

Tees Valley Target Sports Club
Executive Summary – 13 February 2024

Attendance

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

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Minutes of last meeting – 9th January 2024

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

3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

- KH confirmed that the revised FBR RCO Range Briefing had been circulated to the RCO group.
- KH/BK confirmed that work had started on a welcome pack for new members and probationers. **ACTION** - KH undertook to bring a draft to the next committee meeting.
- RF reported that DP and he had met Peter Metcalfe and that the Spring Ammunition Inventory had been completed and that the Ammunition Ledger was now open and operational. **NOTED**
- KH to **ACTION** the sending of a letter of appreciation to Vit Kovalionok for his work on the updated Club GDPR policy. (Item 4 iii – 09/01/24)
- PC confirmed that the Club's T4 was being marketed via the Club's website
- KH confirmed that the NRSA affiliation was now completed.
- Item 4 viii reported actions taken regarding the archiving of Club records. Some are stored in a cabinet in the Committee Room. An exercise needs to be undertaken to review old records and decide what can be destroyed and what needs to be archived. **ACTION** – KH to purchase suitable files and create a Club archive.

- KH/JS confirmed that a suitable RASP is in the 'Battle Bag'.

- KH had checked with the NRA and no courses were planned using Lawson Way as a venue. Mike Mc Kenzie and Mick Lord were willing to be candidates for NRA courses at Bisley for RSO and RCO qualifications. It was noted that each course was of two days duration (total - four days), that the RSO course had to be completed first and that courses were carried out on two separate weekends (ie two separate trips to Bisley). All noted that candidates paid their own accommodation, travel and subsistence expenses but that the Club funded the course fees. **ACTION** – KH to canvas membership to establish if there were any other trainees for RSO and RCO qualification. **ACTION** – RF to include availability of NRA courses in the next Bulletin.
- RB confirmed that letters of appreciation/commendation had been sent out (Item 5.4)
- PC reported that the appointment of an electrician to carry out a check of circuits at Lawson Way was in hand. (Item 10.2)
- KH now able to respond to Andy Cook's offer of organising a .22 rifle competition at 100 yards at Catterick ranges, now that a new committee was in place following the AGM. A date needs to be included in the list of Club competitions. Andy Cook to liaise with the FBR RCO on the day of his competition to agree timing etc. **ACTION** – KH to contact Andy Cook accordingly.

4 Secretary's Report

1. Review of AGM – All agreed that the venue was good, that the organization and the seating arrangements worked well. DP/PC expressed disappointment regarding some of the awards in relation to competitions/participants/ prize winners. RF whilst acknowledging that there had been unfortunate mistakes, made the point that we were all volunteers here and allowances needed to be made especially when people were taking on new fiddly jobs such as the awards. **AGREED** – for future Prize Givings double checks will be made with competition organisers that prize winners are attributed to the correct competitions.
2. The Landmarc licence has been renewed.
3. The NRA have provided correct SSC cards for those members where handloading certification had been omitted.
4. Rocky Wright (aka Nick Lloyd Wright) was **APPROVED** as a secondee to represent air rifle shooters. **ACTION** – KH to advise him accordingly.

5. KH had noted that the various lists recording membership numbers did not tally. BK explained that this was normal at the start of the year as those members who did not renew membership did not notify him and it was only when a check was made on subscriptions received was it possible to produce a definitive list of paid up (and Life) members. **ACTION** – BK/KH to consolidate a list of members showing categories of membership.
6. KH to chase up Bill Evans/Paul Phillips regarding dates for Club Bisley competitions. Messrs Evans and Phillips need to clarify the definition of 'Classic' rifle and be reminded of Club competition rules. **ACTION** – KH to contact Messrs Evans and Phillips accordingly.
7. KH wondered if there was the need to purchase another .308 rifle for training purposes. After a brief discussion it was concluded that there was no need for buying another rifle at the present time. Most trainees preferred to use their own rifles and the Club's existing .223 and .308 rifles were sufficient for the time being.
8. All documents in connection with FBR shooting are now in the dedicated FBR cupboard. The discussion encompassed arrangements for High Muzzle Energy (HME) rules for firing at MoD ranges. It was noted that HME shooters need to have HME on their SSC, that the RCO needs to be HME qualified, the Chair must authorise in advance, the Range Office needs to be forewarned and the appropriate column completed on the Range Log. **ACTION** – KH to prepare a list of ranges where HME is permitted and circulate to all HME qualified RCO's. TC confirmed he was happy to use his HME RCO qualification to encourage more HME rifles being used at Club shoots.

Correspondence

- a) KH had received an email from the NRSA enquiring if TVTSC wanted to be included on their web site promoting Lawson Way as a venue for small bore rifle shooting. **AGREED** – KH to confirm that TVTSC details should be included on the NRSA web site.
- b) KH had received an email from the Range Office (Dean Pankhurst) to confirm that it was in order for Black Powder to be used on the Catterick and Feldom Ranges. **NOTED.**
- c) KH suggested that a 'Best Wishes' greeting card from the Club be sent to Steve Nicholson in view of his forthcoming medical

operation. It was also noted that Eddie Leck was unwell and that a 'Get Well' card should be sent on behalf of the Club. **AGREED**

5. Chair's Report

5.1 RF had previously circulated a suggested CASC Action Plan. The key objective of any plan must be the encouragement of members to participate in the Club and its sporting activities. Any proposals regarding the removal of habitual non-participating members to be only considered after pursuing encouragement. The starting point for any communications regarding 'encouragement' is to establish current membership participation. (See Item 4.6 above).

RF had prepared a draft proposal but with the shortness of time between the AGM and the first committee meeting suggested that members take away the proposal, study it and be prepared to discuss and finalise at the March Committee. It postulated segmenting the membership according to levels of past participation, formal letters advising of the need to participate in Club activities to preserve CASC status together with a CASC Participation Record pro-forma detailing 12 participation events with dates, subscription paid and membership number.

5.2 A consequence of the suggested Action Plan was the need to revise and amend the Club rules. It was noted that under the constitution, the committee are authorised to make rules for the proper governance and protection of the Club. Accordingly, RF had drafted and circulated a first pass at amending the Club rules to bring them up to date and encourage compliance with CASC requirements. RF asked the committee to approve the approach in principle only at this stage so that he could draw attention to likely future action through the Spring Bulletin. The committee discussed RF's suggested course of action and **APPROVED** the strategy outlined in principle. **ACTION** – RF to highlight the need for members to comply with the forthcoming participation requirements for protecting the Club's CASC status in the Spring Bulletin.

5.3 RF's previously circulated report had made the suggestion of Lawson Way Range Assistants. The proposal was an endeavour to make Lawson Way sessions more self-sustaining by spreading responsibilities for opening up and closing down amongst appropriately experienced regulars. This would involve those persons having extra sets of keys. After a discussion the committee expressed doubts over

the suggestion and RF withdrew the suggestion but reserved the right to bring back the suggestion at a later date.

5.4 It was **AGREED** that RF should prepare a first draft of the Spring Bulletin. The draft will be circulated for comments before being released to members. No other committee member expressed a willingness to prepare the Bulletin.

5.5 The following committee members agreed to run the following evenings at Lawson Way:-

Monday Phil Hughes and Ian Lindsay

Tuesday Richard Frankland and Tony Curry (assisted by Mick Lord and Steve Nicholson/Andy Cook)

Wednesday Ken Hart, Phil Hughes/ Clare Pinnegar

Thursday Julian Sorrell and Les Cook and Geoff Bell

Friday Barry King and Tony Curry and Ian Lindsay

Saturday mornings Dave Pengilley and Pete Costello

5.6 RF will need an agreed list of competitions with dates for inclusion in the bulletin. The following dates and frequencies were provisionally agreed with KH to co-ordinate a final schedule for RF to publicise.

ACTION – KH to compile a list of competitions with dates for inclusion by RF in the bulletin.

Competitions

Les Cook – Clays – Moorsholm – Every second Sunday of each month

Geoff Bell – Practical Shot Gun – Sunday 31/03/24, Sunday 23/06/24,
Sunday 25/08/24 and Sunday 27/10/24 - Moorsholm

Pete Costello – Man v Man Under-Lever 21/07/24 – Moorsholm

Dave Pengilley – Long Barrel Revolver – 18/08/24 – Moorsholm

Dave Pengilley – Black Powder -21/04/24, 16/06/24, 15/09/24

Moorsholm

Dave Pengilley – Under-Lever (Traditional) 26/05/24, 28/07/24 and
22/09/24 – Moorsholm

Continuous Competitions running until Christmas 2024

For Mondays and Wednesdays there was a suggestion that continuous competitions be run for the Dr. Robson and Stan Hollis V.C. trophies.

ACTION – this needs to be resolved at the March Committee.

Tuesday - Lawson Way – Under-lever (Peep sight and Buck horn) **RF**

Tuesday - Lawson Way – Air Rifle precision – Spring and (Pre-charged Pneumatic) PCP **PH**

Friday – Lawson Way – Boys Vintage Air Rifle – Last Friday of every month (ending in November) **TC**

Friday – Lawson Way – Three Position Competition – Spring and PCP air rifles. **BK/IL**

Friday – Lawson Way – Precision .22 rifle (Dr Robson Trophy) **BK/TC**

Shoots at Catterick Ranges

300 yard FBR Whipperdale 16/03/24 - **RF**

Civilian Service Rifle – Whipperdale 20/07/24 – **KH**

Buffalo – Deerpark – 16/11/24 - **KH**

Other Catterick Competitions – Dates to be advised later in the year

100 yard – Lever action – **RB**

100 yard .22 Rifle - **Andy Cook**

Bisley (National Shooting Centre) – Bill Evans/Paul Phillips

Week-end of Saturday 20/04/24 and Sunday 21/04/24

20/04/24 am Century Range 600 yards – Prone

20/04/24 pm Century Range 300 yards – Prone

21/04/24 am Century Range 600 yards - Prone

[Dates and venues to be confirmed via Club WhatsApp group](#)

Tin Can competition –Lawson Way ('B' Range) – **PC/TC**

Three Position Lever Action competition at Moorholm **DP/PC**

5.7 RF reported that he had not had a reply from Mr Corney regarding a possible Club range near Stillington. TC commented that he had briefly

spoken to Mr Corney recently and that RF's original letter had not been forgotten. **ACTION** – RF to keep under review.

5.8 RF reported he had no response from Stephen Brown regarding the Club acquiring the freehold interest in Lawson Way. **ACTION** – RF to keep under review.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

6.1 BK circulated applications for various classes of Club membership.

APPROVED for Full Probationary FA Membership:
Alexander Michael Conn - No.54
Scarlett Parkin No. 51

APPROVED for Probationary Sports membership:
Peter Carter – No.1063
Steven Anthony Garner – No. 1061
Joshua James Garner – No. 1062
Roburt Ian Tomey – No. 1058

APPROVED for Full Sports Membership:
James Dean Keely - No.1010
Michael Rafferty - No. 1059
Desmond Avis - No. 1040

7. Treasurer's Report

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

No. 2 Account	£4,372.58
General Reserve	£20,075.79
Land & Buildings	£34,208.93
Subs Holding	£13,913.91
Tags	(£975)
TOTAL	£72,571.21 (Excluding tags)

7.2 Major items of expenditure

Website	£120.00
Trophies	£219.00
Clothing	£1,026.00
Water Rates (NWA)	£22.00
MBC Rates	£29.00
Postal Services (SBC)	£40.00
Printer Cartridges	£129.48
Defibrillator check	£123.60

8. Lawson Way Range Report

8.1 TC reported that the roof needed further works as there were several areas of dampness within the building due to rainwater ingress. The possibility/practicability of reducing the level of downcomer hoppers to be investigated to allow rainwater to drain off the roof instead of ponding. IL advised that as part of the conversion works there had been a proposal to create a pitched roof. **ACTION** – TC to carry out an inspection of the roof and come forward with a plan of action sometime in the summer.

9. Moorsholm Range Report

9.1 GB drew attention to damaged floor boards near the firing point. There were also several ‘springy’ boards where it is suspected the supporting joists have become rotten. **ACTION** – TC to check and arrange necessary repairs.

9.2 GB requested that the next bulletin should state that all visits to Moorsholm must be recorded within 7 days of the visit. **ACTION** – RF to include the requirement in the bulletin.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 RB reported that an offer of £1250 had been received for the Club’s Enforcer that has been marketed for some time. **AGREED** – that RB be authorised to accept the offer of £1250.

10.2. LC reported that on most winter Thursday evenings there is only one archer. He suggested that Thursday evenings could be better used by air rifle shooters. **AGREED** – LC to consult with the three archers that

have used the range to establish if they have any objections to the proposal and report back.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th March 2024.