



Worcestershire Small-bore Rifle and Pistol Association.

Chairman Mr D Hargreaves. Secretary Miss K Webber. Treasurer Mr M Bellringer.
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Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting Held on 29 September 2016

Present

Dave Hargreaves, John Rogers, Karen Webber, Mark Bellringer, Keith Bates, Mo Morrish, Ron Gough, Stewart ? (8)

Represented clubs

Seeco, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Dudley, Down Hatherley, Stourport (5 + 1 not affiliated)

Apologies

Hugh Webber, Pam Webber, Steve Gough, John Grove, Paul Kennet, John Bennett, Iris Bennett, Bob Cooper, John Madgewick

Approval of minutes

The Chairman asked if those present had read the minutes of the 2015 meeting, after which he asked if it was considered that they were accurate.

Ron Gough proposed that the minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Mo Morrish.

There were no matters arising

Officers Reports

Chairman's address/NSRA report

Olympic success eluded Jen Mackintosh and our larger team in the Paralympics. Despite setting the top score in qualifying Matt Skelhon failed to challenge for a medal in the final. There were medals in the shotgun events at the Olympics so British Shooting at least can claim some achievement. It was noticeable that most of the medal winners in all the events at both games said that it was the opportunities afforded by receipt of lottery funding which had raised their performance level. Unfortunately most of the funding is allocated to those who have already demonstrated their prowess and it becomes a virtuous circle. Support for target shooting is not prioritised.

In the Olympic target shooting events 16 of the 30 medals went to China, Russia, Korea and Vietnam; 15 out of 36 in the Paralympics to China and Korea. While we may all muse on the selection and training methods used, there is obviously a drive to succeed in these countries. Here in the UK shooting has a very amateur status and the views expressed in the media on gun ownership do not help to promote what is a very safe sport enjoyed by many. The result is that the traditional clubs, many formed after the war, are losing members and not replacing them with younger people. Facilities are dated or hired from MoD at exorbitant rents. I fear that unless regional facilities become more widely available and are promoted, we may see further losses.

Benchrest shooting has become more popular especially among the older members of the clubs,

and LSR serves both those who used to be pistol shooters and newcomers with multi shot PCP Air Rifles which are a relatively new addition to the sport. We need to welcome these to shooting while also promoting the international disciplines at 10m and 50m and their short range indoor options. In Worcestershire we struggle to find teams to run prone leagues, and enough shooters to fill a county team. We run a LSR league with the majority of shooters coming from outside the county which provides a good income, but are unable to field even a small team in County Air Rifle or Air Pistol from within our membership.

Development of good facilities, and coaching, with links to Cadets, Scouts and Schools may be a way forward. Some progress on this is being made in Lincolnshire and has attracted grants. Surrey clubs are also discussing sustaining and growing their shooting base. In Worcestershire only Dudley seem to be considering this. I wish them every success.

Target Sprint (and run shoot) has gained some popularity amongst the young and fit, a sort of biathlon, and may provide a way to engage with schools, running clubs, scouts and the like. For more info visit British Shooting (<http://britishshooting.org.uk/target-sprint/>) There are ISSF rules for this which can also be accessed through British Shooting.

There is a future in shooting – it may not look like it did in the past – but there is a great deal of interest where facilities are well equipped. It's up to you and me to make it happen.

Action Mo Morrish queried whether there was anything we could do to encourage disabled shooters within the county. It was agreed to take this to committee.

Secretary's Report

Karen Webber gave the Secretary's report.

The committee has continued to hold it's regular meetings through the year. As always, if anyone wants anything to be raised during the year then please let me know.

The website has become the main result distribution tool and as such receives some footfall. We will be doing more to update with meeting minutes etc. but again, if there are any suggestions let me know.

Given the poor attendance tonight if there are any updated contact details for county members or any ideas for how we can improve attendance then please pass them on.

Treasurers report year end 2014/15 i.e. up to March 2015

Mark Bellringer provided the Treasurer's report.

Ladies and Gentlemen, firstly may I take this opportunity to personally thank a number of Committee members and more importantly my friends and team mates for their help and assistance in for what for me I can only describe as a very profitable year for the county.

Our general trading position over the year is positive with an overall operating net profit of £863.52 which includes our asset values and stock etc. this net operating profit increased from £357 in the 2014-15 year-end figures, the improvement can be accounted for by the strong performance of the LSR entries and the profit produced at the open shoot, again I thank John R and Hugh W for their combined efforts in this respect.

In terms of the coming year I also attach a copy of our current balance sheet for your information,

we have invested heavily this year updating of county open shoot trophy engraving and new trophy bases, we will also need to purchase a stock of targets and trophy centres in the near future.

To review our trophies supply for this year we have chosen to provide actual trophies in place of the medals we purchased last year in order to make ends meet. I trust this meets with the approval of the competitors at large, it will however require a sizable postage bill to be met to issue these out by post due to the very poor attendance from our member clubs shown this evening.

My crystal ball currently predicts a circa £800-pound increase in our cash at bank at year end but this is heavily dependent upon the entries of the coming winter prone and LSR competitions, (post meeting note £710 received to date – with some fees still outstanding) something I can't yet predict.

Our affiliation rate has now reduced to the point where the NSRA annual fee is not met wholly by the fees received from our member clubs, but committee is of the view that we are financially strong enough to meet this shortfall, which I support.

In short a successful and profitable year all round which looks set to continue.

Keith Bates proposed accepting this report, Mo Morrish seconded

County Captain's Report 2014

Apologies for being absent this year but our holiday had to be now in order to be back in time to organise the winter leagues.

The summer competitions were held last year. We came third scoring 1938 in the Western Counties Bowl and 6th scoring 2311 in the BSA Cup. A special mention to Lee Webb for scoring 399 across the two competitions, brilliant shooting. In the County Cup we scored 4574, unfortunately last in in Section A so will be demoted back to Section B after promotion 2 years ago. The Three Counties Cup failed to go ahead again with Gloucestershire unable or unwilling to compete. Nick Hill the Hereford Captain and myself are trying to come up with an answer and this may involve shooting it at an open meeting rotating round the counties but this is still very much in the discussion phase.

On to the winter inter-county leagues. Both the County and Reserves team came third in their divisions. The main team won and lost 5 of the 10 rounds and the reserves won 5 lost 4 and drawn 1.

Congratulations to John Grove the winner this year of the Wilf Elmes Trophy for highest average with 98.9.

Thanks again to everyone for returning cards promptly making my job a lot easier.

Entries have gone in for this winter and the NSRA are aiming for the stickers to be sent out in the first or second week of October and I will distribute cards when I am back or when I get the stickers whichever comes first.

As I have said for several years, we are struggling for team shooters. If there is anyone in your clubs who could shoot in the teams please let me know. Average is not important in the reserves as it should be used to give experience of shooting for the county.

Worcestershire County Open 2014

The meeting was held this year on a dry, moderately warm day with a little breeze.

We had 24 entries, up on last year, and very pleasingly 13 of these were County residents, a big improvement on some years.

The overall champion was Lee Webb with a score of 780 on the double Dewar winning by three points from Nick Hill with John Grove third on 772.

Trophy winners were

A Class	Lee Webb
B Class	Steve Gough
C Class	Bill Willetts
English Match	John Grove
Veterans	John Grove
Ladies	Mo Morrish
Dewar	Lee Webb
Best 100 yds	Lee Webb
Carton Bulls	John Rogers
Open Pairs	Mo Morrish and Ron Gough

Can I say a big thank you to all the helpersrange officers, catering, entry takers, score enterers etc without whom the meeting couldn't operate and a special thank you to Alan Jennings for scoring all day.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year on Sunday 21st May at Bromyard.

Lightweight Sports Rifle Captain's Report

Light Weight Sport Rifle leagues are going from strength to strength. We are now running a summer league as well as a winter league. In the Winter 2015-16 we had 69 entries from 8 clubs, making up 12 Divisions of 6., with 3 byes. In the summer of 2016 we had 94 entries from 11 clubs, making 16 Divisions of 6 with only 2 byes. Hopefully we can continue to expand on this. The outlook for this winter is good. We continued with running the concurrent pairs competition in both leagues as it seems well received, with 3 divisions in the winter and 4 in the summer.

WSBRPA LWSR League Winter 2015-16

Individual

Division	1st	Club	2nd	Club
1	Mrs J Baranski	Fareham	R Spenser	Fareham
2	D Russell	Fareham	D R Johnson	Keelby
3	A Lill	Keelby	I Shanks	Fareham
4	D Stocks	Sutton Coldfield	D Hargreaves	Seeco
5	L Eklund	Keelby	D Lill	Keelby
6	D Brown	Fareham	L Danks	Seeco
7	Ms S Lill	Keelby	A Lee	Seeco
8	D Maynard	Seeco	J Nichols	Keelby
9	M Holmes	Keelby	P Kennett	Seeco
10	N Carter	Keelby	J Gunby	Fareham
11	T Cattermole	Luton	T Atkin	Keelby

12 Mrs J Deane Fareham H Rooke Keelby

Pairs

- 1 Mrs J Baranski & Miss J Greasley Fareham
- 2 C Hunter & D Hargreaves Seeco
- 3 C Allen & P Wareham Fareham

WSBRPA LWSR League Summer 2016

Individual

Division	1st	Club	2nd	Club
1	D Loftus	Fareham	Miss J Greasley	Fareham
2	G Rowlands	Seeco	M Palmer	Seeco
3	L Ekland	Keelby	A Glister	Fareham
4	D Stocks	Sutton Coldfield	A Wilson	Fareham
5	D Hargreaves	Seeco	J Rowlands	Bedford
6	R Wilce	Sutton Coldfield	N Pratt	Bedford
7	A King	Bedford	J Hubbard	Glevum
8	P Ramsden	Keelby	D Holmes	Keelby
9	D Hicks	Colbury	J Rogers	Seeco
10	H Millerchip	Fareham	G Howard	Trackside
11	R Meadows	Bedford	M Rattigan	Luton
12	M Milsom	Keelby	R Hackett	GEC Coventry
13	J Hitchings	Glevum	R Camp	Luton
14	P Curtis	Luton	L Locke	GEC Coventry
15	G Nock	GEC Coventry	R Salter	Fareham
16	S Markham	Hemswell	H Rooke	Keelby

Pairs

- 1 R Barrett & D Russell Fareham
- 2 D Stocks & D Wilce Sutton Coldfield
- 3 D Hargreaves & J Rogers Seeco
- 4 R Hackett & J Locke GEC Coventry

Hopefully we can maintain or even increase this level of entry and encourage the take up of LWSR. It would be good to see more people within the County entering this.

John Rogers queried whether it was thought the fees were competitive given the low county entries. It was agreed that they were, especially when compared with the NSRA.

Competition Secretary's Report

Competitions run winter 2015/16

There were 3 Divisions

Div 1 Winners Dudley, A. Norman, M. Morrish N. Jones R. Gough
Top shot C. Hunter (99.0)

Div 2 Winners Halesowen B, P. Langley, S. Haddleton, T. Hardwicke, R. Szemeti

Top shot P. Langley (97.2)

Div 3 Winners Bromyard B

Top shot T. Harrison (98.6)

Individual competition, 3 divisions

Div 1 C. Hunter, J Grove 786 Div 2 K. Webber 778 Div 3 T Killeen 753

Competitions run Summer 2016

Again this year there were team competitions with concurrent individual competitions

There were 2 divisions in the team comps

Winners Div 1 Seeco Top shot..... D. Hargreaves Seeco (98.0)

Winners Div 2 Halesowen B Top shot... R Hayward Halesowen (96.2)

The individual competitions comprised 6 Divisions

Winners Div 1 J. Rogers (Seeco)

Winners Div 2 R. Gough (Dudley)

Winners Div 3 D. Hargreaves (Seeco)

Winners Div 4 S. Haddleton (Halesowen)

Winners Div 5 R. Owen (Halesowen)

Winners Div 6 Stuart Gough (Dudley)

There is a gradual but steady decline in entries which led to the new format for the summer league and individual competitions and it is likely that next year the winter competitions will be for teams of 3.

Note that this year Bromsgrove and Smethwick have not entered teams and other clubs entries have reduced.

Proposal accepted John Rogers proposed running the individual competition alongside the main league in the winter as we do in the summer. The room agreed this would be a good idea.

County Air Rifle Captain's Report

No report as not enough shooters to run teams.

Junior Captain's Report

No Junior Captain's report was submitted for the AGM as the junior captain stepped down during the year.

Mo Morrish did raise that Dudley may have enough juniors for a team next year. It was agreed to discuss this at committee.

Election of Officers

Dave Hargreaves was proposed to resume his post by Karen Webber. This was seconded by John Rogers.

It was suggested to elect all other officers on block except for the Junior Captain. This was proposed by Keith Bates, Mo Morrish seconded.

It was agreed to maintain the junior post as vacant.

Any Other Business

Ron Gough asked if a LSR or benchrest competition could be run by the county to the NSRA benchrest rules on 2510 BR15 targets. It was agreed there would be a need to consider bolt action and semi-automatics seperately.

Action To be considered at the next committee meeting

Presentation of Trophies

Trophy winners were presented in line with the above reports

Meeting Closed 22.10