

# Tees Valley Target Sports Club

## Executive Summary of Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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### Attendance

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

### 1. Apologies

Phil Hughes and Mick Lord.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

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

### 3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

- The archery items detailed previously had been ordered from Merlin Archery and were currently in transit to be delivered to the Stockton Business Centre. KH will collect and bring to Lawson Way. **ACTION** – KH to check with the Business Centre and once items delivered, he will transport to Lawson Way.
- MG and CP reported problems with the training organization that they had been directed to. MG had been quoted £400 and had declined the training offered. CP had checked the organization and noted the poor reviews. TC had details of a link to a local charity (SENS) sponsored by four local councils which he had accessed. **ACTION** – TC to share with MG and CP details of SENS as a safeguarding training charity.
- For Saturday mornings range supervision, TC reported 'work in progress' in organizing monthly rotas for RSO's and RCO's. The exercise may need revisiting by the 'new' committee. **NOTED**
- TC reported that it was 'work in progress' regarding preparing a Range Safety Brief with RW, for Lawson Way ranges. JS had sent a FBR Range Safety Brief to KH. LC reported the brief for Moorsholm was 'work in progress'. **NOTED**

- RF emphasized the need to follow the previously agreed actions regarding membership renewals in the context of the CASC Action Plan. The Club needs to be able to demonstrate to HMRC that it is encouraging membership. **ACTION** BK to check 2025 membership renewals against the details provided in Minute 5.3 of the meeting of 5 November.
- 6 BK noted that a member had made a visit to Lawson Way and wanted to renew his membership. A member who had been prevented from attending in 2024 with health issues was accepted for renewal.
- 7 KH has monitored a member when using 'A' Range. The member has cleaned his rifle under supervision. He had not been using his re-sizing die correctly but had now been helped to ensure that his ammunition was sound. Members reported that he was improving but required close observation for the near future. **ACTION** – RCOs and RSOs to keep to continue to keep the member under supervision and report further.
- 8 Regarding Matt Smith various offers of donating items had been received and would be accepted. **NOTED.**
- 9 PC working on sourcing the replacement part (fuser) for the Office photocopier at a cost less than the £800 previously reported. **NOTED** – work in progress with PC.
- 10 Regarding 'hate mail', KH has submitted a dossier of the latest mail to Cleveland Police for their consideration. **NOTED**
- 11 Concerning the suggestion of a Club member becoming an RFD, it was **AGREED** that the matter be deferred until a new committee was in place, after the AGM.
- 12 With regards to any planned extension to the Lawson Way premises, it had become apparent that greater clarity was needed as to the function of any extension. **AGREED** – the matter be deferred until a new committee was appointed.
- 13 KH reported that he had had no reply to his request for dates for training sessions for RCO's/RSO's from Steve Bowser (NRA). MG understood the NRA were re-writing the courses. The Chair reported that Stephen had contacted the Membership Secretary to advise that he would not be renewing his membership for 2025 and at the same time had suggested that he be contacted to make the arrangements for the instructor course. This had been passed on to the Secretary. **ACTION** – KH to chase up the Stephen.

14 KH has met with Paul Philips and Bill Evans (BE) regarding a Club Bisley trip. The plan was to circulate to likely FBR participants to establish interest in any Club trip. It was noted that any Club promoted trip needed to be open to all members. **ACTION** – KH to report back to Paul Philips that in addition to the personal approaches that he should arrange for the Membership Secretary to circulate details to all Club members regarding any Club promoted trip to Bisley.

15 The previously agreed action regarding setting up a meeting about users of 'B' Range constructing their own non-compliant target benches, had not happened due to Lawson Way being closed over the Christmas period. **AGREED** – the matter be held over until a new committee was appointed.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

4i The Chair referred to his previously circulated report regarding ACASC guidance in relation to the possibility of granting concessions for low income participants. The report set out the Chair and Authorised Official's (PN) interpretation of ACASC responses to questions raised by PC and JS. A copy of the questions raised and the ACASC responses was attached to the Chair's report. The following recommendations were **AGREED: -**

1. That ten concessionary memberships be offered for 2025 by application in the Spring 2025 Bulletin.
2. That the Club adopt the ACASC processes for application, consideration and award.
3. That the committee review the arrangements in the light of the 2025 take up.
4. That concessionary memberships thereafter be offered for application in the Autumn Bulletin for the ensuing membership year.
5. That any decisions to change current arrangements and recommended donations in respect of FBR, should be left to the new committee as advised by the new FBR lead.

#### **5. Secretary's report**

5.1 KH reported that the North Ormesby Working Men's Club (NOWMC) was now booked for Thursday 13 February 2025 for

the AGM. There is no hiring charge. As with last year, the two bar staff are given £30 each. There was a brief discussion as to whether catering should be offered to attendees. **AGREED** – the date was noted but catering declined.

- 5.2** For the proposed change to the Constitution about allowing members to become officials after five years and not ten, it was **AGREED** – that the recommendation should include the proviso as follows ‘provided always that no officer of the Club shall at the same time, occupy any management position on any other target shooting club’.
- 5.3** The committee was also asked to recommend to the AGM a further change in the Constitution to increase the Sports Membership committee posts to two representatives one for archery and one for air gunning. Members raised concerns about Sport Committee representatives being able to vote on matters pertaining to clay and FBR shooting activities. **AGREED** – That the Sports representatives be increased to two. The Chair advised that in his view any change to restrict the Sports representatives voting rights would be contrary to the Club’s status as a Community Amateur Sports Club. Any discussion on the point should first be the subject of a considered report for the new committee.
- 5.4** KH asked the committee to reconsider whether to present prizes or medals to competition winners at the AGM. **AGREED** – the previous decision to award prizes was re-affirmed.
- 5.5** KH requested that all competition secretaries provide results to KH asap. All were requested to return any cups/trophies in time for the AGM. **NOTED**
- 5.6** KH intimated that he had discussions with Landmarc/MoD/and NRA. **NOTED**
- 5.7** KH reported that Steve Nicholson, Tony Curry and Clare Pinnegar had supplied the necessary information needed for standard Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS). TC had already received clearance. **NOTED**
- 5.8** Nominations for the new committee – RB, JS and KH are not going to stand. RF is reserving his position. **NOTED**
- 5.9** TC confirmed that design work on any planned extension to Lawson Way was on hold until the Club/committee agreed the use for the extended space. **NOTED**

5.10 KH had found, via Bob Dunn, a suitable Archery GB course for CP to attend. CP has submitted her application and chased by phone.

**NOTED**

5.11 KH awaiting a response to the renewal application submitted to the Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain (MLAGB). **NOTED**

#### 5.12 **Correspondence**

KH had received several responses to CASC/Membership renewal letters: -

1. A member had taken exception to the letter from the Chair and made inaccurate and unwarranted remarks about the process and the Chair personally. He had failed to take the opportunity to explain his extenuating circumstances which had been invited in the correspondence and had simply chosen to criticise **ACTION** – KH to write to write a suitably worded response.
2. A member had written a very polite email to say he had sold all his firearms and had no need to renew, and another had written to say he was not renewing due to age and ill health. **NOTED**
3. A member had asked how to record his attendance at Moorsholm. GB pointed out that there were four easy ways of recording attendance and that the writer had tried to backdate multiple attendances. **AGREED** – KH to respond pointing out backdating was not acceptable and that there were easy ways of recording attendance.

### **6. Membership Secretary's Report**

**6.1** BK circulated one application for Full Membership:

Ferenez-zsolt Fulop                      Membership No. 68

**6.2** BK circulated five applications for Sports membership:

Sophia-Mae Thorpe	Membership No. 1002
Andrew William Bate	“                      No. 1003
Martin John Fletcher	“                      No. 1005
Jason Scott Garatt	“                      No. 1006
Yehuda Fulop	“                      No. 1009

All the 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	£2,463.84
General Reserve	£17,000.00
Land & Buildings	£40,450.22
Subscription Holding	£12,229.36
Tags	(£1,000.00) Refundable
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£72,143.42 (Excluding tags)</b>

**7.2** Major Items of Expenditure

Rent	£562.46
Landmarc	£718.32
'B' Range CCTV	£3681.00
Cartridge	£72.00
Ammunition	£255.00
Rates	£31.00
Post Box (SBC)	£40.00
Archery targets	£385.33
Water Rates	£27.00

**8. Lawson Way Range Report**

**8.1** TC reported that the Linotex to the 'A' Range backstop had been installed. **NOTED**

**8.2** TC tabled a scale model of a target bench designed for 'B'Range. Trevor Wade able to construct 5 No. at a cost of £90 each.

**AGREED** – TC to give the necessary instruction to proceed at the cost quoted. **NOTED**

**8.3** MG commented that the target benches in 'A' Range were past their best. **AGREED** – TC to check and come back with a recommendation.

**9. Moorsholm Range Report**

**9.1** There is a clay shoot on 09/01/25

**9.2** GB/LC reported the farmer had installed an electric fence in part of the shooting ground. **AGREED** – LC to speak to the farmer.

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1** PC drew attention to likely regulation regarding the use of lead-based ammunition. **NOTED**

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**