

Tees Valley Target Sports Club - Meeting – 7th November 2023 – Executive Summary

Attendance

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

1. Apologies

Barry Grimwood and Julian Sorrell

2. Minutes of last meeting – 3rd October 2023

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

3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

- TC/JS have viewed the Faceby Quarry and met the owner who seemed amenable to a possible arrangement. There was potential for a 50-metre range. A plan is needed to work out possible configurations for shooting. **ACTION** JS/TC to meet with owners to discuss further.

ACTION RF to compose a carefully worded letter to the owner of the Stillington railway cutting and report further.

4. Secretary's Report

1. Club Enforcer–RB reported that it was “shotout”. Potential sale price £1,400. Currently with Devizes Gun Trader to secure a sale. **NOTED**
2. The Parker Hale T4 is now up for sale and being marketed via Gun Mart – approximate value believed to be £300 – £400. **ACTION** KH to verify suggested value with Henry Kranks as there was a suggestion of a far higher figure.
3. The Police inspection of the relocated firearm stock place on 12 October and gained their approval. **NOTED**
4. Andy Cook has now acquired the necessary First Aid items. **NOTED**

5. Steve Nicholson has recommended a gunsmith capable of repairing he

Club's .22 bolt action rifle. Repair is in hand. **NOTED**

6. KH has written to Paul Phillips and Bill Evans regarding future Bisley trips and competitions. A reply is awaited. Details of competition rules.
7. Arrangements regarding the Lawson Way storeroom were agreed.

8. Following a suggestion that membership cards could be collected from Lawson Way, it was AGREED that 2024 Membership cards will be sent out by Royal Mail as per usual practice.

11. ACTION KH to provide a list of all surplus Club firearms to PC for them to be offered for sale to members via the Club website.

12. The list of Committee members having the need to access to the details of Club members needs to be reviewed in the light of GDPR legislation. Suggested that BK, PC and KH need access. Matter to be reviewed once more details of implications of GDPR are known following a policy document to be submitted by Vit Kovalionok.

NOTED

Correspondence

1. KH had emailed the Club funded RCO's that had not put themselves forward for running FBR shoots. Kevin Gair has responded and is able to run the February 2024 shoot. No replies from the other two qualified RCO's. **NOTED**
2. KH drew attention to the recent email from BK requiring all NRA members to complete a self-certifying hand-loading declaration. Non-NRA members who do not self-certify and do not make a return to KH will not be permitted to fire home-loaded ammunition on M.o.D. ranges. The use of factory produced ammunition will continue to be permitted. It was noted by all that the rules regarding home loads are very likely to be extended to all ranges – whether indoor or outdoor – including Lawson Way. **NOTED**
3. KH reported a revised insurance policy for Lawson Way had been increased by £39.20. **NOTED**
4. KH reported a revised standardized FBR range briefing had been produced using NRA guidance. **NOTED**
5. It was **AGREED** that KH should renew existing affiliations to other shooting organisations as for previous years.
6. Competition results – DP had provided KH with results from competitions at Moorsholm. TC to provide details of air-rifle competitions after the end of December. Tuesday evening under-lever results will also be available at the end of December. **NOTED**

5. Chair's Report

1. RF has circulated his first draft of the Autumn Bulletin to Committee members and invited comments. Committee member contributions for their designated responsibility to be forwarded to RF as soon possible. **NOTED**
2. RF asked if the surplus Club firearms could be featured in the Bulletin.

AGREED

3. It was **AGREED** that all Committee members present were happy for their email addresses to be included in the Bulletin so that members could contact the relevant Committee member direct with any issues. **NOTED**

4. RF reported that Geoff Bell and Mike McKenzie had submitted a piece regarding their practical shotgun competitions.
5. Paul Hennessey has volunteered to run a training session that will include Black Powder. RB volunteered to assist. For under-lever and .22 TC and MG will assist. TC to use the Club's under-lever stored at Lawson Way and MG will use the Club's .22 semi-automatic. RF thanked those who had volunteered to assist. **NOTED**

6. Membership Secretary's Report

BK circulated applications for various classes of Club membership. **APPROVED** for Full Membership having successfully completed training:

Wayne Hammond Richardson

John Graham Shaw

APPROVED for probationary firearms membership:

Leslie Prest

Christopher Watt

David Metcalfe

It was agreed that full details forenames were essential for Club records, Home

Office and Police purposes. **ACTION** BK to ensure full details of names.

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1 PC has organized a range of TVTSC branded clothing and will be able to take orders up to 05/12/23 so that delivery can be secured for Christmas. A further order can be made in January 2024 so that items can be ready for the AGM in February. **NOTED**

7.2 DP drew attention to the recent NRA bulletin that invited NRA members to declare their NRA subscription as being qualifying for Gift aid. **ACTION** PC to check if this could be applied to Club subscriptions.

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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 - £2,808.56

General Reserve - £22,498.94

Land and Buildings - £34,090.22

Subs Holding – Nil

Tags – (£895)

7.5 Major Items of Expenditure

Clothing Order - £623

First Aid Supplies - £145.63

Rates (MBC) - £29

Water Rates (NWA) - £22

Postal Services. (SBC) - £40

Fixings for cabinet - £78

First Aid Bag - £25

Endsleigh Insurance - £39.20

7.6 HMRC Refunds from Gift. Aid

25/09/23 - £1,406.69

29/09/23 - £730.25

25/10/23 - £362.00

Total - £2,498.94

8. Lawson Way Range Report

8.1 The steel plates on the backstops in 'A' Range are showing signs of cracking.
ACTION TC/BK to investigate welding to repair damaged areas and make safe.

8.2 **ACTION** TC/BK to investigate practicability of Detroit baffles being installed in 'A' Range.

9. Moorsholm Range Report

9.1 PC confirmed CCTV camera had been installed. **NOTED**

9.2 The next Club shoot is on 11/11/23 – Remembrance Day. **ACTION** Range Officer to cease firing for at least 15 minutes covering the Two Minutes Silence.

9.3 **ACTION** LC to ask the farmer for his dates for pheasant shoots when the range will be closed for Club activities.

9.4 RF emphasized Club members using Moorsholm should double check when Mr. Liddle's shoots are running to avoid clashes with the farmer's activities. This is also to be mentioned in the Bulletin. **NOTED**

9.5 **ACTION** LC to place a suitable notice at the range when closure dates are known.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 PC requested a copy of the September Executive Summary. **ACTION** RF to provide a copy to PC.

10.2 **ACTION** PC requested from BK an alphabetical list of members with their Club membership status.

10.3 DP drew attention to the fact that probationers were unaware of the Club rules about not wearing camouflage style clothing when attending Lawson Way and of dates for shoots and training sessions. **ACTION** RF to include relevant information in the Bulletin.

Electronic Shooting Records System / General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Roger Johnson and Vit Kovlioniuk explained the original brief for the Electronic Shooting Records System (ESRS) and how it had been expanded since inception. All present agreed that the ESRS provided an excellent means of recording attendance at Club shoots. KH commented that it was particularly useful for timely responses to Police enquiries about member's use of firearms.

PC had concluded that the paper records of attendance, donations and receipts for targets, ammunition etc were better for his purposes. He had found that there were always discrepancies between the paper records, the electronic system and amounts actually collected. Several Committee members commented that even without the electronic system there had always been discrepancies between amounts collected and what signing-in sheets/ammunition sales sheets showed.

It was concluded that PC should continue to rely on paper records for his purposes and that there was no need to amend the ESRS system for his financial use.

Vit had not had an opportunity to revise and update the current GDPR Club policy document that RF had produced a while ago. **ACTION** Vit to prepare a draft GDPR policy for the December Committee.

Vit provided a personal assessment of the risks to the Club in relation to GDPR which in summary were assessed as minimal. **NOTED**

Date of Next Meeting – 5th December 2023.