



# **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 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting Held on 20 September 2018**

### **Present**

Dave Hargreaves, John Rogers, Karen Webber, Mark Bellringer, Pam Webber, Hugh Webber, Keith Bates, David Maynard, Steve Williams, John Madgwick, Kevin Marshall, David Salt, Ron Gough, Rob Blank, Paul Kennett (15)

### **Represented clubs**

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

### **Apologies**

Alistair Norman, John Bennet, James Bennett, Iris Bennet, Mo Morrish, Steve Gough

### **Approval of minutes**

The Chairman asked if those present had read the minutes of the 2017 meeting, after which he asked if it was considered that they were accurate.

Hugh Webber Proposed, Seconded Ron Gough

### **Officers Reports**

#### **Chairman's address/NSRA report**

Dave Hargreaves gave the Chairman's address and NSRA report

Firstly let me report the deaths of Harry Thompson in the last year, a character many of us will have known, and the president of our own club Ken Harris, another man of character.

The past year has seen some successes in shooting at the international level, with many new British records set. In the main these have been set by younger members of the shooting fraternity who are putting in serious training on electronic targetry and associated fitness work.

At the world championships in Changwon, Seonaid McIntosh achieving a Gold in the 50 metre prone rifle. This success was further enhanced with a team bronze in the prone 50 metre women's event, with Seonaid and Jennifer McIntosh, together with Zoe Bruce taking the podium. Jen has since announced her retirement from competition.

Target Sprint is now has a national series of events and is finding some popularity in schools and scouting organisations. Again youth and fitness are a great help. This may eventually bring people into clubs.

Unfortunately at the sport of prone rifle shooting, which is the mainstay of our clubs, there has been a reduction in participation, possibly due to the ageing population of those involved. Increased participation in Benchrest and LSR has offset this to a small extent. Cadets shooting

now tends to focus on military style arms so does not naturally follow on into target shooting though efforts are being made to recruit from this pool and other youth organisations.

The change to Olympic program to remove the prone and 50m Pistol events may also have a knock-on effect and the decision of Birmingham to drop shooting from the Commonwealth games is also unfortunate. It's not too late to reinstate it if there is enough desire, but if it remains dropped there will be many fewer medals for the home nations, and probably for India too.

The national meetings in Scotland and at Bisley are at risk if participation continues to fall. The expense of entering these probably has something to do with attendance. Next year's Scottish Meeting at Lauder (29<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July) will be the 100<sup>th</sup> such event and it is hoped that this will reverse the recent trends.

In Worcestershire, things have continued much as before, we will hear of the successes and otherwise a little later. I look forward to the project at Dudley being progressed and it would be great if a club further south in the county were able to develop modern facilities. Perhaps this is more in hope than expectation.

### **Secretary's Report**

Karen Webber gave the Secretary's report.

There was 1 action for the committee from last year's AGM to discuss the potential for a long arm pistol league raised by Ron Gough. The committee discussed this and have asked Ron to investigate the level of demand for this league to see if it would be viable to run.

The Junior Captains post is still vacant. If anyone present knows of someone willing to take up this role then please let one of the committee know.

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 calendar is available on the website if you want to know when the next one will be.

The website has become the main result distribution tool and as such receives some footfall. We post all the committee meeting minutes and I've already mentioned the calendar. Again, if there are any suggestions for anything else the clubs would like to be published please let me know.

### **Treasurers report year end 2015/16 i.e. up to March 2016**

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 our county shooters for their help and assistance in for what for me I can only describe as a productive year for the county, in financial terms.

Our general trading position over the year is positive with an overall operating net surplus of £681 which includes our asset values and stock etc. this net operating profit increased from £556 in the previous 2016-17 year-end figures, the overall cashflow improvement can be accounted for again by the strong performance of the LSR entries, together with our new benchrest competition, this and the profit produced at the open shoot, again I thank John Rogers and Hugh Webber for their combined efforts in this respect, whilst the slight reduction in cash at bank is due to increased expenditure which we forecast the previous year (targets – trophies – engraving etc)

It should be noted that the income received from our prone comps and the general club affiliation receipts continued to fall, for the fourth year in succession. We have therefore revised our competitions in terms of our prone offering to be a little more appealing for smaller clubs by reducing teams of three, whilst entering all shooters into an individual comp running concurrently with the main postal competition, this has proved something of a positive note.

In terms of the coming year I also attach a copy of our current balance sheet for your information, we have again invested heavily this year in our trophies, we will also need to purchase a stock of county targets in the near future, and note that our new back account should be up and running shortly which will assist in monitoring our cashflow digitally. Currently our cash at bank position shows we are currently £342 ponds down on the year but we expect the coming winter entry fees to be again circa £1,100 which will correct the current operating loss.

To review our trophy, supply for this year we have again chosen to provide actual trophies in place of the medals we purchased a few years ago 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, and the cost from our supplier continues to rise. My crystal ball currently predicts a circa £600-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.

Again, 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 (prone) clubs, but committee is of the view that we are financially strong enough to meet this shortfall, a view which I fully support.

Now for the down side of my report, as some of you may know I have decided not to stand for re-election as County Treasurer, and informed my fellow committee members of my decision at our last full meeting.

Unfortunately, my personal love for the sport I've actively participated in over the last 40 years (yes before you ask I shot my first six-yard air rifle match aged 8) has temporarily left me. I now find myself devoting more of my time to my business and family life with other interests now occupying the time I had previously set aside to train and compete, and my personal performance has suffered greatly as a result.

I have therefore taken the decision to cut down my involvement with prone shooting over the coming winter in the hope that I can once again find the spark which has driven my lifelong involvement in the sport.

I hope that a suitable replacement can be found from the floor this evening, to whom I will extend any help I can offer in assisting a smooth transition with my successor. In short, I leave the county committee with the outlook forecast for a successful and profitable year all round, and a county organisation in somewhat better financial health than many.

Hugh Webber proposed accepting this report, Keith Bates seconded

Dave Hargreaves thanked Mark for the service he has given to the county over the last 10 years, which was echoed by the committee.

## **County Captain's Report 2014**

Pam Webber presented the County Captain's report

### **Worcestershire County Open 2014**

Hugh Webber presented the County Open report

Entries were up a little this year to 23. As always I ask for more County shooters to come and support the meeting, especially in class C where the chance of winning a prize is high, given the low entries. Again only 10 entries from the County, less than half the total entry. We had good weather this year although the light wind and shimmer made it difficult to achieve great scores.

As usual we made a small Balance of Income over Expenditure, again largely helped by the excellent catering provided by Pam and Karen Webber as usual, along with the raffle.

Again we anticipate holding the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May 2019, which is the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please put this date in your diary and come next year.

The overall Worcestershire Champion this year was Karen Webber, beating Lee Webb by virtue of better hundred yard scores. The trophy winners were:

Class A	Karen WEebber
Class B	Hugh Webber
Class C	Paul Kennett
Open Pairs	Karen Webber and Hugh Webber
C&D Pairs	No County entry this year
Veterans	Dave Hargreaves
Ladies	Karen Webber
Dewar	Karen Webber
English Match	Dave Hargreaves
Carton Bulls	Dave Hargreaves
Best 100yds	Dave Hargreaves

Our thanks, as usual, go to all those without whom we could not run the meeting, John Grove and mark Bellringer for running the range, with help from myself, Keith Bates scoring, Pam and myself taking entries Pam and Karen refreshments and anyone else I have forgotten who filled in doing the odd jobs needed around and about.

As I said before can we see more of the County shooters competing. It helps to support the county and keeps our costs elsewhere down.

Paul Kennett thanked Mark, Hugh and Dave for helping him through his first county open and wanted to encourage anyone else who is nervous about having a go for the first time to get along to the meeting as it was a great experience made better by having enthusiastic people ready and willing to help.

### **Competition Secretary's Report**

John Rogers gave the Competitions Secretary's report

Last winter we ran 3 divisions in the team competition and 9 in the individuals.

This compares favourably with 2 divisions the previous year, although the teams then were teams of 4 shooters.

This coming winter we have 3 team divisions and 10 individual. A further small increase, about 10%

Over the summer we had 7 individual divisions and 2 team divisions, (44 entries) comparing well with 32 entries in total the previous year

So all in all It looks as if we are no longer losing numbers, and possibly growing slightly in prone rifle terms since changing from the previous way of arranging the leagues to the concurrent team and individual format.

Mark may be able to let us know if the prone league is actually paying its way now because I understand that the county has been losing money on the league expenses compared to the entry fees over recent seasons.

I was in charge of several small blunders in the organisation of the competition, over the last year, such as sending out the wrong division stickers, and one major blunder in which the individual league shooting schedule was wrong.

Thanks to John Robinson for spotting this, although I was not thinking good positive thoughts when he pointed it out to me!!!!

It remains hard work and I am reluctant to continue for long.  
If anyone is prepared to help with a view to take over next year I would be grateful.

There is a list of the winners to be announced later.

### **Prone results, Winter 2017 /18**

#### **Division 1**

Halesowen A, John Grove, Mark Bellringer, Graham Milligan.

Top shot John Rogers (Seeco)

#### **Division 2**

Dudley C, Steve Gough, Brandon Cooper, Olivia Beech

Top shot Steve Gough (Dudley)

#### **Division 3**

Down Hatherley C, A. Boothroyd, N. Hunt, C. Hunt

Top shot C. Griffiths (Smethwick)

### **Individual league,**

Division 1 John Grove Halesowen

Division 2	Tom Harrison	Old Malvernians
Division 3	John Rogers	Seeco
Division 4	Ste Gough	Dudley
Division 5	Brandon Cooper	Dudley
Division 6	A. Boothroyd	Down Hatherley
Division 7	J. Rollo	Bromyard
Division 8	D. Johnson	Kidderminster
Division 9	D. Salt	Smethwick

### **Prone results, Summer 2018**

#### **Division 1**

Dudley A, Mo. Morrish, John Robinson, Alastair Norman.

Top shot Dave Hargreaves

#### **Division 2**

Halesowen B, S. Haddleton, R. Hale, T. Killeen

Top shot S. Haddleton

#### **Individual league,**

Division 1	Dave Hargreaves	Seeco
Division 2	I. Ashworth	Bristol Aero
Division 3	Chris Griffiths	Smethwick
Division 4	M. Blythe	Bristol Aero
Division 5	T. Killeen	Halesowen
Division 6	D. Stock	Halesowen
Division 7	David Salt	Smethwick

### **Lightweight Sports Rifle and Benchrest Captain's Report**

Hugh Webber gave the Lightweight Sports Rifle Report

Light Weight Sport Rifle leagues and Bench Rest leagues continue well. We had 16 divisions last winter LWSR and 5 divisions of pairs. Bench rest had 9 divisions total. In the summer there were 18 Divisions LWSR and 5 divisions of pairs, plus 7 divisions of Bench Rest. Hopefully we can maintain or even increase this level of entry and continue to encourage the take up of LWSR and Bench Rest. It would be good to see more people within the County entering this.

### **WSBRPA LWSR League Winter 2017-18**

#### **Individual**

Division	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club
1	Loftus D	Fareham	Ecklund L	Keelby
2	Russell D	Fareham	Shanks I	Fareham
3	Stocks D	Sutton Coldfield	Goulsbra G	Trackside
4	Lill A	Keelby	Wilson A	Fareham
5	Haylock B	Fareham	Wilce R	Sutton Coldfield
6	Davidson S	Bromyard	Markham D	Hemswell

7	Sangha D	Sutton Coldfield	Curtis P	Luton
8	Rogers J	Seeco	Adkins R	Trackside
9	Jukes R	Seeco	Lightfoot R	Old Silhillians
10	Johnstone Ms S	Keelby	Hitchings J	Glevum
11	Alison F	Old Silhillians	McManus J	Fareham
12	Salter R	Fareham	Drewery G	Trackside
13	Curtis C	Luton	Feild J	Fareham
14	Markham S	Hemswell	Allen C	Fareham
15	Slight D	Keelby	Cooke A	Smethwick
16	Cops J	Fareham	Firth D	Hemswell

### Pairs

Division	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club
1	Loftus D Greasley J	Fareham	Walter D Davidson S	Bromyard
2	Jenkins D Tye A	Bromyard	Tucker M Dodman G	Old Silhillians
3	Goulsbra G Howard G	Trackside	Hargreaves D Rogers J	Seeco
4	Curtis P Curtis C	Luton	Alison F Thompson S	Old Silhillians
5	Andreescu A Owen A	Luton	Salter R Field J	Fareham

### **WSBRPA Bench Rest League Winter 2017-18**

1	Goulsbra G	Trackside	Evans C	Glevum
2	Hughes R Snr	Down Hatherley	Hargreaves D	Seeco
3	Mason K	Trackside	Carpenter C	Crookham
4	Kirby J	Trackside	Woodhead M	Crookham
5	Hughes R Jnr	Down Hatherley	Drewery J	Trackside
6	Kennett P	Seeco	Roberts A	Sutton Coldfield
7	Twidale T	Trackside	Walters B	Trackside
8	Bartlett	Trackside	North J	Trackside
9	North G	Trackside	Beaven B	Glevum

### **WSBRPA LWSR League Summer 2018**

#### Individual

Division	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club
1	Loftus D	Fareham	Rowlands G	Seeco
2	Tucker M	Old Silhillians	Stocks D	Fareham
3	Palmer M	Seeco	Lill A	Keelby
4	Meadows R	Bedford	Wilce R	Sutton Coldfield
5	Kennett P	Seeco	Wilson A	Fareham
6	Salt D	Smethwick	Andreescu A	Luton

7	Lill D	Keelby	Rogers J	Seeco
8	Haylock B	Fareham	Hargreaves D	Seeco
9	Cop J	Fareham	Rigby C	Fareham
10	McManus J	Fareham	Morris-Curtis C	Luton
11	Matthews J	Trackside	Adkins R	Trackside
12	O'Sullivan T	Old Silhillians	Roberts A	Sutton Coldfield
13	Drewery G	Trackside	Sleight D	Keelby
14	Ramsden P	Keelby	Bayliss R	Sutton Coldfield
15	Jordan M	Hemswell	Donald A	Bedford
16	Cooke A	Smethwick	Ingram C	Luton
17	Love D	Colbury	Cattermole A	Luton
18	Cobb G	Keelby	Ormerod G	Luton

### Pairs

Division	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club
1	Loftus D Greasley Miss J	Fareham	Walters D Davidson S	Bromyard
2	Rendall R Knowles P	Glevum	Shanks I Wilson A	Fareham
3	Curtis P Morris-Curtis C	Luton	Haylock B McManus J	Fareham
4	Rigby C Cops J	Fareham	Alison F Tucker J	Old Silhillians
5	Thompson S O'Sullivan T	Old Silhillians	Drewery G Drewery J	Trackside

### **WSBRPA Bench Rest League Summer 2018**

Division	Winner	Club	Runner up	Club
1	Goulsbra G	Trackside	Evans C	Glevum
2	Hughes R Snr	Down Hatherley	Hughes R Jnr	Down Haatherley
3	Hanford G	Trackside	Lee A	Seeco
4	Matthews J	Trackside	Smith D	Trackside
5	Palmer M	Seeco	Brown R	Crookham
6	Jackson C	Trackside	Beaven B	Glevum
7	Hinder M	Glevum	Steggles T	Trackside

### **County Air Rifle Captain's Report**

No report for the previous year as no teams were entered and this post is vacant. However, a team has been entered for Air Pistol this year. If anyone shoots ISSF air pistol and has an average of above 75-80 then please let Hugh Webber know.

### **Junior Captain's Report**

No Junior Captain's report was submitted for the AGM as the post remains vacant.



### **Election of Officers**

Dave Hargreaves was proposed to resume his post by Hugh Webber. This was seconded by Mark Bellringer.

It was suggested to elect all other officers on block except for the Treasure and Junior Captain. This was proposed by Ron Gough, seconded Paul Kennett.

The new Treasurer put forward was Paul Kennett. This was proposed by Hugh Webber, seconded by Ron Gough.

### **Any Other Business**

Hugh raised that he tries to keep the website up to date but occasionally makes mistakes. With the LSR and Benchrest the spreadsheet is sent out as soon as complete and if it is not passed on then this is the fault of the club competition secretary. However it always goes on the website the next day. However, if there are errors these can be corrected as long as someone lets Hugh know. Therefore can people please keep an eye on the website and update him if anything needs amending.

Hugh had an email today saying that Stuart Foster who shoots at Bromyard is giving up the sport and about to sell all his equipment. If anyone is interested in purchasing anything then please let Hugh know and he will pass your details on.

### **Presentation of Trophies**

**Trophy winners were presented in line with the above reports**

**Meeting Closed 21.40**