

Tees Valley Target Sports Club

Minutes of Meeting – 1st July 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, Mark Grimwood MG, Tony Curry – TC, Andy Cook -APC, Les Cook – LC, Barry King - BK, Clare Pinnegar – CP, Peter Nicol (Note Taker) - PN

1. Apologies

Phil Hughes, and Geoff Bell.

2. Minutes of last meeting – 2nd June 2025

The minutes were moved as a correct record by LC and seconded by CP.

3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

- 1) An audit report had raised the need for Safeguarding training. CP had undertaken the training and had passed. 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.
- 2) ML gave more background regarding Range Mate and spoke in favour of Club using the app. ML reported that Vit had drawn attention to:-
 - The system is used by other clubs
 - There can be “tiered access”
 - It can be customised to meet the Club’s requirements
 - APC could use it with FBR – if he can get a Wi-fi signal
 - The system can cope with two factor authorisation
 - The system can cater for non-refundable deposits
 - The system can be taken for a 2/3month trial period
 - It can be used for all disciplines including archery and air rifle
 - It will need the door entry need to be computerising, but no one will need to pre-book for access to Lawson Way

- The system can cope with refunds

AGREED – that the Club will adopt the Range Mate app with Vit being the administrator.

The Club's (PC's) RFD application

- 1) PC provided an update regarding his application to Cleveland Police to become an RFD. The Police had contacted PC and could not see any problems with his application. As part of conditions applying to an approval, some gun cabinets will need to be installed in the Store. The Police need to be satisfied with the Club's ammunition storage arrangements and the recording of ammo storage and usage. ML confirmed that there was a weekly reconciliation with the use of the Red Ledger. **NOTED**
- 2) PC/DP had visited an RFD (A&A Gunsmiths) in Skegness. As part of PC's Business Plan, 20 No. Caseguard boxes had been purchased on behalf of the Club. As part of the RFD arrangement, the Club (PC) will post back to A&A the used, non-crimped, 38 Special cases. The cases cannot be reloaded as they would need checking by a Proof House.
- 3) As all will be aware, PPU rounds cannot be purchased at present and for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the only ones available are Magtech and S&B. This does not affect the ability to purchase primers and powders.
- 4) The objective of PC becoming an RFD for the Club is to secure discounts. It is NOT for the purchasing or selling or trading of firearms. **NOTED** (The arrangement was previously reported to the June meeting – Matters arising)
- 5) A&A Gunsmiths will produce 38 Special ammo for the Club.
- 6) MG reported that he had applied for an Import License for the US.

Bench Rest Shooter

Following the ACTION for APC to establish dimensions for the only bench rest shooter (Clare) that requires a bench to meet her needs. APC has been unable to establish what she is seeking. **ACTION** – APC to continue to try and gain the bench dimensions.

Training for Long Barrel and Pistol shooting

There has been no progress since the last meeting. **ACTION** – GWB, DP and PC to develop and undertake the required training after checking the content with the NRA.

Concessionary Membership

ML has provided an application form to the member referred by GWB and awaits a submission. **NOTED** – Work in Progress.

Training

DP had organized a training session for 03/08/25 for FBR, black powder, .22 and underlever at Moorsholm. Only one person had applied.

AGREED – need to focus on probationers.

APC had sent out 47 questionnaires – had only two responses.

There is a need to encourage more shooters to enter into competitions.

APC had feedback from the two respondents, basically their problem was that there were too many rules and regulations

The complainants need to have it spelt out that as a Home Office regulated Club, it is obliged to conform with all rules and guidance. By doing so the Club has achieved a 100% safety record. **ACTION** – ML to write to all probationers pointing out that all the rules are for the safety of shooters, RCO's and the general public.

4. Chair's Report

There was no report.

5. Secretary's report

ML reported that the instructor training dates were dependent on Steve Bowser's (NRA) availability. **ACTION** – ML to keep chasing the NRA.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

No new membership applications received since the last meeting.

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	£2,141.23
General Reserve	£22,767.36
Land & Buildings	£50,155.90
Subscription Holding	Nil
Tags	(£1,000.00) Refundable
TOTAL	£76,064.49 (Excluding tags)

7.2 Major Items of Expenditure

Rent	£562.44
Landmarc	£666.17
Refund to APC	£39.56
Ammunition	£1,252.50 (.38's £690 *- 308's £562.50)
PC Petrol (Skegness)	£40.93
Rates	£94.00
Internet	£22.57
Barclays	£18.00
Water Rates	£27.00
RFD	£466.00

*The £690 is for 1500 rounds of 38's + 20 No. Caseguard boxes to be used for once fired non-crimped cases to be posted back to A&A.

8. Gift Aid

PN had previously circulated a report showing the split of the refunds from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). The amounts refunded were:-

	Gift Aid	GASDS	Total
FBR	£610.02	£150	£760.02
Lawson Way	£1,204.89	£720.75	£1,925.64
Shotgun	£17.49	-----	<u>£17.49</u>
			<u>£2,703.15</u>

PN explained that being a CASC registered club it was important that the Club should make claims for funds to demonstrate it is an active

participant in the scheme. Claims have been made since 2005 and to stop doing so would inevitably lead to queries being raised by HMRC.

Along with launching the Concessionary Membership scheme the Club is demonstrating that the Club is following the HMRC's rules and guidance by both claiming the benefits (relief from Council Tax and concessions on Water Rates) but is also encouraging target sports in the local community. **NOTED** – the Committee thanked PN for all his efforts with regards to CASC and HMRC.

9. Full Bore Rifle

9.1 APC circulated a paper he had prepared regarding the number of active and inactive RCO's/RSO's that had been trained at the Club's expense.

9.2 There are approximately 22 qualified RCO's and as there were only 12 FBR shoots per annum, logically it should be simple to create a rota that shared out dates fairly. In practice at least three RCO's had had to do more than one shoot. In one instance a shoot had to be cancelled due to the lack of an RCO.

9.3 After a discussion it was **AGREED** that a select number of experienced FBR shooters be approached to emphasise the need for new RCO's on the basis that:-

- The RCO duty would be limited to one shoot per annum.
- The Club will pay for the NRA fees.
- The training will take place at Lawson Way.

10. Building & Estates

10.1 TC had tried to establish when the tracked dumper that had previously been offered by George Flanigan, would be available. The vehicle will be ideal for transporting sand for a working party at Moorsholm. The vehicle is currently committed to other contracts.

AGREED – TC to continue to chase and co-ordinate with dates for a working party.

10.2 The proposed working party is awaiting the return of JPS from holiday before fixing a date. **NOTED**

10.3 TC is aware that the flooring in 'B' Range needs attention as parts are a potential trip hazard. **ACTION** – TC to arrange the necessary repairs.

10.4 The previously agreed action to drill a hole through the roof to prevent ponding and leaks needs a quote from the contractor and dates to carry out the works. **ACTION** – TC to pursue.

11. Any Other Business

Progress on possible Faceby site

11.1 PN,RJF,LC, DP and ML had received a comprehensive email from Alan Dixon (independent planning and technical adviser). Alan referred to the National Park Planning Policy. The Policy has a presumption against development within the National Park.

11.2 Due to the proximity of Whorlton and Faceby to the Club's proposed site and the likely noise levels that may be generated along with public footpaths passing nearby, Alan was doubtful of any planning application being made by the Club being successful.

11.3 The planners offer a 'Pre-planning consultation' with a fee of £280. To do this the Club will need to purchase an OS digital map showing the site, proposed parking area, any buildings or structures, the backstop and protection walls.

11.4 It was noted that the Club's scale of operations at Faceby is lot less than that at the Thimbleby Shooting Ground which is open six days a week with shooting permitted after 9:30 am and finishing usually at 4:00pm, but on two evening it closes at 8:00pm. The times vary between Winter and Summer. At Thimbleby there are over 20 shooting stands. At Faceby the Club would have a maximum of four firing points at fixed targets and most shooting would be at weekends. The number of Club shooters would be far less than at Thimbleby.

11.5 The Club's proposal would count as diversification from agriculture which is a national policy following the Foot & Mouth outbreak in 2001.

11.6 The Club can offer the closure of the existing Moorsholm site as part of gaining a consent at Faceby.

11.7 AGREED – that Alan be asked to work with the previously designated committee members to work up a pack of information to support a Pre-planning application.

11.8 LC advised that the Jolly Sailors shooting site had now been sold. This means that the only possible site that is available and suitable is Faceby.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th August 2025.

