

Tees Valley Target Sports Club

Executive summary of Meeting – 5 December 2023

Attendance

Richard Frankland (Chair) -RF, Pete Costello (Treasurer) – PC, Ken Hart (Secretary) – KH, Ron Benson (President) – RB, Barry King – BK, Mark Grimwood – MG, Julian Sorrell – JS, Tony Curry – TC, Les Cook – LC, David Pengilley – DP, Clare Pinnegar – CP, Peter Nicol (Note Taker)

1. Apologies

Barry Grimwood and Phil Hughes

2. Minutes of last meeting – 7th November 2023

The minutes were moved as correct by MG and seconded by LC. The minutes were signed off by RF as being an accurate record.

3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

- Item 4.7 – storage cabinets need to be moved. CP to check archery equipment and identify any that is not being used before any cabinets can be moved by KH/TC. **ACTION** CP to review cabinets contents.
- Item 7.3 RF reported that the NRA was a charity and accordingly is able to claim Gift Aid from HMRC on their subscriptions – **NOTED**
- Item 8.1 – TC/BK reported that Ben Bamford has welded up the backstop plates and that they were now safe – **NOTED**
- Item 8.2 – TC/BK had made some enquiries about Detroit baffles and concluded that steel would be needed which would be extremely expensive. **AGREED** -no further action.
- Item 9.2 The Two Minute Silence on Remembrance Day had been observed at the 11/11/23 Moorsholm shoot – **NOTED**
- Item 9.3 – despite several attempts, LC had been unable to establish the dates that the farmer will be used by the farmer for pheasant shoots. **ACTION** -LC to speak to Mr Liddle.
- Item 10.1 RF has provided PC with the September Executive Summary of the minutes. **NOTED.**
- Item 10.2 BK has supplied PC with the alphabetical list of members and their status, as requested. **NOTED**

- MG to provide details of probationers who claimed that they had not received the Bulletin. **ACTION** – RF to follow up alleged non-recipients.
- KH had not received an updated GDPR Club policy document from Vit Kovionik. **ACTION** – KH to chase up with Vit.
- JS raised a number of points from the previous minutes for the meeting of 07/11/23 :-
 - a) Barry Grimwood should receive a copy of all committee minutes whilst he is unable to attend in person. **ACTION** – KH to include BG on minutes circulation list.
 - b) Item 4.13 – JS needs some information regarding Member's details. This can be resolved once Vit has updated the Club's GDPR policy. **NOTED**
 - c) JS was unaware of the revised standardised FBR range briefing. **ACTION** JS/KH to agree a revised range briefing to include range flags, housekeeping etc.
 - d) JS noted that at Item 6 of 07/11/23, that Wayne Hammond Richardson was not on the data base as a probationer. This may mean that there could be other errors/omissions on the data base. Mr Richardson is a Sports Member which is why his name is not included in the FBR/Probationer SSC list. **ACTION** When approving applicants for Full Membership, their firearms or Sports membership to be noted in the minutes.
 - e) JS enquired if the data base shows who has a Safe Shooters Card. JS needs sight of the data base for lane allocation purposes. Likewise, RF needs sight of SSC holders for training purposes. **ACTION** – KH to make access to the data base available to JS and RF

4 Secretary's Report

1. Club Enforcer – KH reported that Devizes Gun Trader had not received any interest from potential purchasers. **NOTED**
2. Parker Hale T4 – Kranks had told KH that there was no market for this make of rifle. **ACTION** – PC to offer this rifle for sale via the Club's website.
3. AGM – after a discussion it was **AGREED** that the 2024 AGM will be at the North Ormesby Working Men's Club on Thursday 8th February 2024. KH to organize seating so that committee members sit at the front. KH to explore use of two microphones –

one for committee members and a “roving” one for any questions from the floor. **ACTION** – KH to make necessary arrangements with North Ormesby W.M.C. and report back.

4. KH has completed the NRA handloading declaration on behalf of the Club. Members who have declared, will have handloading noted on their 2024 SSC's. **NOTED**
5. KH reported no response regarding the sale of surplus Club firearms via the website. **NOTED**
6. CP has been included on the Club's WhatsApp list. **NOTED**
7. KH confirmed that the Club's NRA affiliation had been completed. The NRA fee for affiliation was £2,819. **NOTED**
8. **ACTION** - BK to notify members of FBR shoot days and venues.
9. **ACTION** - KH/RF/BK would prepare a welcome pack for new members.
10. **ACTION** - those committee members that organise competitions must provide KH with results by mid-January – in time for the AGM.

Correspondence

- a) KH had received a summary from Peter Metcalfe regarding members attendance at Club events and activities in the context of CASC rules. It was **NOTED** that the Club promotes its sport across all members and encourages all members to participate. It was further accepted that several members attend Moorsholm without recording their attendance despite several ways of registering visits.
- b) Andy Cook had contacted KH offering to organise .22 shoots and competitions at the Catterick Ranges. **ACTION** - KH to pass on the committee's thanks for the proposal and that Andy should run .22 competitions in liaison with the FBR RCO on the Club shoot day.
- c) KH reported confirmation of the Club's affiliation to the Muzzle Loaders Association. This prompted a discussion regarding planned muzzle loader training. The trainer, Alan Whiffin, lives in the South of England and accordingly would need to stay locally overnight. The training requires a class room (Lawson Way) and an outdoor range (Moorsholm). A training session can accommodate up to 12 trainees. The winter months are not suitable due to short days, poor daylight, cold weather and the need to be able shoot seated and prone. **AGREED** – postpone training until next summer.

5. Chair's Report

5.1 RF had previously circulated a comprehensive report dated 01/12/23 regarding:-

- a) Suggested donations for FBR – the aim being to get as close as possible to breaking even which included a suggestion of a donation fund of £780 pa.
- b) Ammunition records
- c) Possibility of a Club Registered Firearms Dealer
- d) A further Safe Shooter course

5.2 After a full discussion it was **AGREED** :-

- i) That the recommended donations for FBR should remain at £15 for a half day and £20 for a full day until April 2024. It was confidently expected that Landmarc charges would increase after 01/04/24.
- ii) **ACTION** - PC to prepare a forecast of likely donations and expenditure in relation to FBR after 01/04/24 that he would present at the AGM.

Other suggestions to achieve break even included:-

- A members survey to gain feedback regarding range length (100 yards, 300 yards, 600 yards etc). The appetite for the use of butt parties for longer ranges. (Butt parties half the overall costs, but reduce individual shooting times.)
- RCO negotiate for their FBR the number of lanes for the January, February and March shoots in an endeavour to reduce the deficit.
- That a small subsidy may be acceptable.
- That the number of lanes be limited thereby needing to “squad” shooters.

5.3) Ammunition records – RF's report set out the current arrangements for recording sales by the Club of ammunition. It was **AGREED** that:-

- 1) The current paper system of ammunition sales sheets in the day book at Lawson Way, in the Admin. Box for FBR and sheets for Moorsholm training and shotgun, be retained but with an extra column to record cash taken.
- 2) The ledger that RF has purchased should be updated weekly by transferring details from the sales sheets.

- 3) There should be a quarterly inventory of ammunition held by the Club and this summary be recorded in the ledger.
- 4) **NOTED** a volunteer has been found to assist RF in running the ledger and to assist with the transfer of the weekly information.
- 5) **ACTION** – RF to instigate the arrangements for an Ammunition Register as outlined.

5.4) Safe shooting course – as a result of only two probationers expressing interest for a course in December, the course has been postponed until a date to be agreed. **NOTED**

5.5) RF had previously circulated a draft letter to Mr Corney (the land owner of the Stillington railway cutting) about opening discussions regarding the Club's possible use of the cutting as a shooting range. **ACTION** - RF to send the letter as drafted and previously circulated.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

6.1 BK circulated applications for various classes of Club membership.

APPROVED for Full Membership having successfully completed training:

John Anthony Dale - Firearms Member No.209

APPROVED for probationary firearms membership:

Ian Routh – Firearms Member No.50

Joseph Robson Miller – Firearms Member No. 49

John Haycroft - Sports Member No.1051

Graham Stephenson – Sports Member No. 1050

6.2 PC proposed that John Pyne should become a Life Member in recognition of his stalwart attendance at monthly tidy-ups and cleaning the backstops, notwithstanding that John is two months short on his qualifying period. **ACTION** BK to include John Pyne as a Life Member.

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1 PC reported that he had supplied extensive details to Barclays Bank in support of the Club's application for a Community Account. **ACTION** – the application forms need to be signed by RF and KH.

7.2 PC can now accept payments of subscriptions via a Debit Card reader. **NOTED**

7.4 PC provided documentary evidence in the form of the Club's bank statements for the following standing of Club accounts: -

No. 2 Account	£2,039.18
General Reserve	£20,075.79
Land & Buildings	£34,208.93
Subs Holding	£2,860.91 – for 2024
Tags	(£945)

TOTAL without subscriptions - £56,323.90

7.5 Major items of expenditure

Landmarc	£1,230.00
'B' Range sign	£60.00
Web site	£13.62
Water Rates (NWA)	£22.00
MBC Rates	£29.00
Postal Services (SBC)	£40.00
NRA Affiliation	£2,819.00
Jewsons (Backstop)	£74.42
Door code lock	£64.99
Roller shutter key switch	£25.94
Card Reader	£29.99
Muzzle Loaders Assoc. Subs.	£67.00

8. Lawson Way Range Report

8.1 TC is to arrange painting of the Lawson Way range floors over the Christmas break. **NOTED**

8.2 PC suggested that a secure enclosure for the clay pigeon traps can be provided by erecting two walls (with vehicular gates) at the far end of the Lawson Way range. A metal 'pin' can be installed to provide an extra deterrence to theft. **ACTION** - PC to work up a detailed proposal for costing and committee approval.

9. Moorsholm Range Report

9.1 MG/TC/LC have sorted out the necessary keys for the Store/Cabin. **NOTED**

10. Any Other Business

10.1 It was noted that David Lowther is extremely poorly. **ACTION** – KH to send a 'Get well' card on behalf of the Club. BK to provide KH with David's address.

10.2 It was noted that there had been no correspondence from Dodds & Brown regarding the Club's wish to acquire the freehold interest of Lawson Way. **ACTION** RF to send a chaser to Mr Brown.

10.3 Volunteers were sought for the supervision of the Miniature Rifle Club event on 17/01/24 which had been proposed by Pete Costello assisted by Dave Pengilley and Tony Curry. **NOTED** – RF and KH volunteered their services to assist PC, DP and TC.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th January 2024.