

Tees Valley Target Sports Club
Minutes of Meeting – 2nd December 2025

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Attendance

Richard Frankland (Chair) - RF, David Pengilley (President) – DP, Pete Costello – (Treasurer) – PC, Mick Lord (Secretary) – ML, Ron Benson (Trustee ex-officio), Rocky Wright – RW, Tony Curry – TC, Les Cook – LC, Claire Pinegar – PC, Geoff Bell – GB, Ian Lindsay - IL, Barry King - BK, Andy Cook APC Mark Grimwood – MG, Peter Nicol PN (Note Taker)

1. Apologies

Phil Hughes

2. Minutes of last meeting – 4th November 2025

The minutes were moved as a correct record by LC and seconded by GB, the minutes were signed off as correct by RF.

3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

The Item number quoted relates to the minute from 4th November.

- 1) Item 3.2 **RCO candidates** ML continues to progress arrangements for the training of the four RCO candidates. **NOTED**
- 2) Item 3.3 **Discarded live rounds** – ML had circulated an email to all members regarding the importance of being sure that all live rounds are safely dealt with. Some members had taken umbrage at his email. Since then, the Moorsholm culprit has made himself known to ML. No further action required. The subject of safe disposal of live rounds is included in the Bulletin. **NOTED**
- 3) Item 3.10 **Swinging targets** – DP had researched the relevant minute from 05/12/17 that clearly recorded that moving archery targets are not permitted in Lawson Way. If further background to whatever happened in 2017 is needed, they should speak to Barry Small or Dave Harbinson. **NOTED**
- 4) Item 3.11 **Archery cabinets** – PC believes he may have found suitable cabinets. Any progress will be reported at the next meeting. **NOTED**

- 5) Item 3.12 – **Training rifles** – The Club has a Remington 700 rifle suitable for long distance training. All is fine with that rifle now. The Club was offered a Ruger 77 Mark 2 by DP that has now been purchased. APC looking at a Lee Enfield No.4 with another two to look at, one being offered by BK. **ACTION** – APC to report back on his conclusions for purchasing rifles on behalf of the Club.
- 6) Item 3.16 **2026 Membership cards** - LC has spoken to Simon Hatfield who has assured LC that he will print the 2026 membership cards as previously promised. LC to speak to Simon again and establish what equipment and materials he uses in case Club members need to step in. **ACTION** – LC to monitor and pursue.
- 7) Item 7.2 **Shutter doors – gears** TC to inspect and grease as necessary. **ACTION** TC to deal.
- 8) Item 9.7 **Accommodation for pistol range** – RW’s proposal overtaken by PHM suggestion. However, practicalities of roofed pistol range, concluded it was not feasible. **AGREED** – defer further discussions about 10-year anniversary and space for a pistol range until a new committee is in place after the AGM.
- 9) Item 8 – **Faceby** PN reported that the National Parks planners had responded to the pre-application consultation submitted on the Club’s behalf by Planning House. The response listed at least eleven reasons why the Club’s proposal did not comply with planning policies. PN had checked with Planning House that there was no point in pursuing the matter any further. The committee thanked PN for his efforts and Alan Dixon for his assistance. RF recommended some token of appreciation from the Club for Alan. **AGREED** – some token of appreciation be made to Alan Dixon.
- 10) The search for a suitable relocation site to replace Moorsholm is to continue. In the meantime, LC will continue to use Whorl Hill Farm, Faceby on alternate months for clay shoots, by arrangement with the landowner. **NOTED**

4 The Chair’s Report

4.1 As PN had updated the committee on Faceby, there was nothing further that the Chair wished to report. **NOTED**

5. Secretary’s report

5.1 The draft of the Autumn Bulletin has been circulated and any comments and corrections have now been made. PC asked for an addendum regarding payment of subs. This can now be done by Range Mate as well as the other methods detailed in the draft.

ACTION- PC to provide appropriate wording for ML to include in the Bulletin.

5.2 PHM's suggestion of an extension to Lawson Way along the south side of the building to provide a Black Powder Pistol, air pistol and heritage pistol range of 20 metres with two lanes, was discussed. Any Black Powder range would need to be without a roof. Residue from Black Powder shooting needs all internal surfaces cleaning down after use. **AGREED** – the whole issue of a pistol range (RW's container proposal) and PHM's suggestion, to be deferred until a new committee is in place after the AGM.

5.3 PC recommended funds be kept available for progressing any replacement for Moorsholm. RF/PN commented that extensive searches had been made regarding abandoned/worked out limestone quarries in South Durham, with no success. Local land agents had been circulated with no result. DP reported extensive enquiries throughout South Cleveland/North Yorkshire, again with no results. **NOTED**

5.4 ML invited suggestions as to how the Club should celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Lawson Way becoming operational on 13th July 2026, which falls on a Monday. DP recalled that in the past for similar celebrations or 'family days', a marquee was erected (when operating from Redcar), a BBQ provided and wives, girlfriend, partners invited with opportunities for guests to use the Lawson Way ranges. **AGREED** – how to celebrate the anniversary be deferred for consideration by the new committee after the AGM.

5.5 ML is awaiting the Insurance Policy papers regarding Lawson Way building insurance. **NOTED**

5.6 – ML has received from the NRA the 2026 SCC cards. They will be left in the safe in the Office at Lawson Way. **ACTION** – the RCO for each evening at Lawson Way, to inform shooters and arrange distribution to those in attendance.

5.7 ML has provisionally fixed the date for the AGM on Thursday 05/02/26 at the North Ormesby Working Men's Club. ML needs confirmation of the booking from Les the Steward. **ACTION** – ML to confirm the date and booking.

5.8 ML needs details of the winners of competitions held during 2025. **ACTION** – All discipline leads to provide competition results to ML ready

for the AGM. (The results will be posted on the notice board in Lawson Way, after the AGM.)

5.9 Competition winners will be awarded prizes. A prize winner not in attendance at the AGM, will forfeit their prize, which will be raffled. DP offered his assistance in purchasing the prizes from Morrisons. ML gratefully accepted DP's assistance. **NOTED**

6. Membership Secretary's Report

6.1 BK reported the following two applications for Club membership:-

Dennis Teasdale	Sports Member	No.2011
Gareth Iain Cook	FA Member	No.435

Both applications were approved.

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1 PC produced documentary evidence in the form of the Club's bank statements for the following standing of the Club's accounts:

Current account	£2,349.26
General Reserve	£12,000.00
Land & Buildings	£50,322.38
Subscription Holding	£460.00
Tags	(£1,000.00) Refundable
TOTAL	£ 65,131.64 (Excluding tags)

7.2 Major Items of Expenditure

NRA Renewal	£2,831.00
Ruger Rifle Purchase	£500.00
NY National Park Planning	£500.00
Rifle Scope	£407.99
Ammunition	£254.10
Electricity	£155.33
Rates	£94.00
Clays	£117.60
Water Rates	£35.00
MLAGB	£73.00
Heater elements	£22.97
Internet	£22.57

Web site hosting

£16.59

8. Building & Estates

8.1 TC needs time over the Christmas period for a Lawson Way shut down for the painting of range floors. **AGREED** – after APC's Das Rats competition on 23/12/25, Lawson Way will be closed until re-opening on 02/01/26

9. FBR

9.1 APC reported that JS had made applications to M.o.D and Landmarc for the use of Catterick Ranges up until June 2026. **NOTED**

9.2 The planned theory SCC training session took place on 30/11/25 with 5 trainees led by APC. Six attending the Handloading/Ballistics Calculator course on 06/12/25, led by RF and APC. **NOTED**

9.3 APC has concluded the purchase of a Ruger Mk 2 rifle in .223 calibre. The issue with this model is that the front and rear mounting points and specific Ruger mounts of different heights are needed or a specific Ruger rail and medium rings. The cost of either option is similar. It was agreed with DP that APC will try a normal 9-11 dovetail mount and shims. If unable to get the appropriate distance with this configuration, APC will purchase a Ruger 20 MoA rail and picatinny rings. **NOTED**

9.4 More training sessions will be arranged when there is better weather. APC has concluded that the best ranges for training purposes at Catterick are Deerpark and Walburn. **NOTED**

9.5 APC has learnt from Nic Couldrey (NRA) that there is the possibility of further calibre restrictions on certain ranges that may happen in the near future. These restrictions will be based on weapon Danger Areas, mainly on ranges classified as 'full danger area' (no stop butt).

10. A.O.B.

10.1 PC brought to the committee's attention an Archery Instructor Plus course. CP reported that Nigel Case had enrolled and paid from his own pocket. **NOTED**

10.2 PC has been in contact with Archery GB for using Lawson Way for training purposes. A fee of £125 per day has been agreed for three Sundays in 2026. Archery GB will arrange the necessary insurance. PC was congratulated on this initiative. TVTSC will become an Archery GB training venue for the North and raises the profile of the Club and its facilities. **NOTED.**

10.3 TC has seen that BASC are offering air-rifle training. This could facilitate a Club air-rifle training course for RW. Another air-rifle qualified trainer could become an RCO to help on Saturday mornings. **AGREED** RW to investigate and report back.

10.4 APC gave an update on the roll-out of Range Mate. APC and/or PC will give further updates on the Range Mate roll-out. **NOTED**

10.5. As at 02/12/25 53 Members had logged on to Range Mate, with 132 members not having done so. The Range Mate implementation team are using a phased approach to the roll-out. A workshop/clinic will be organized in the New Year once the system is fully operational, to explain what can be accessed via Range Mate and how members can use it for range bookings etc.. **NOTED**

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th January 2026.