Tees Valley Target Sports

Minutes the Committee meeting – 3rd October 2023

1. **Attendance:**

Richard Frankland (Chair) – RF

Ken Hart (Secretary) – KH

Ron Benson (President) - RB

Barry King – BK

Tony Curry – TC

Les Cook - LC

Phil Hughes – PH

Mark Grimwood - MG.

Dave Pengilley (DP)

Clare Pinnegar - CP

Julian Sorrell (note taker) – JS

Apologies:

Barry Grimwood - BG.

Pete Costello (Treasurer) – PC

1. **Minutes of the last meeting.**

DP noted two corrections: he attended the September committee meeting and in AoB he was only going to be away for one Saturday. KH made correction to the file copy.

Proposed verbally as a true record by DP and seconded by LC. Signed by RF.

1. **Matters arising, not on the agenda.**

RF noted the following:

* The floor has been painted at Lawson Way.
* Progress by PC with the Muzzle Loaders’ Association to arrange training is unknown.
* KH advised that he has been in contact with Roger Johnson regarding electronic shooting records. Any amount of information can be recorded and accessed as required. There was a short discussion about data protection. RF stated that the draft Data Protection documents which member Vit Kovalionok had agreed to produce were outstanding.

**ACTION**: KH to contact Vit Kovalionok for completion of the Data Protection documentation.

* The proposed data to be held will include such things as RCO and first aid qualification. JS pointed out that we need to know the run-out date for qualifications, not just when they are acquired. There followed a short discussion about refresher training for first aid.
* LC noted that PC still needed to use paper records for the necessary financial data. RF said that Roger Johnson should be able to sort that out.
* The piece of work tasked to PC regarding a figure for donations at the proposed guest shoot is outstanding.
* The issue regarding air gun shooter Range Officers is outstanding.
* The Autumn Bulletin will have some wording about suggested donations for Catterick shoots, based on the actual costs to the club.
* The requested coverings for the air rifle tables have been completed.
* A club e-mail address for CP is outstanding.
* TC is to observe the next tin can competition run by PC (expected November) with a view to taking over thereafter.

1. **Secretary’s report.**

Gift Aid tax refunds for Lawson Way are running at about £2,000+ per year. RF noted that this just about covered the annual rent for the building.

The gun cabinets have been relocated into the store. Archery cabinets & equipment have been relocated to B Range. MG said that the cabinets in B Range are currently only wedged, and that excessive weight could cause them to topple; they will be bolted to the wall in due course.

**ACTION**: MG/TC to fix archery cabinets to the wall.

The club Enforcer and T4 were due to be advertised in Gun Trader but KH has not done this yet. There was some discussion about the asking price for each gun. RB seemed to have good knowledge of Enforcers and prices, so RF asked him to sell the Enforcer on behalf of the club.

**ACTION**: RB to sell club Enforcer

**ACTION**: KH to sell T4

ClevPol has approved the new location of the firearms cabinets. KH has agreed to meet Gareth White to undertake an inspection at 11am on 12th October.

**ACTION**: KH to host inspection on 12th October.

With immediate effect, the door to the store must be kept locked at all times unless a committee member is in the room. KH has already put a notice on the door.

**ACTION**: all to comply with requirement to keep the store locked at all times unless a committee member is in the room.

There was a discussion about relocation the .22 cards to B Range. KH advised that it is not cheap to provide targets. As a side issue, there was discussion about how many ‘free’ cards a member could use purely for competition purposes and payment for practice targets. DP reminded the committee of a previous committee decision that members could have up to two free cards for competition purposes but otherwise pay 10p for all cards. **ACTION**: that henceforth all NSRA card targets to be charged out at 10p per target with no exception for ‘competition’ targets.

KH proposed that only the duty committee members should have access to the keys to the archery cabinets. Members such as Barry Small running the range on behalf of the committee should be regarded as quasi committee members in respect of this key access.

Correspondence:

* KH advised that he had received a letter from members Bill Evans and Paul Phillips offering to jointly organise the Bisley trips. KH read the letter out. There was a short discussion about the offer. JS made a formal proposal to accept it, seconded by BK. The proposal was defeated on a vote.

KH suggested accepting the offer for one year and assessing performance at the end. BK suggested that if we did so, the agreement should specify that Bill and Paul run the current competitions with the current rules. There appeared to be consensus and the formal proposal was the made by KH to accept the offer, for one year only, to run the current competitions under the current rules, and assess performance at the end of 2024. BK seconded the proposal. Carried without dissent. RF asked KH to write to Paul Phillips specifying the terms.

**ACTION**: KH to write to Paul Phillips specifying the terms of agreeing to Bill Evans and Paul Phillips jointly organising Bisley trips

RB asked about insurance for Bisley if it wasn’t being run by a committee member. MG advised that it would cover anyone acting on behalf of the club. RF concurred.

* The receipt of first aid certificates triggered another discussion on the matter of ‘badge collectors’ being financed by the club to undertake training and then not putting that training to club use. KH said that he had written individually to all RCOs who had not volunteered to run Catterick ranges. DP asserted that he had not received anything. JS was asked for the list of currently qualified RCOs. JS pointed out that some on the list are NSRA RCOs, not NRA. There was another discussion about asking for course costs back. JS pointed out that the wording needed to be carefully considered because some undertake Safety Officer duties, so asking for the full RCO fee would be unreasonable.

**ACTION**: KH to write to three members to ask them to volunteer to undertake RCO duties involving running a FBR shoot on a date upon which they are free to attend Catterick, by reference to the schedule displayed on the notice board at Lawson Way.

* KH had received a note from member Andy Cook seeking permission to upgrade the first aid kits with additional supplies. It was agreed that the expenditure be approved.

**ACTION**: KH to contact Andy Cook and confirm approval to acquire the proposed supplies.

1. **Chair’s Report**

RF said that he is about to start work on the Autumn Bulletin. RF will be making the point that those running the club are aging and encouraging the younger members to take part. RF asked for each committee member to write a short item about their area of responsibility.

**ACTION**: all committee members to write a short item about their area of responsibility.

RF asked for opinions about the Christmas/New Year opening of Lawson Way. It was decided to close on Saturday 23rd December and reopen on Tuesday 2nd January.

Regarding Moorsholm, no notification has been received as yet from Mr Liddle as to his proposed pheasant shoots dates and consequential range closures. LC said that he needed to phone Mr Liddle about the next clay shoot and would ask him at the same time.

**ACTION**: LC to ask Mr Liddle for his proposed pheasant shoot dates.

RF noted his intention to run a Safe Shooter classroom session assisted by member Andy Cook. RF asked if there would be any restrictions on his choice of day, particularly if it clashed with the monthly clean-up. DP advised not.

1. **Membership Secretary’s report.**

BK circulated applications for various classes of membership.

Approved for Sports Membership, having successfully completed training:

Garfield Owens

Approved for Probationary Sports Membership:

C Rees

G Pounds

I Pounds

S Watson

Approved for Full Membership, having successfully completed training:

Hazel Taylor

Mark Ablett

A J Wright

Approved for Probationary Firearms Membership:

T Simpson

J Jackson

L Patterson

BK raised the issue of the cost of postage if we send out membership cards next year.

**ACTION**: KH to add discussion of postage for membership cards to the November agenda.

1. **Treasurer’s report.**

RF referred to written data produced by PC, including a print-out from the Barclays website of the balances in each club account, as required by a previous Committee decision.

PC provided the following data:

Account status and income as of 11th September:

No 2 a/c - £2,125.39

Land & buildings a/c - £34,090.22

General reserve a/c - £22,136.94

Subs holding a/c - £0.00.

Total - £58,352.55

Tags a/c - £895.00

Expenditure:

Landmarc range fees - £359.16

Rent to MBC - £562.44

Rates - £29.00

Stockton BC (post box) - £40.00

eBay (airgun pellets) - £475.15

Vacuum cleaner - £79.99

Anglian Water - £22.00

1. **Lawson Way.**

PH noted that a club .22 bolt action rifle broke on Monday (2nd October). DP expressed the opinion that repairs should not be undertaken to a club gun by club members as there are liability implications in the event of an accident; a club gun should be repaired professionally. TC offered to ask member Steve Nicholson, who appears to have some contacts, and advise PH accordingly.

**ACTION**: TC to ask member Steve Nicholson for potential contacts and advise PH accordingly.

1. **Moorsholm.**

There was a short discussion about ongoing maintenance.

1. **AoB.**

None.

1. **Date of next meeting**

2nd November. 7:00pm start.