

Tees Valley Target Sports Club

Executive Summary of Meeting – 18th February 2025

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Attendance

Richard Frankland (Chair) - RF, David Pengilley (President) – DP, Pete Costello – (Treasurer) – PC, Mick Lord (Secretary) – ML, Rocky Wright – RW, Ian Lindsay - IL, Tony Curry – TC, Les Cook – LC, Barry King - BK, Clare Pinnegar – CP, Peter Nicol (Note Taker) - PN

1. Apologies

Andy Cook, Phil Hughes, Mark Grimwood and Geoff Bell.

2. Minutes of last meeting – 7th January 2025

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

3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda) -the bracketed number refers to the minuted item from the last meeting.

- 3.1 (3.2) An audit report had raised the need for Safeguarding training. MG and CP had undertaken the training. The record of the training received to be provided to ML. **ACTION** – ML to record details to show that the audit report recommendations had been addressed.
- 3.2 (3.3) TC and LC reported that it was still ‘work in progress’ regarding preparing a Range Safety Brief with RW, for Lawson Way ranges. LC reported the brief for Moorsholm was ‘work in progress’. **NOTED**
- 3.3 (3.5) BK had checked the 2025 membership renewals against the details provided in Minute 5.3 of the meeting of 5 November to ensure that the agreed CASC Action Plan had been adhered to. This included the ‘three strikes and you are out’ requirement for Full Members 2023/24 and ‘no shows’. **NOTED**
- 3.4 (3.7) It was **AGREED** that a member should continue to be closely monitored by RCO’s and RSO’s and kept under supervision in ‘A’ Range. RO’s are asked to encourage him as

well as correcting errors as an approach most likely to achieve positive results.

- 3.5 (3.8) Matt Smith has now donated the items previously promised. **NOTED**
- 3.6 (3.9) Regarding sourcing a replacement part for the photocopier (fuser), it was 'work in progress' with PC. **NOTED**
- 3.7 (3.10) Regarding 'hate mail', - there was no response from the Police after KH had submitted a dossier to them. **NOTED**
- 3.8 (3.11) It was **AGREED** that ML consider the implications of a Club member being an RFD and report back.
- 3.9 (3.12) It was **NOTED** that any planned extension to the Lawson Way premises was on hold until there was:-
- greater clarity as to the function of any extension
 - the implications of PC's report to the last committee regarding the likelihood of lead ammunition and shot being banned
 - the resultant need to replace the Moorsholm shooting ground.
- 3.10 (3.13) ML to chase up Steve Bowser (NRA) regarding dates for training sessions for RCO's/RSO's. **AGREED**
- 3.11 It was **NOTED** that some members had signed up for the Club trip to Bisley.
- 3.12 (4) The Chair will provide details of a concessionary membership scheme in a section in the Spring 2025 Bulletin as previously agreed. **AGREED**
- 3.13 (5.10) CP will be chasing up the application to attend an Archery (GB) course during w/c 24/02/25. **NOTED**
- 3.14 (5.11) ML to chase up the renewal application to MLAGB. **AGREED**
- 3.15 (5.12) The moment has passed for replying to a recalcitrant member as it was thought that KH had not written. **NOTED**
- 3.16 (8.2) It was **AGREED** that Trevor Wade be asked to look at refurbishing the benches in 'A' Range and provide an estimate.TC to report back.

4.Chair's Report

4i It had previously been noted that there was a need for greater supervision in 'B' Range. To get a first hand understanding of the situation on Saturdays, the Chair had attended on two recent Saturdays.

4ii The Chair found that the morning group mainly used good quality PCP rifles with powerful scopes. The shooting was accurate and carried out with a large measure of friendly banter and camaraderie.

4 iii The range was supervised by Des Mason and Terry Colbeck in accordance with range orders. The only concern was the practice of requiring shooters to declare 'clear and empty' but not physically checking that chambers were empty of pellets. In addition, the RO's did not wear Hi-vis vests. Otherwise, everything was in order. To address the latter point, the Chair has ordered two Hi-vis vests for Des and Tony to wear when acting as RO's. **NOTED**

4iv The group included a number of retired and competent tradesmen that are skilled in construction. They do not run competitions, but do like to test and advance their skills. Taken together it is not surprising that they look for ways to vary their shooting and targets, hence the appearance of unauthorised structures. The shooters were not aware of the NRA and NRSA specifications for benches and targets.

4v. The Chair concluded that the air rifle shooters were outside the mainstream and that they would benefit from contact with RW, TC and Steve Nicholson along with other air gun aficionados. It would be worth considering ongoing precision competitions.

4vi It was **AGREED** that RW or his representative attend 'B' Range on Saturdays with a view to integrating the Saturday morning shooters into the mainstream air gun section.

5. Secretary's report

5.1 The AGM had approved two amendments to the Constitution. ML is arranging for all the appropriate bodies to be informed and supplied with the revised Constitution. Once a revised edition has been prepared PN to send a copy to HMRC as a requirement of the CASC scheme. **NOTED and AGREED**

5.2 ML had circulated the Secretary's 'Club's' email address to all committee members. **NOTED**

5.3 ML had circulated to committee members an up-to-date list of committee members with contact details for each member to check and verify. **NOTED**

5.4 With assistance from those present, ML prepared the following Lawson Way rota

	A Range	B Range
Monday:	P Hughes	R Wright/L Cook

Tuesday:	R Frankland/A Cook	T Curry
Wednesday:	M Lord/P.Hughes	C Pinnegar
Thursday:	G Bell	L Cook
Friday:	B King	T Curry
Saturday:	D. Pengilley	P. Costello/R Wright

- 5.5 ML requested from those present details of Club competitions being run during 2025. Once an agreed list is finalised it will be publicised via the Spring bulletin. **NOTED**
- 5.6 ML has inherited a list of Lawson Way key holders from his predecessor. Andy Cook needs a set of keys. Julian Sorrell and Ron Benson have handed in their sets of keys. **AGREED** – (1) ML to prepare a log book of who holds what keys and (2) an item be included in the Spring Bulletin giving an amnesty to anyone that holds keys that should not have them.
- 5.7 ML sought details of which Committee members hold which Club firearms. **AGREED** – ML to obtain from KH the register of firearms. Members present provided the following information:-
 PC – black powder pistol
 LC – 2 No. shotguns
 RF - .223 rifle and No.4 Lee Enfield .303
 ML requires details of calibre, Maker's name, Type, Action and Identification Number.
- 5.8 The duties of the Secretary include the preparation of the Spring and Autumn Bulletins. ML will be seeking a note from each discipline lead for incorporation in the bulletins. **NOTED**
- 5.9 Target Shotgun CPSA renewal ongoing. **NOTED**
- 5.10 ML is going through the records he has inherited to establish which organisations and statutory bodies need notifying of the change of details for the Club Secretary. **NOTED**
- 5.11 **Correspondence**
5.11.1 ML had received an email regarding attendance at Lawson Way and the expectation of donations. A suitable reply was discussed for ML to send. **NOTED**
5.11.2 ML outlined the published June 25 Government Firearms Licensing changes. These include:
 Licensing fees to rise due to full cost recovery;
 Police will have a new power of entry without warrant;
 Statutory Guidance to be strengthened on refusing/revoking Certificates in cases of violence and other offences;

More guidance and a new checklist for referees;
 Neurodevelopmental disorders not added to list of medical conditions;
 Mental Health advice to be given as in Scotland.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

6.1 BK circulated the following applications for Club Membership:

Neo Jacobs	Full Membership	No. 68
Sommer Gillian Henderson	Full Membership	No. 70
John Ian Hebborn	Firearm Member	No. 55
Dennis Teasdale	Sports Member	No. 1011
Christopher Peter Buckley	Sports Member	No. 1016

6.2 All applications were approved. **AGREED**

6.3 BK to check out Mr Hebborn's black powder training signed off by Andy Huddlestone, who is not a Committee member. It was believed that Julian Sorrell had done the necessary training. **AGREED**

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 (No.2)	£3,992.02
General Reserve	£17,000.00
Land & Buildings	£40,450.22
Tags	(£1,000.00) Refundable
TOTAL	£75,257.60 (Excluding tags)

7.2 Major Items of Expenditure

Raffle prizes	£638.00
Landmarc	£410.00
'Store Room cameras	£140.00
Printer supplies	£82.00
Internet	£31.00
Rates – 2 payments	£62.00
Post Box (SBC)	£40.00
Trophies	£55.00

Water Rates – 2 payments £54.00

7.3 It was **AGREED** that ML should cancel the contract with Stockton Council for the mail service provided at Stockton Business Centre. ML was willing for his home address to be used instead. ML will circulate details.

7.4 It was **AGREED** that PC should purchase a printer.

8. Lawson Way Range Report

8.1 TC reported that the cameras in 'B' Range need repositioning by moving 4' forward. The baffle in 'B' Range is too high and needs to be lowered with timber carcassing and plasterboard. **AGREED** – TC to action.

8.2 RW and CP need to meet and agree allocation of cupboard space in 'B' Range. It was noted that it was not good practice to store archery arrows with bows. RW needs a cabinet or cupboard for storing targets. CP to raise with Colin Speechley and Bob Dunn to see if any existing archery space can be freed up. TC commented that an effort was being made to de-clutter 'B' Range. **ACTION** – CP and RW to progress storage arrangements in 'B' Range.

8.3. TC recommended installation of a rifle rack to avoid unused rifles being left on benches, chairs, cupboard tops during changes of details. **AGREED** – TC to explore best way of providing a rifle rack and report back.

8.4 IL had organized an inspection of Lawson Way electrical circuits to ensure that they were all safe. A defective detector on an emergency circuit was identified and remedied. All necessary checks and remedial works carried out. **NOTED**

9. Moorsholm Range Report

9.1 There was a brief discussion about the possibility of introducing 'overhead' clays. Due to the size of the shooting range and the proximity of public footpaths, it was concluded that the suggestion could not be pursued. **NOTED**

10. Any Other Business

10.1 PC queried whether Geoff Bell now qualified for Life Membership. **AGREED** – BK to check GB's period of membership and report back.

10.2 The opening time on Saturday mornings was queried. It has always been 9:30 and nothing has changed. **NOTED**

10.3 DP drew attention to the untidiness of the Ammunition Store. An inventory needs to be done. Peter Metcalfe keeps a record of purchases and sales. A reconciliation of records and a stock check needs to be undertaken. This should be carried out at least every 6 months.

AGREED – DP's offer of carrying out an ammunition audit, be accepted.

10.4 There was a discussion regarding the procurement of ammunition in relation to getting the best discounts for bulk purchasing. Some RFD allow the purchase of up to 10,000 rounds with draw down arrangements as needed. A letter of authority is needed from the Club Secretary. Westlander give the best discounts. If bulk buying is to be pursued, additional cabinet space is required. LC offered to donate a cabinet.

AGREED – 1) ML to investigate the potential for greater discounts by bulk purchasing ammunition.

2) PC, DP and any other Committee members to share with ML any information about RFD's that may be willing to sell in bulk and allow later incremental draw down.

3) Accept with thanks, LC's offer of an extra cabinet for ammunition storage.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th March 2025.