

Tees Valley Target Sports Club  
Minutes of Meeting – 2 June 2025

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Attendance:

Richard Frankland (Chair) – RJF  
Mick Lord (Secretary) – ML  
Pete Costello (Treasurer) – PC  
Dave Pengilley (President) – DP  
Barry King (Membership Secretary) – BK  
Phil Hughes – PH  
'Rocky' Wright – RW  
Tony Curry – TC  
Les Cook – LC  
Andy Cook – APC  
Clare Pinnegar – CP

Apologies:

Mark Grimwood - MG  
Ian Lindsey - IL  
Peter Nicol - PN

Vit Kovalionok

The meeting opened with a presentation by Vit Kovalionok (VK) regarding The Range Mate admin software and its possible adoption by the Club.

VK outlined the benefits to the Club if the software was adopted. He believed it would reduce the burden on volunteers and alleviate any volunteer fatigue. He explained the security of the system and its out of the box integration with NRA. He sought agreement in principle to trial the system. All present were in agreement and VK was to book a demonstration with Range Mate with a view to trialling the software with VK as Administrator.

**ACTION** VK to proceed with the trial and if committee members wished to book a demonstration of Range Mate they should contact VK.

Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by LC

Seconded by PH as a correct record and duly signed by the Chair as such.

### Matters arising not on the agenda

ML advised the meeting that an outline business plan had been formulated by PC in respect of the Club becoming an RFD

PC advised that in discussion with Kranks regarding acquiring discounts on ammunition purchases, they only provided discounts to RFD's. They suggested PC becomes the RFD for the Club. The role being to acquire ammunition and supplies for the Club and not to trade firearms. The Club RFD does not have to be the holder of the Club FAC. PC has formulated the business plan for the Club and read out the objectives. PC also advised that the Club RFD could be used as a bereavement service for deceased members and their firearm holdings. APC suggested that expenses including mileage allowance to be paid whilst on Club Business. TC advised this was already the case with receipts being forwarded to PC. All were in agreement with the proposal for PC to be Club RFD.

**ACTION** PC to progress the RFD application with Cleveland Police

PC advised the meeting that at the Northern Shooting show in Harrogate he had purchased some .22 ammunition for the Club. Unfortunately, no .38 was available. However, he has made a deal with A&A Gunsmiths who produce .38 ammunition for them to produce some for the Club. The ammunition will be a light load suitable for indoor use. The ammunition would be RNFP and cost £40 per 100. Cases would be collected from members for reuse. DP has sold the Club 1350 cases and donated a further 650 to enable the Club to have a starting stock of 2000. PC is waiting for a response from A&A. It was agreed that the Club should try the ammunition and if suitable re-order, still having the option to buy elsewhere.

RJF asked about the quality of the ammunition. DP advised that the ammunition will be tested at the Proof House.

TC asked how light the load was and whether or not it would go through the Linatex. PC assured TC it would.

**ACTION** PC to contact A&A with a view to obtaining a batch of .38 ammunition

APC still does not have the dimensions for the bench rest as the tutor Clare is still away.

**ACTION** APC to contact Clare on her return to obtain the dimensions of the bench rest.

TC advised the meeting of the offer of a tracked dumper from member George Flanagan (GF) to assist in the movement of sand at Moorsholm. The offer was greatly appreciated by the meeting.

**ACTION** TC to liaise with GF regarding the dates available.

APC advised that the De Fib had been installed at Moorsholm

### Chair's report

RJF reported on Archery. He advised the meeting that Thursday night archers would like to work independently and that they chose not to utilise the competitions offered by CP. CP will attend Thursday night once per month or will be contacted if any need arises. CP is to be advised of any archery development regardless.

**ACTION** CP to attend Thursday evening archery sessions once per month

RJF advised the meeting of the need for a workable ammunition control and recording system. He had discussed the matter with Roger Johnson (RJ) and VK and RJ was of the opinion that to create an ammunition recoding system would take an enormous amount of work and still required a human interface to input data, something he believed was the major problem with any system. RJ suggerter a paper based system to start and progress it from there. ML agreed to undertake management of the paper based ammunition system but echoed RJ's fear that the weakness in any system was human. LC concurred with this point.

**ACTION** ML to progress a paper based ammunition control and recording system

RJF advised the meeting on the progress with the outdoor range at Faceby. The situation is looking favourable. RJF had asked a Planning Consultant to help the Club on a pro bono basis to which he agreed. He agreed in principle and is willing to put together some detailed visualisations. RJF to put the Planning Consultant in touch with TC. The farmer also offered the use of Faceby for Clay shoots. TC is to organise a site visit for the 'Faceby working Party.

**ACTION** TC to organise a site visit to Faceby

PC advised that member Clive Lomas approached him and informed him that Loftus Shooting Supplies wished to sell the Jolly Sailors Clay Shoot. Some of the land on the shoot could possibly be converted to a rifle range. The general consensus of the meeting that the idea may be worth looking at.

**ACTION** TC to contact Clive for further information.

PC advised that there was also a shoot available at Spennymoor.

### Secretary's report

ML advised that all other Secretary activities had been covered under matters arising.

### Membership Secretary's report

BK reported the following applications, which were all agreed:

Sports membership – training satisfactorily completed:

CP Buckley

BR Lacey

Full FAC membership - new applications:

KR Thompson

M Massey

### Treasurer's report

PC produced printouts from the bank accounts, as required.

Account balances:

Current a/c	£3305.34
General Reserve a/c	£22767.36
Land & Buildings a/c	£50,155.90
Subscription Holding a/c	£286.16
Tags a/c	£1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£76514.76</b> (excluding Tags a/c)

Significant items of expenditure:

Landmarc x 2	1332.34
Ammo .22      1150	
Ammo .38      255	1405.00
Electricity	1245.86
Builder	340.00
Cameras	150.00
Rates	94.00
Fire check	60.00
Water rates	27.00
Internet	22.57
Cabinets	150.00

### Lawson Way

TC reported that the work on B Range is nearing completion and that Trevor Wade has made a start on the benches in A Range. APC stated the modified benches were “absolutely superb and rock solid”.

### Moorsholm

TC advised there would be a delay until July when Julian will be back from holidays.

**ACTION** TC to set a date for work to commence then inform PC who will put a WhatsApp out asking for volunteers

### **AoB**

APC advised that he believed there was a gap in firearms training regarding practical shotgun and LBR and LBP. GWB asked what training was required and APC commented that it was basic safety training using adapted NRA material. GWB, PC and DP volunteered to develop and undertake the training.

**ACTION** GWB, PC and DP to develop and undertake the required training

APC asked the meeting for a directive on whether rubbish may be burned at Lawson Way n clean up days. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Club carry on burning the rubbish as it had done so for the last 10 years as there was no legal precedent preventing it provided that we were 'good neighbours'.

**ACTION** Rubbish to continue to be burnt on clean up days.

PC requested that members be vigilant when sweeping up as DP reported that there was still a problem with primed cases being found in A Range. PC also requested that members be encouraged to use the correct bin for the type of refuse they were disposing of. All bins are clearly marked.

APC reported the issue of the growing amount of lead waste and redundant brass accumulating in A Range. TC advised that he would sort out its sale and disposal.

**ACTION** TC to sort the lead and brass for disposal with scrap dealers

GWB reported the case of a member who has come on hard times and would like to take advantage of concessionary membership. RJF confirmed that he had prepared the application form for the Secretary, the website notice for PC to display in a prominent position on the website and the guidance notes (and application form) for BK to insert in the Members' 'Welcome Pack'. He would send these to the above following the meeting.

**ACTION** The Secretary (ML) to send the application forms and guidance notes to GWB for onward transmission to the interested party for return to the Secretary once completed as per the guidance.

ML to convene a meeting of the CASC Concessionary Memberships Committee once a completed application was received for the committee to determine the matter.

### **Next meeting**

19:00 1 July 2025.

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