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On the 12th of November 2016 the NHRSA held their AGM and Year End Function at Heja Game Lodge. A Gong challenge was also incorporated, and was shot in good spirit in honor of three of our members whom have passed away during the year. They were Auntie Toeks Jansen, Harold Sax and Sven Ahrens.

On Saturday morning the day started with the AGM and the election of the new committee for 2017/2018. We thank Dirk Nesenberend whom have completed his 2 year term as President of the NHRSA and have given over the duties to the new incoming President Pieter Vorster. We also would like to thank the following committee members whom have served the NHRSA with dedication and loyalty through 2015/2016: Wittes Marais, Lauren Nesenberend, Spyker Kruger and Tabbie Barnard. We wish you best of luck for your future endeavors.

The newly elected committee for 2017/2018 will be as follows

President: Pieter Vorster

Vice President: Johan Wessels

Secretary: Karola Woortman

Treasurer: Herman Meintjies

Scoring and Record Keeping: Johan Wessels

Safety and Range Officer: Dirk Nesenberend

Marketing & PRO: Mike Baardman

Western Region: Rudolph Van Heerden, Malcolm van Heerden, Len Smith

Southern Region: Wathy van der Wath, Dirk Nesenberend, Karel Smith

Central Region: Francois Marais (Snr), Francois Marais (Jnr)

Northern Region: Jan Keyser, Sonni Basson

The newly elected committee assured their loyalty and dedication to the NHRSA and are committed to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors to take the sport to even higher levels in 2017.

The Gong Challenge was preceded with a minute of silence as well as a three shot salute in honor of our dearly departed members whom have supported the NHRSA from the start. The Gong challenge was tricky in windy conditions, and tested all participants' skill for the last time in 2016, but at the end all agreed that it was great to meet with friends and family again. The winners for the day was Wathy Van Der Wath for the men and Karola Woortman for the ladies. Four of our competing participants were younger than 13 years, which is most exhilarating to see, as this will be the future of our sport in years to come. We trust that in 2017 we will see even more juniors participating.

The NHRSA's year was ended with the year end function and the honoring of the Top Achievers for 2016. Dirk Nesenberend gave his outgoing speech as president, and also read a letter to all from Hasso Ahrens in honor of Sven, and the impact the NHRSA also had on him. From next year onwards, there will also be an annual event in honor of Sven Ahrens with a special trophy, custom built in Germany, and sponsored by Uncle Hasso Ahrens.

The floor was then given to the new President for 2017/2018 Pieter Vorster and he shared his mission and vision for the NHRSA for the next term. All attending was in agreement that the NHRSA achieved their goals during the past year, as we hosted the first World Championship Shoot in Namibia, and also grew to over a 100 registered members in the NHRSA. The formalities were closed off by the acknowledgement of the Top achievers for 2016 and from the NHRSA we would like to congratulate them on their achievements. The winners were as follows:

Supporter of the Year	Maggie Van Heerden
Most Loyal Member	Johan (Joe) Wessels
Best Improvement Men	Dirk Nesenberend
Best Improvement Lady	Karola Woortman
Best Junior Shot for the Year	Bothma Keyser
Best All Over Average for the Year	Wathy Van Der Wath
Sportswoman of the Year	Cornel Van Der Westhuizen
Sportsman of the Year	Francois (Wors) Marais jnr.

The NHRSA would like to thank all its members and sponsors for their ongoing support and dedication in building this sport to one of the biggest shooting disciplines in Namibia. We trust to see you all again next year and we wish all a Blessed Festive Season.