee
DE David Evans, Chairman of Disciplinary Committee, Trustee and line manager of AM
IR Iain Robertson, Secretary to the Disciplinary Body
JW John Webster, Chairman of NRA
NRA National Rifle Association
RP Robin Pizer

Notation

below each date is a reference number to documents used in the original Disciplinary Hearing namely **2.A** to **2.K** for NRA documents and **3.RP0** to **3.RP16** for RP documents, for the Appeal Hearing **4** to **12** for NRA documents and for RP documents

2017

- 12 June 2017 The Times published an article about the Artists Club House lease which was critical
2.A of the NRA
- 13 June 2017 The Times published RP letter about clubhouse rents
2.B
- 16 June 2017 NRA AGM at which the proposal to appoint General Lord Dannatt as Deputy
President of the NRA was not proceeded with as Lord Dannatt had withdrawn his
nomination.
- 19 June 2017 NRA (AM) letter to RP raising complaint over disclosure of allegedly 'confidential'
2.C information
- 27 June 2017 RP letter to NRA (AM) refuting NRA complaint
2.D
- 7 July 2017 NRA (AM) letter to RP claiming RP failure to answer two questions
2.E
- 19 July 2017 NRA (AM) letter to RP stating no response to letter of 7 July so matter to be referred to the
2.F Disciplinary Committee
- 31 July 2017 RP letter to NRA (AM) asking what fact(s) RP disclosed could properly be considered to be
3.RP6 confidential

2018

- 13 July 2018 NRA (IR) letter to RP re notice of intended disciplinary hearing in July
2.K RP comment : this was the day before the start of the Hopton Match Rifle Championship.
- 16 July 2018 RP letter to NRA (IR) requesting extension of time for hearing
3.RP7

- 20 July 2018 NRA (IR) letter to RP agreeing extension to end of August
3.RP8
- 22 July 2018 RP letter to NRA (IR) suggesting 5 dates towards end of August, requesting an answer to what fact(s) RP disclosed could properly be considered to be confidential
3.RP9
- 6 Aug 2018 RP letter to NRA (IR) asking why no response re dates, why no answer to what fact(s) RP disclosed could properly be considered to be confidential
3.RP10
- 13 Aug 2018 RP letter to NRA (IR) asking why no response, stating he will be out of UK for a week, possibly without access to emails or mobile phone–
3.RP11
- 15 Aug 2018 NRA (IR) letter to RP stating chairman of Disciplinary Body not available for dates offered and asking for new dates in October
3.RP12
- 24 Aug 2018 RP letter to NRA (IR) offering 3 dates in October, reminding that an answer to what fact(s) RP disclosed could properly be considered to be confidential had still not been provided
3.RP12
- 27 Aug 2018 NRA (IR) letter to RP stating NRA was considering the three dates
3.RP13
- 12 Sept 2018 RP letter to NRA (IR) stating 2 weeks have passed without any response to the question of what fact(s) RP disclosed could properly be considered to be confidential.
3.RP13
- 19 Sept 2018 NRA (IR) letter to RP giving date of 9 October, naming the members of the Disciplinary Panel involved and saying he would answer my other questions as soon as possible – he never did answer those other questions.
- 1 Oct 2018 NRA(IR) email to RP explaining process
3.RP14
- 8 Oct 2018 RP to NRA(IR) Outline submission dated 7 Oct 2018 (RP0) with RP2 to RP15
3.RP0
- 8 Oct 2018 RP to NRA(IR) RP1 1987 Fair Rents Scheme
3.RP0
- 9 Oct 2018 Disciplinary Hearing was held with RP and his legal advisor, Mark Scoggins, in attendance. DE was chairman, AM attended as prosecutor. Decision was : minute was confidential, letter brought NRA into disrepute, penalty NRA membership suspended until 31 July 2019
- 12 Oct 2018 NRA (AM) letter to RP stating the disciplinary decision and ADDING that the letter gave support to unsavoury and ill founded allegations against the Association and the Trustees (issue not raised with RP at the 9 October hearing), that RP was banned from entering Bisley Camp until 31 July 2019
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- 22 Oct 2018 RP letter to NRA (AM) giving notice of appeal against the decision
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- 11 Nov 2018 RP letter to NRA (IR) asking why no reply to RP letter of 22 October.
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- 14 Nov 2018 NRA (AM) letter to RP asking for grounds of appeal as promised ‘in early course’ on 22 October by RP
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- 21 Nov 2018
8 RP email to NRA (AM) saying NRA (AM) response of 14 November does not comply with Rules 34 (I) and 33.6
- 4 Dec 2018
9 NRA (AM) letter to RP saying RP must adhere to decision of Disciplinary Committee and must return his NRA membership card and Shooter Certification Card (SCC), only when that was done would the grounds for an appeal be considered, requesting the full grounds of appeal
- 2019**
- 10 Jan 2019
10 lost by NRA NRA (AM) letter to RP stating reply to their letter of 4 December not received, stating if no proper response by 31 January the decision of the Disciplinary Committee would be published.
- 21 Jan 2019
11 RP five page letter to NRA (AM) setting out grounds for appeal and detailing the failings of the NRA and of NRA officers in respect of RP's disciplinary hearing.
- 12 Feb 2019 RP email to DE and JW re AM being out of circulation due surgery, requesting who was acting as deputy in his absence
- 12 Feb 2019 DE email to RP saying he has seen AM and requested RP supply copy of RP letter of 21 January.
- 15 Feb 2019 RP email to DE saying letter of 21 Jan to AM was strictly in his capacity as Secretary General of the NRA and that it was up to AM to forward a copy to DE if required.
- 21 Feb 2019 RP email to DE saying AM was at Bisley on 21 February and asking if he had sent DE a copy of RP's letter of 21 January.
- 21 Feb 2019 DE email to RP saying he had a copy of RP letter to AM of 21 January which had clearly had legal input and would be in touch again as soon as he could
- 10 Mar 2019 RP email to DE asking for appeal to be held and requesting answer to what fact(s) RP disclosed which could properly be considered to be confidential, noting AM was refusing to issue an SCC and reminding him of verdict as read out at end of the disciplinary hearing.
- 23 Apr 2019
RP17 RP email to DE suggesting that delay may be due to the NRA having difficulty in admitting they have made a mistake and reminding him of various outstanding points eg what fact(s) had been revealed which could properly be considered confidential, why the extra punishments not read out at the disciplinary hearing had been imposed
- 10 June 2019 RP email to DE asking why he could not answered RP's outstanding questions
- 13 June 2019
12 DE letter to RP suggesting there was nothing wrong with the Disciplinary Committee decision but stating that the '**affordability principle**' was what was considered confidential.
- 25 June 2019
RP18 RP five page letter to DE pointing out that the word '**affordability**' was used in the Council minute of 4 October 2013 and was implied by actions on rents from at least 1987 when the Fair Rent Scheme was introduced. It was also noted that AM had claimed (incorrectly) at the BGM (Bisley General Meeting) of July 2017 that the word 'affordability' was in the Real Estate Policy on the NRA website.
- 25 June 2019 DE to Colin McEachran noted Colin's letter and RP's letter of 25 June and would consider latter before replying

- 29 June 2019 DE to Colin McEachran saying on 2 July he and AM will meet proposed chairman of the Appeal Committee to decide if there are any grounds for an appeal against conviction rather than sentence.
- 1 July 2019 Colin McEachran to DE raising difficulties RP has found and questioning the appropriateness of DE and AM meeting the chairman of the Appeal Committee suggesting RP have a representative present
- 9 July 2019 DE to RP stating that papers went off the previous week for an independent legal review as to whether RP has any grounds for appeal against conviction and stating that DE will have no further involvement in the matter
RP19
- 9 July 2019 RP to DE pointing out that after 8 months requesting an appeal further delay was occurring
- 20 July 2019 NRA (AM) to RP permitting RP to visit Bisley Camp between 12.30 and 13.30 on 21 July for sole purpose of attending Carol Painting's wake
- 20 July 2019 RP to NRA (AM) the offer was noted but RP had already made other arrangements to commemorate Carol's life.
- 2 Sept 2019 NRA (AM) to RP stating RP request for an Appeal Hearing has been granted provided no new evidence was presented, the NRA was entitled to determine who can or cannot enter Bisley Camp, that the NRA Membership Card was the property of the NRA but claiming that the withdrawal of the SCC was not part of the sentence but was a matter between the NRA and the NLRC.
RP20
- 19 Sept 2019 RP to NRA (AM) listing 10 points that need answering and stating that the restrictions sought to be placed on the remit of the appeal were unacceptable and not permitted under the current rules.
RP21
- 18 Oct 2019 NRA (AM) to RP stating that the Appeal Committee guided by their chairman will consider matters they consider appropriate including the points in RP's letter of 19 September, and requesting dates in November and December.
- 5 Nov 2019 RP to CB assuming CB is chairman of Appeal Hearing and requesting agreement on what the Appeal Hearing will consider
RP22
- 21 Dec 2020 AM to RP notifying date of 17 January 2020 for appeal hearing
RP23
- 10 Jan 2020 RP to NRA(AM) confirming attendance on 17 January 2020 pointing out that he had not answered at all, let alone satisfactorily, any of the points RP raised in his letter of 5 November 2019 or those given in more detail in my earlier letters of 21 January 2019, 25 June 2019 and 19 September 2019.
RP23
- 10 Jan 2020 NRA(AM) to RP postponing Appeal Hearing planned for 17 January despite having received RP email of 10 January 2020
RP23
- 12 Jan 2020 RP to NRA(AM) stating still ready to appear before Appeal Hearing on 17 January noting that NRA(AM) was obstructing the appeal and attempting to deny it.
RP23
- 14 Jan 2020 RP to NRA(AM) offering 5 dates up to 14 February
RP23
- 29 Jan 2020 NRA(IR) to RP noting not possible to arrange Appeal Hearing on dates offered and requesting more dates before end of March

- 2 Feb 2020 RP to NRA(IR) offering 19 dates noting that whichever was fixed must be treated as a preliminary hearing and accordingly limited to deciding those matters of process and procedure, a substantive hearing of my appeal to follow at a later date.
- 6 Feb 2020 NRA(IR) to RP date of Appeal Hearing fixed for 21 February
- 7 Feb 2020 RP to NRA(IR) accepting dated of 21 February and asking confirmation that it will be a preliminary one to deal with matters of process, procedure, remit and scope, and evidence documentary and otherwise: the substantive appeal hearing to be held at a later date
- 14 Feb 2020 NRA(IR) to RP confirming names of those who will sit in judgement at the Appeal Hearing
- 16 Feb 2020 NRA(IR) to RP + Appeal Panel with 26.3MB of documents fairly complete up to 21 January 2019 but only with Evans letter of 13 June 2019 and no copy of my reply about 'affordability or of Mercer's admission that SCC punishment was not connected to original punishment and his refusal to explain why it was added in.