

Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting held on 1st October 2009

Present

A. Norman, R. Cooper, J. Rogers, A. Jennings, M. Bellringer, H. Webber, P. Webber, J. Bennett, I. Bennett, D. Hargreaves, A. Lumley, M Bartlett, R. Jukes, H. Thompson, D. Royle. (15)

Represented clubs

Seeco, Halesowen, Dudley, Smethwick, Down Hatherley, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove. (7)

Apologies

John Grove, Karen Webber, James Bennett, John Madgwick, Roger Lewis, John Jones.

Approval of minutes

The minutes were read to the meeting by J. Rogers and were approved as accurate,

(Proposed by Hugh Webber and seconded by Alistair Norman)

Matters arising

Mark Bellringer updated those present on the future of Somers Club which has been a venue for the AGM and committee meetings for many years.

The lease is secure and can be extended but in 4 years the rent will start to increase.

Bob informed the meeting about the recent demise of NATS

Officers Reports

The reports re the County and reserves teams and the Ladies team were presented by Pam Webber.

Pam reported that the Ladies team did not fare well in 2008/9

As County Captain she reported that we shot in the Counties cup

The BSA cup at 25 yards, coming 3/9,

The Western Counties Bowl, at 25 yards being runners up,

And the 3 Counties coming 3rd last year, spoiling a good run.

The County team won the league, having tied on points on the last round the closest opponents lost on aggregate (having submitted only 19 cards in the last round).

The county reserves came 5th in their league and the reserves B, 2nd.

The best county averages were Mark 98.1, Graham 98.5, but the Wilf Elmes trophy goes to John Grove with an average of 98.6.

At Bisley the County entered a team to shoot at 50 M

Pam thanked all team members for shooting and sending in their cards on time, and she said that if there were any up and coming shooters in the clubs then she would be pleased to hear about them.

Reports re the Lightweight Sports Rifle, Air rifle and Air pistol teams.

John was not able to attend the meeting and did not send a proxy report, but the LSR competition that he had organised was again successful and medals were awarded to those attaining 1st and 2nd place in their divisions

Competition Secretary.

Alan Jennings reported that he had run league competitions last winter and in summer. He noted that entries were significantly down this year, but individual entries were up.

He thanked the scorers for their efforts and commitment.

NSRA Representative

Dave Hargreaves gave his report having attended the 3 NSRA council meetings during the year.

He reported a substantial increase in entries in the 50M international championships, but a fall in the entries for the Scottish meeting. The Bisley meeting was well supported.

He reported on performance in the International competitions, Neil Stirton won the Silver Medal and Ken Parr equalled the British Junior Men's Prone record at Munich, and Ken Parr won the Junior 3x40 record at Milan.

The junior women's prone rifle team won the silver medal in the European Junior Championship.

Hugh Webber added that Great Britain won Gold, in the Air rifle competition in the Para –Olympics.

The National Indoor shooting Centre at Aldersley is now operational.

Linatex is available in off-cut lengths at £80.00 per Metre, (width about 45") from the NSRA.

NATSS

Reports of the regional forums have been made available on the websites of the NSRA, NRA and CPSA. The 3 organisations are still working together in some areas.

The NSRA sponsors the Shooting club directory. The NSRA does not put club names/addresses in this. Individual clubs need to contact Blaze publishers if they want details of their club to be included.

Worcestershire Open meeting

Worcestershire County Open Meeting 2009

Hugh reported that this year we had a total of 38 entries, which was up on last year. We would still like to see more County shooters (we only had 11) supporting their meeting, especially in class C where the chance of winning a prize is high, given the low entries. Currently we have dropped D Class as there are not enough entries. Overall the entry was helped by a school which brought 6 youngsters.

This year we made just over £170 profit, which helps keep cost down for County Clubs. However £26 has gone on getting trophies engraved up to date and we still need to sort out new bases for a couple.

Once we have covered the basic costs of range hire and prizes any extra entries are almost all profit (only the cost of the cards shot has to be recovered). So the more of you we can encourage to come and have a go the better it is for the County Association.

Again we anticipate holding the 2010 meeting on the 3rd Sunday in May, which is the 16th.

The overall Worcestershire Champion was John Rogers, the full list of trophy winners being;

Class A	John Rogers	Class B	Ed Wilkins
Class C	N Stallard		
Open Pairs	Alistair Norman & M Bellringer	C&D pairs	Bob Cooper and Neil Stallard
Veterans	Hugh Webber	Ladies	Karen Webber
Dewar	John Rogers	English Match	Alistair Norman
Carton Bulls	Karen Webber	Best 100 yds	Alistair Norman

Our thanks, as usual, go to all those without whom we could not run the meeting, Bob Cooper for running the range, Alan Jennings scoring, Pam and Karen Webber, refreshments, Mark Bellringer, finance, and all the rest who filled in doing the odd jobs needed around and about.

Chairman's address

Bob Cooper talked about the future of shooting as we approach the 2012 Olympics.

He hoped that the initiatives taken by NATSS would be effective in promoting shooting as a sport as a larger and more unified voice to "Sport England" who draw lottery monies and are responsible for funding the National governing bodies in each sport.

The law relating to pistol use has temporarily been changed to enable competitors to practice within this country in advance of the Olympics. It is intended that this law will change back again following the Olympics in 2012.

Bob also mentioned that the County still were intending to acquire a Worcestershire range.

Funds are now available to subsidise coaching cost. If anyone is interested in this they could contact Bob or Hugh who can give them the relevant information.

Treasurers report

Bob read this in Mark Bellringer's absence. A copy of the accounts was distributed.

A net profit of around £300.00 was made against the previous year's figures.

This was due to 3 reasons

Firstly the sale of county shirts. A profit was made on these. If anyone requires more please contact Mark as he is compiling a list of advance orders.

Secondly, there were no large purchases within the year, (for stocks of targets for example). This will not be the case next year as there are substantial stock purchases to be made.

Thirdly, the open shoot again made a profit.

Mark predicted that it was probable that rather than a profit, a small loss would be likely next year, so the decision had been taken by the committee to raise the County subs by £5.00 per year per club, raising a further £60.00 income for the association This had been approved at last year's AGM and this years subs were to be increased.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Alistair Norman, seconded by Alan Jennings and passed unanimously.

Revision of the Constitution

Bob Cooper reminded the meeting that the existing constitution was rather dated and this has been commented upon in recent years.

We had copies of the new amended version available and a copy had been circulated with the invitation to the AGM letters. Bob asked if anyone needed more time to read this and in the absence of any further criticism/ suggestions relating to this its acceptance by the meeting was proposed by John Jones and seconded by Hugh. It was passed unanimously by the meeting.

Election of Officers

The secretary asked if there were any people interested in filling the post of chairman, and this request was reiterated by Bob. In the absence of any offers Alan Jennings proposed that Bob Cooper continue with the post and Paul Kennett seconded.

This was passed unanimously.

Bob pointed out that there was currently no junior captain and he asked if there was anyone who would wish to do any of the jobs on the committee.

John Jones stated that he hoped to get someone else to take on the air rifle /pistol captain role during the year.

Alan Jennings proposed that in the absence of new volunteers or officers saying that they were not prepared to continue, the officers should be re-elected en block. This was seconded by Neil Stallard and passed unanimously.

Any other business

There was a discussion under this heading regarding the GBTSF

Alistair raised a concern for the NSRA representative regarding the state and quality of the toilets and showers at Bisley.

Presentation of Trophies

Trophy winners in the winter league were as follows.

Div 1	Halesowen	Top average	G. Milligan
Div 2	Dowty Staverton A	Top average	N. Jones & A. Cullen
Div 3	Dowty Staverton B	Top average	P Jones
Div 4	Smethwick	Top average	C Partridge, J Madgwick & C. Rogers
Div 5	Seeco	Top average	C Carpenter

Individual competition

Class A	G Milligan
Class B	R Blank
Class C	H Thompson

Winners in the summer league were as follows

Div 1	Dudley A	Top average	Alistair Norman
Div 2	Dudley B	Top average	Neil Stallard
Div 3	Wyre	Top average	Lester Smith
Div 4	Malvern	Top average	Mr Ramsay

LSR League

Medals were awarded to;

Div 1	Gold	M Bodman	Glevum	Silver	A. Cross	Seeco
Div 2	Gold	J Jones	Seeco	Silver	J Shelton	Dudley
Div 3	Gold	S Williams	Seeco	Silver	B Harper	Seeco
Div 4	Gold	J Annand	Seeco	Silver	R Jukes	Seeco
Div 5	Gold	D Wilkins	Glevum	Silver	W Turner	Glevum
Div 6	Gold	Z Godsell	Glevum	Silver	J Lewis	Glevum

The County open winners were listed above in the Officers report.

Pam announced that the County Championship was won by Graham Milligan, Wilf Elmes Trophy.

In conclusion Bob said that the future of Somers club was being argued in court, proceedings having been adjourned to 10th October.