

Tees Valley Target Sports Club
Minutes of Meeting – 10th February 2026

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Attendance

Julian Sorrell (Chair) - JDS, Tony Curry (President) – TC, Pete Costello (Treasurer) – PC, Mick Lord (Secretary) – ML, David Pengilley – DP, Rocky Wright – RW, Les Cook – LC, Ian Robinson - IR, Claire Pinegar – CP, Jim Smith – JS, Barry King - BK, Andy Cook APC
Peter Nicol PN (Note Taker)

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Minutes of last meeting – 6th January 2026

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

3. Introduction

1. JDS made a short introduction and welcomed the two new members, Ian Robinson (IR) and Jim Smith (JS). JDS saw his role has encouraging and supporting the committee members. He hopes that the committee will share opinions and that he can act as a ‘critical friend’. JDS, in his capacity as Chair, intends to set the Club’s strategic direction with the support of the committee.

4. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

The Item number quoted relates to the minute from 6th January 2026.

- 1) Item 3.2 **Archery cabinets** PC has put in bids for 9 No. cabinets to his employer. He expects know whether he has been successful in the next 7 days. **ACTION** – PC to report back with the outcome of the bids
- 2) Item 3.3 **Training rifles** – APC has inspected two rifles out of the three under review. APC needs to review BK’s Lee Enfield. **ACTIONS-** APC to report back once he has inspected the third rifle.

- 3) Item 3.4 **2026 Membership cards** - LC has spoken to Simon Hatfield yet again, who has assured LC that he will print the 2026 membership cards as previously promised. **ACTION** LC to continue to monitor and pursue.
- 4) Item 3.5 **Insurance policy papers** – ML has secured the NRA insurance policy. PC confirmed he had paid for and renewed the Building Insurance for Lawson Way. **NOTED**
- 5) Item 3.6 – **Archery GB** as minuted, PC and ML need to liaise to contact Archery (GB) to pursue the possibility of Lawson Way being used as a training venue. **ACTION** – PC/ML to report back
- 6) Item 3.7 **BASC Air Rifle training** – RW has established that BASC plan four training sessions based in Scotland and Sussex. Fee per session is £127. **ACTION** – RW asked to explore with BASC the possibility of using Lawson Way as a venue.
- 7) Item 10.1 – **Defective Full Bore Rifles** – all the issues reported to the last committee meeting have been satisfactorily resolved and the rifles concerned are now safe. **NOTED**
- 8) Item 10.3 **Opening arrangements at Lawson Way** – as minuted, APC had spoken to Paul Coles about opening up. Paul declined to become involved in opening up. **NOTED**
- 9) Item 10.6 Colonel Garbutt Cup It was concluded that a previous secretary had organized adaptations/repairs. The donor was upset at the way the cup had been reconfigured. The works had resulted in the plinth being damaged. **AGREED** – TC to examine the cup and base with a view to arranging repairs

5. The Chair's Report

- 5.1 JDS had previously circulated his written report and invited comments.
- 5.2 The report tabled the suggestion of revoking the Club's CASC status and instead seek charity status. JDS had heard on numerous occasions that CASC was an obstruction to the Club wanting to act more commercially and in particular some members abusing the "donations" way of recovering the cost of some activities, especially FBR at Catterick. APC confirmed that this was also an issue in 'A' Range on Tuesdays where some members were effectively 'free loading'. **AGREED** – means need to found to make FBR self-funding and not subsidised.

- 5.3 PN read out the relevant HMRC guidance that specifically stated that CASC status is intended to be permanent. The only way PN could see of disengaging from CASC was to formally wind up TVTSC as a legal entity. **NOTED** – the issue to be kept under review. JDS suggested seeking legal advice, but this is not a priority at present.
- 5.4 The Chair's report emphasised the need to bring more younger members onto the committee with the aim of reducing the burden on those present. Some members could act as volunteers to support committee members with specific tasks. **ACTION** – JDS to include a plea for volunteers in the Spring Bulletin.
- 5.5 Several members considered the Club's web site as being archaic and 'clunky' to use. Ideally the photos currently on the site need to be removed. Apparently, it is very hard to take down previously posted photos. **NOTED** – There was a need to start afresh, but no one present willing to take on the task at the moment. CP expressed the need to use social media. **AGREED** – Defer to a later date once priorities had been agreed.
- 5.6 A suggestion was made to promote the Club and seek new members via Facebook/Meta. Apparently other Clubs use this medium. Concerns were expressed about posting photos of members using/holding rifles. The suggestion was considered at some length, but discounted due to the inability to control where information posted can end up. However, the need to advertise and promote the Club more widely was accepted. This led on to the need to find a member to act as Data Co-ordinator, to ensure no conflict with Data Protection Rules. This links into 5.5 above and the need to review or design a new Web site. **NOTED**
- 5.7 APC commented that there were a lot of secretarial duties taking up valuable committee member's time and effort. He quoted his own experience of organising the Eskdalemuir shoot last year. It did not need dedicated secretarial skills but he could not identify any Club member that he could delegate the task to. **NOTED**.
- 5.8 Apparently the NRSA promotes a service on its Web site that being an affiliated Club, we can tap into. **AGREED** – ML to investigate precisely what is on offer and decide if it is likely to be of any assistance to the Club.

- 5.9** LC suggested the opening up of Lawson Way for one afternoon per week, in the winter months. JDS was willing to open up the range, but needs another committee member to supervise activities. It was settled that two members were not necessary to open up and close, during daylight hours. APC, ML, IR and JS volunteered to do day time opening and closing.
JDS invited DP to outline what had happened historically at the old Redcar range. DP said volunteers were organised for opening up and that was settled on a week- by- week basis – no set rota. At that time there were 27 competitions with approximately 30 members taking part – there are none now. **NOTED.**
- 5.10** It was suggested that one afternoon per month the range be opened exclusively for committee members as they get little opportunity to use Lawson Way for their hobby/sport. PC suggested after 3:00 pm on Friday afternoons, JDS was suggesting 9-12 am on a day to be agreed. **DEFERRED.**
- 5.11** RW queried the strategy for Open Days and Guest Days, where two very different set of rules apply. Someone needs to be identified to run an Open Day at Catterick. A suggestion was made of having an Open Day at Lawson Way on the first Monday of every month. **NOTED**
- 5.12** It was noted that the Club had made a lot of effort in complying with the new rules that apply to the Miniature Rifle Club and Range. This is a separate entity to TVTSC. A discussion was held about inviting local Scout groups to have ‘taster’ sessions. This would be showing the Club’s commitment to involving the local community as required by CASC. The possibility of contacting the NHS to see if the Club’s facilities could be used to address ‘loneliness’ in the community was considered. **AGREED** – The idea of contacting local Scout groups is to be pursued by ML.
- 5.13** Paul Phillips has suggested that the next Spring Club Bisley FBR Shoot be treated as a Guest Day shoot. Since the meeting, Paul has circulated a proposal (subject to NRA booking confirmation) on 21/22 April 2026. The committee was unanimous in requiring any Bisley events must be self-funding with no subsidy from the Club. **AGREED. ACTION** – the committee insistence that the event be self-financing be communicated to Paul Phillips - ML

5.14 RangeMate JDS requires that there be a proper communications plan for the roll-out of RangeMate. At present members can make range bookings – particularly relevant for attending at Catterick. In the Spring Bulletin the strategic plan for RangeMate needs to be explained so that all members can understand the overall plan and implementation. PC has acquired an Ipad. An explanation of what is “Kiosk Mode” needs to be made. “Cheat sheets” need to be produced, giving a step by step guide as to how to use the system.

6. Secretary’s report

6.1 ML to co-ordinate a list of committee members with their contact details. Since produced and circulated on 11/02/26. **NOTED**

6.2 ML has now produced a rota for Lawson Way using the information provided by those present. The rota is:

Monday:	Les Cook, Ian Robinson, Rocky Wright
Tuesday:	Andy Cook, Tony Curry
Wednesday:	Mick Lord, Clare Pinnegar, Jim Smith (casual)
Thursday:	Les Cook, Julian Sorrell
Friday:	Tony Curry, Barry King
Saturday:	Peter Costello, Dave Pengilley

Any planned or unplanned absences, committee members to inform the WhatsApp group to arrange a replacement.

6.3 2026 Competitions

LC - Clays third Sundays of April, June, August and October – Four competitions.

TC - Garbutt Cup – **TC**

TC - Buffalo comps – **TC Catterick. Best 1 of 3**

BK - Fridays .22 Precision **Bottle**

Phil Hughes – Rimfire supported – bi-pod. **Cup, all year, best target**

PH Stan Hollis cup Ongoing, highest aggregate score

Geoff Bell – Timed & Precision? 3 dates? On Thursdays TBC

3 Competitions plus overall cup

GWB Practical shotgun. 4 Competitions plus overall Cup

Geoff Bell – Multi-target? 3 dates on Thursdays TBC Cup/Trophy?

PC Man v Man LBR Outdoor Moorsholm ? 02/08/26 Cup/Trophy?

PC Man v Man U/L Outdoor Moorsholm 09/08/26 Cup/Trophy?

APC U/L Precision comp, ongoing throughout year, finishing at Christmas, every Tuesday, 'A' Range. (Bottle)

MG Three months. Buffalo comp and dates TBC. Cup/trophy

APC FBR Catterick Dates TBC Cup/trophy?

APC .22 Pop-up – week before Christmas

APC – Probationers comp TBC

APC Barry Grimwood Memorial Cup

CP Archery Three comps, Halloween, Christmas and Easter

RW 3 position Scoped and Iron Sighted Springers

RW Tin can shoot – First Sunday every month Trophy

DP – Black Powder, Moorsholm 10/05/26, 12/07/26 and 11/10/26

DP – 3 Gun Western Shoot 23/08/26

DP/PC Traditional Western Shoot U/L 24/05/26, 28/06/26, 27/09/26

Vit Dynamic Shooter Trophy

Once dates, competitions and prizes agreed, details to be published in the Spring Bulletin. Missing details to be provided to ML.

6.4 Firearms held by Committee members.

GB holds the same ones as last year. LC has two under/over shotguns.

NOTED

6.5 Notifying stakeholders of change of Chair.

ML has actioned. **ACTION** PN to notify HMRC for CASC purposes of change of Chair and President.

6.6 Correspondence

None.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

7.1 BK reported the following four applications for membership:-

Dylan James Murray Speechley	Sports Member No.2508
Leslie Verrill	Sports Member No.2602
Victor Alexander Luposeli	Probationer F.A. Member No. 436
Alina Georgiana Onofrei	Probationer F.A. Member No. 437

Miss Onofrei's application was approved subject to BK verifying her ID. All applications were **AGREED**.

7.2 Members that have not renewed membership

BK reported a good number of people had not re-joined. **ACTION** - their details to be removed from RangeMate. **AGREED** – one last letter to be sent to those that have not renewed but if they do want to remain members, they have to pay the appropriate subscription, plus 25%. **ACTION** -BK to send letters accordingly.

7.3 Membership cards

PC has done all the stickers, lanyards and membership cards. There are still a lot that have not been collected. **AGREED** – the members that have not collected their cards have paid their subs and the Club should therefore send them out (minus the lanyards) by Second Class letter post – PC to action.

8. Treasurer's Report

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

Current account	£5,256.81
General Reserve	£17,001.00
Land & Buildings	£56,000.00
Subscription Holding	£1.00
Tags	(£1,000.00) Refundable
TOTAL	£79,408.81 (Excluding tags)

8.2 Major Items of Expenditure

Ammo	£675.00
AGM Prizes	£970.29
Printing/Engraving (AGM)	£83.60
Electricity	£346.02
I Pad	£100.49
Paper Rolls	£30.00
Chain & Hasp	£16.42
Internet	£22.57

8.3 PC is unable to reconcile the split of receipts from clay shoots unless there is a breakdown between donations, ammo, targets, etc. **ACTION** – the members running shoots need to be vigilant with their record keeping

8.4 For committee members claiming cash from petty cash (£30 maximum) there is a Duplicate Cash Book in the safe in the Office that must be used to record what the cash was for and how much.

ACTION – all committee member to note.

8.5 It was **AGREED** that the Club would fund and organize engraving on cups, trophies and NRA medals.

9. Lawson Way

9.1 TC requires the closure of Lawson Way on 28 and 29/03/26 to allow the painting of the floors in both ranges. TC to use the WhatsApp group to seek volunteers for Paint Parties. **ACTION** – TC to progress.

9.2 TC has arranged a grab wagon to remove all rubble and other rubbish at the range. **ACTION** – TC to report back when work finished.

9.3 TC requested that the kitchen and Gents WC doors be left open when the building is locked up to allow air to circulate, in the hope that it will reduce condensation. **ACTION** – All keyholders to note.

9.4 Penetrating damp from the roof. PN/TC to work on a strategy involving appointing a qualified building surveyor, or other competent professional to prepare a scheme to provide a

permanent solution to the ongoing dampness problem. The appointment of the consultant to be preceded by a tendering exercise.

The professional to monitor the contractor carrying out the works to certify they have been properly carried out. **ACTION** – PN to work up a specification to appoint a building surveyor/architect and prepare a tendering exercise for the appointment of the consultant. The consultant would be required to tender for the implementation of the works by a contractor.

- 9.5** TC reported that pointing to brickwork to the south-west corner of the building was needed to cure dampness. **ACTION** – TC to arrange as necessary.

10. Moorsholm

- 10.1** TC commented that he was unable to do any repairs or other works because of the recent exceptional rainfall. As soon as the ground had had a chance to dry out, he will make a visual check and decide on any works necessary. **NOTED**

11. A.O.B.

- 11.1** JDS plans to write again to Mr Corney. TC wants to make a personal approach regarding another possible site for an outdoor range. **ACTION** – JDS and TC to liaise to co-ordinate contact with Mr Corney.

- 11.2** PC via Andy Drimmie raised the possibility of the abandoned Kettlewell Tunnel being a replacement for Moorsholm. It is believed to be in the ownership of the Lord Normanby Estate. **NOTED**

- 11.3** Ammo sales – ammunition purchased at Lawson Way can only be used at Lawson Way. If it is to be used elsewhere it has to be signed out on the Club's FAC by ML. LC advised that the RFD's servant can also sign out ammunition being sold. **NOTED**

- 11.4** PC enquired on behalf of a member, if the Club's Garmin chronograph could be loaned out to check velocities of a shotgun at Moorsholm. **AGREED** the request was refused as there was no method of keeping a proper record of the devices whereabouts. It was also believed that shotgun velocities were provided on the cartridge packaging.

- 11.5** The question of the use of Black Powder or Pyrotex or similar powders was raised. DP explained that there was a long-standing

policy that such powders must not be used indoors at Lawson Way on good health and safety grounds. **NOTED** whoever had received the enquiry needs to inform the enquiring member accordingly.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2026.