

Worcestershire Small-bore Rifle and Pistol Association

Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting held on 3rd October 2006

Present:

M Bellringer, H Webber, K Webber, P Webber, A Jennings, D Hargreaves, A Norman, D Royle, H Thompson, R Lewis, R Cooper, P Kennett, I Bennett, J Rogers, W Willetts, A Symonds.

Represented Clubs:

Halesowen, Down Hatherley, Kidderminster, Wyre, Seeco, Dudley, Bromsgrove, Worcester West Unit.

Apologies for absence:

J Jones, J Bennett, J Grove, S Moncrief, J Glover, G Milligan.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Purchase of Sweatshirts: This matter was being pursued by the committee.

Approval of accounts: Mr Szemeti had relinquished the treasurer's post during the year. Mark Bellringer had been co-opted in and would be presenting accounts for both this and the previous year.

Website: this remained in a basic state. Any contributions to its development would be welcomed.

Chairmans Address:

The chairman reported on the departure from the area of two county stalwarts – Ian Hookham and Mel Mutch – they would be much missed. He called the attention of attendees to the guidelines for the protection of young people attached to the minutes and suggested that clubs should adopt them for their own use.

He reported that there is a need for the Firearms Act (with regards pistol shooting) to be revised, if the national Olympic potential in this discipline is to be realised. The Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR), are being involved in these communications.

Additionally he commented on the recommendations to build a new shooting centre for the 2012 Olympics in Greenwich. The purpose of this development is to provide eventual facilities within the East of London, to benefit the population of that area.

This seems to be an ill advised course of action as Bisley, the best shooting complex on the world scene, is so close

Officers Reports:

Secretary:

The secretary informed the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election at this meeting and thanked both the committee and club secretaries for their help during his four years in office.

The chairman thanked him for the good work he had done.

Treasurer:

The treasurer presented accounts for 2004/5 and 2005/6 and thanked Mr Norman for his assistance in their preparation. Our activities had incurred a small loss in 2006 but this had in part been due to paying two year's accountant's fees. £1816 was currently held in bank accounts and it was anticipated that a small loss would again occur in the current year; partly to the change in the Open Meeting date affecting 2006 income. The committee would be looking at all aspects of income and expenditure during coming months to see if changes needed to be made.

Acceptance of the 2005 accounts were proposed by A Jennings, seconded by P Webber and for the 2006 accounts were proposed by K Webber, seconded by P Webber. The meeting approved these proposals.

R Pau & Co Ltd. were proposed as Auditors by A Jennings, seconded by P Kennett and approved by those present.

The association's trophies were to be weighed shortly and re-valued according to their silver content.

Competition Secretary:

Mr. Jennings reported that a successful range of competitions had again been run during the preceding twelve months. This year's winter competition details were in the post to secretaries.

Ladies Captain:

The ladies had won 5 rounds and lost 4, finishing 3rd in their division in the winter. Entry by average had made the divisions more competitive and the team had shot consistently.

Air Rifle Captain:

Once again there had not been no entry from the county due to lack of participants.

Rifle Captain:

A very successful season for the county. The Western Counties Bowl had been won for the first time, plus the Three Counties competition yet again and our division of the County Cup. In the Winter league, the County team had ended in third place in their division, the A Reserves team in second and the B Reserves had won their division.

At Bisley the team had achieved 6th place in the County Sextet and Karen Webber had been selected for the GB Ladies Randle team. John Grove had achieved second place in A class and had also been top scorer in our winter competition to win the Wilf Elmes Trophy.

Junior Captain:

The junior team had won 6 matches, drawn 1 and lost 3 to finish 3rd in their division. All members had shown improvement during the season and all had averaged over 90. The same members would be available for the forthcoming season but some new blood would be needed next year.

Lightweight Sports Rifle:

Two teams had competed during the season with the B team winning their division.

Open Meeting.

Twenty seven competitors had participated in this year's competition, a few less than the previous year, partly due perhaps to poor weather conditions. Class A winner was Alistair Norman who also picked up the Dewar and the Open Pairs (with Hugh Webber). Prizes were Worcester Porcelain items.

Next year's meeting will take place on Sunday, 20th May 2007.

NSRA Representative:

Mr. Hargreaves reported on various national successes including winning the Junior World Championship. A new document was in course of preparation to cover the approval of ranges. Discussions were taking place between the NSRA, NRA and CPSA to enable them to work more closely together.

Election of Officers:

The Chairman thanked the retiring officers for their work over the previous year.

The following appointments were made:

Chairman:	R Cooper, proposed by A Jennings, seconded by A Norman
Secretary:	J Rogers, proposed by D Hargreaves, seconded by P Webber
Treasurer:	M Bellringer, proposed by A Norman, seconded by R Lewis.
Air Rifle Captain:	John Jones, elected in his absence.

It was proposed by H Webber, seconded by A Jennings and agreed by the meeting that the remaining current officers be re-elected en-block.

These being:

Vice Chairman:	Alan Jennings
Competition Secretary:	Alan Jennings
NSRA Rep:	Dave Hargreaves
Open meeting Organiser:	Hugh Webber
County Captain, (men's and women's):	Pam Webber
Junior Captain:	Karen Webber
LSR:	John Jones

Presentation of Trophies:

Trophies and prizes were awarded for the 2005-06 competition season.

Any Other Business:

- Following discussion it was agreed that the committee would examine the constitution of the association during the forthcoming year to see if any changes should be recommended to the next AGM. In particular, the requirement or otherwise for audited accounts would be discussed to see if an accountants "inspection" would suffice, thus reducing accountancy fees.
- It was requested that next year's AGM notification should include a list of match winners to encourage the attendance of those people at the meeting.
- The Chairman gave a reminder of the benefits of the Community Aided Sports Club Registration which could aid clubs with range and competition fees.