

Tees Valley Target Sports Club
Minutes of Meeting – 6th May 2025

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Attendance:

Dave Pengilley (President acting as Chair) – DP
Mick Lord (Secretary) – ML
Pete Costello (Treasurer) – PC
Barry King (Membership Secretary) – BK
Geoff Bell - GB
Ian Lindsey - IL
Phil Hughes – PH
‘Rocky’ Wright – RW
Tony Curry – TC
Les Cook – LC
Andy Cook – APC
Clare Pinnegar – CP
Julian Sorrell (Note taker) - JDS

Apologies:

Richard Frankland – RJF
Mark Grimwood - MG
Peter Nicol - PN

Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by TC
Seconded by APC

No corrections required to be made.

Actions arising and not on the agenda

Regarding cupboards, RW noted that the archery cupboards do not have shelves and are therefore not suitable for storing targets.

PC commented that nobody has asked him to acquire new cupboards.

ML advised that the new club FAC had been received that day. He is now in a position to speak to ClevPol about increasing the amount of ammunition authorised to be purchased. Discussion regarding the RFD issue can also be progressed.

ML advised that the Instructor training with Stephen Bowser is likely to be in May/June but subject to a family commitment for Stephen.

New safety rules for B Range have been circulated and are up on display in the range.

Regarding probationary member training, APC advised that one SSC classroom session has been completed with another to follow on 22nd June.

A training morning at Catterick has been booked for 20th July and nine probationary members have so far expressed an intention to attend. An advertisement for this training morning will be re-issued. RCO and trainer volunteers have been arranged.

The new rules for Catterick have been circulated.

DP confirmed that he took flowers to Mrs Liddle, who was delighted.

PC advised that there is no proposal to change fees.

TC advised that there is no update on the issue of heating in B Range.

PN has sent out an update to Committee Members on the Faceby range project.

PC queried the issue of CCTV coverage on the potential new range as it would require internet connection. TC advised that there is already internet coverage for the farm purposes, with a 500m radius.

ML advised that the Spring Bulletin would go out without further additions as a delay would make a nonsense of it being called Spring when we were nearly in the Summer. BK will be circulating it on 7th May. Thanks is due to Vit for his work as editor.

ACTION: BK to distribute the Spring Bulletin.

NOTED: thanks to Vit Kovalionok for his editorial work.

APC confirmed that he had advised Brad of the Committee decision regarding the Landmarc Liaison job. Brad seemed happy with the decision and stated his continued willingness to take on the job when JDS eventually stands down.

TC confirmed that the work to fix the new shooting benches to the floor in B Range has been completed.

Camera work has been completed, and the plaster work should be done this week.

Trevor Wade will be considering new benches for A Range, taking note of the wish for separate benches to avoid disturbance by the neighbouring shooter.

APC asked about a larger bench for bench rest shooters. DP tasked APC with finding out from the only known bench rest shooter what dimensions she needs.

ACTION: APC to ask the bench rest shooter what dimensions are required for a new bench.

DP advised that no live rounds were found in rubbish at the last monthly tidy-up.

TC advised that he does not have a date yet for a working party at Moorsholm.

ML asked BK if he would send out the date for the Bring & Buy Sale as this was now not to be included in the Spring Bulletin.

ACTION: BK to circulate the date of the Bring & Buy Sale.

Chair's report

Presented by ML in the absence of RJF.

ML advised on the ammunition audit report outcomes.

PC advised that he had been told to get a book with pages that could be removed so that they were stored separately. Pages are numbered. Removal of pages for separate storage has not been done.

LC expressed the opinion that we have an ongoing problem, partly due to so many people being involved.

TC offered the opinion that everyone involved in selling ammunition needs training on the procedures.

APC explained the procedures used in his doctors' surgery for controlled drugs including registers, weekly cross checking and challenges as necessary.

LC explained his procedures as an RFD and offered the opinion that if we increased the amount of ammunition authorised to be purchased on our Club FAC then it might attract more attention from the Police over producing stock control records.

ML concluded the discussion by asking if the report recommendations were accepted. There was a consensus agreement and that RJF should be authorised to proceed with the changes.

ACTION: RJF to proceed to implement all the ammunition audit report recommendations.

Secretary's report

ML led the discussion on a previous Club member who has a perceived grievance against the Club and some of its members. Due to legal issues the notes have been redacted

Membership Secretary's report

The following applications were presented by BK and all approved.

Sports member new application:

Cody Thorpe

Peter Bouttell

Full member new application:

David Geraghty

Full member having successfully completed training:

Steven Bernard Welsh

Treasurer's report

PC produced printouts from the bank accounts, as required.

Account balances:

Current a/c	£6,100.59
General Reserve a/c	£20,000.00
Land & Buildings a/c	£50,000.00
Subscription Holding a/c	£0.01
Tags a/c	£1,000.00
TOTAL	£76,100.60 (excluding Tags a/c)

Significant items of expenditure:

T Wade (timber)	£81.35
TC (timber)	£159.94
Bisley	£311.50
Printer cartridges	£145.70

Reports from other Lead Members

DP reported that competitions have started.

GB has completed PSG training for two members. The next training session will be on 3rd August.

A traditional underlever competition was held on 6th April with 10 members attending. The next competitions will be on 18th May and 29th June.

Dates for black powder competitions are 1st June, 6th & 27th July.

DP expressed the opinion that we need to encourage more participation in competitions by probationary members.

LC reported that clay shoots will continue with the next one on Sunday 11th May, although problems with transport persist. Probationary members attend these shoots.

GB reported that the indoor shooting multi-target competitions have started and are historically well attended. The next competition is on 15th May.

PH reported that Monday and Wednesday evenings are not particularly well attended this year. He would like to add a turning target competition but needs instruction on how to use the equipment. PH agreed to liaise with GB over use of the equipment.

Several members noted that the profile of attendance has shifted and that some evenings which have been quieter in the past are now busier.

ACTION: PH to liaise with GB for 'training' in how to use the turning target equipment.

IL reported that he has been away so there was nothing to report on indoor range management.

TC reported that Moorsholm needs a Working Party, but we need to be reasonably sure of dry weather before arranging a date and materials delivery.

CP advised that tiles are moving in the floor of B Range on the archery firing line. TC agreed to action repairs.

Archery competitions are ongoing although CP has not yet spoken to Nigel Case about running something on a Thursday.

ACTION: TC to arrange floor repair in B Range.

ACTION: CP to speak to Nigel Case about the potential for competitions on a Thursday evening.

APC reported that he has redesigned the FBR probationary member training targets as the existing ones do not fit the ballistic profile of current ammunition.

Seven probationary members attended the last classroom session and nine have booked for the practical session at Catterick.

RW reported that five members attended for a tin can competition which was a lot of fun.

AoB

RW commented that the storeroom near the toilets is in a mess and queried whether it can be sorted out.

PC suggested that this can be done on the next monthly tidy-up morning. Part of the problem has been that someone took out scaffolding and didn't put it back in its storage rack.

APC suggested that if we have usable equipment that we are unlikely to use again that we sell it. TC commented that we need to be thinking ahead because any building work that we do might require the generator and concrete mixer, both of which haven't been used for some time but take up space.

DP concluded the discussion by saying that some tidying up would be done on 24th May.

ACTION: tidy up on 24th May to include the storeroom.

RW queried how many first aiders were required to be on site when we open Lawson Way.

APC noted that we need one at Catterick. PC advised that we don't need one at Lawson Way or Moorsholm.

There was a short discussion about accessing the first aid kit and defib at Moorsholm. It was concluded that it was impractical to facilitate access unless a keyholder for the container was present and that no additional arrangements needed to be made.

APC advised that the defib will go down to Moorsholm in the next week or so after the risk of frost has passed.

ACTION: APC to relocate the defib to Moorsholm when the risk of frost is deemed to have passed.

APC reported that several people had asked for a copy of his proforma first aid card after he promoted it at the last FB shoot. The offer will probably be an item for the next Bulletin.

PC reported that replacement parts for the photocopier will cost in excess of £800, or a refurbished machine about £200. The cheapest printer we have is the white one. PC queried whether we should get rid of a photocopier and invest in a decent printer.

DP considered that getting rid of both photocopiers was a good idea.

APC advised that the new photocopier is not good for PL15 targets.

LC asked about the cost of a decent printer. PC thought about £1000.

PC advised that a laser printer will not scan and produce multiple copies, which can be achieved with a photocopier.

PC offered to produce multiple copies of targets for APC.

ACTION: APC to liaise with PC over producing multiple copies of targets.

PC advised that he will be attending the shooting show at Harrogate on Sunday and has ascertained prices and availability for both .22 and .38 ammunition from Westlander. It was agreed that PC should purchase as much as possible. ML handed the new Club FAC to PC and will do him a letter of authorisation if PC advises him on suitable wording.

ACTION: PC to advise ML on suitable wording for a letter of authorisation, which ML will then produce.

ACTION: PC to purchase as much .22 and .38 ammo as he can at the shooting show.

PC queried the new air gun range orders. He commented that the old orders had been taken down and replaced before the new orders had been agreed by Committee.

Regarding recharging PCP air guns, PC asserted that it has always been the case that PCPs can be recharged in the meeting room provided nobody else is present. The new range orders effectively ban PCP air guns. TC and RW contended that this was not the case. There followed a discussion covering the legal requirements for pressure vessels, wet air causing internal cylinder oxidation & degradation, maintenance of guns, and the liabilities for the club & individual Range Safety Officers. Suggestions were made about only charging certified cylinders, signing declarations about maintenance, and the duty of care owed to all members by the Club.

DP suggested that we have a sign on the door to B Range advising that recharging of PCPs is allowed by only if the cylinder has been checked by the RSO and is in date for pressure vessel requirements. The motion was proposed by APC and seconded by LC. On a show of hands, it was 8 to 2 in favour of allowing the recharging of PCP air guns.

PC offered to arrange for a sign.

RW clarified that cylinders should be left in the member's car and only brought into the building for recharging, then returned to the car. Agreed.

ACTION: PC to produce and install a suitable sign regarding recharging PCP air guns.

NOTED: the charging cylinder can only be brought into the building for recharging and then returned to the member's vehicle.

PC queried the requirement for testing to ensure that air rifles are not more than 12 ft-lb. RW advised that this is still done for new guns brought onto the range. PC asked if all rifles and pistols are chronographed. TC confirmed that chronographing is done.

PC said that he also objects to duplication within the new range orders. If we have too many rules, then it takes the fun out of shooting and discourages members from participating. He fears that members may leave as a result.

TC commented that part of the driver for explicit orders is that we should be aiming for a higher level of training and safety in B Range because we don't have the same level of requirements and training as we have imposed on firearms by virtue of our external regulators. DP considered this a good point as air guns are often the entry point for people progressing to firearms.

APC suggested that PC might be included in reviewing the range orders in view of his experience and knowledge. APC felt that we need to treat the need for safety the same in both Ranges.

LC commented that many people don't read Range Orders, so it is down to the Range Safety Officers to instruct and enforce.

DP considered that an increased level of caution in recent years watching people shoot has resulted in fewer incidents involving holes in the walls and baffles.

The discussion ended without any specific decision.

Next meeting

7pm on 3rd June 2025.

Signed
Richard Frankland, Chair.