

Tees Valley Target Sports Club
Minutes of Meeting –7th October 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, Tony Curry – TC, Les Cook – LC, Claire Pinegar – PC, Geoff Bell – GB, Phil Hughes – PH, Barry King - BK, Andy Cook APC Mark Grimwood – MG, Peter Nicol PN (Note Taker)

1. Apologies

Ian Lindsay

2. Minutes of last meeting – 2nd September 2025

The minutes were moved as a correct record by PH and seconded by TC, the minutes were signed off as correct by RF.

3. Matters arising (Not on the agenda)

The Item number quoted relates to the minute from 2nd September.

- 1) Item 3.2 **Bench Rest Shooter** APC had met Clare Rooks and she has tried the bench and it is ideal. No adjustments are required. No further action required. **NOTED**
- 2) Item 3.3 **Training for Long Barrel Rifle and Pistol shooting.** – GB has discovered that the NRA Training does not cover shooting from a holster. GB/APC to make further checks and enquiries. APC currently chasing the NRA regarding dates etc. **NOTED**
- 3) Item 3.5 **Instructor Training Course** – The course took place on 6/7 September, which went very well. **NOTED**
- 4) Item 3.7 **FBR** - The four RCO candidates are confirmed as James Walker, Richard Waller, Gavin Posnett and Andrew Huddleston. **ACTION** - APC progressing arrangements.
- 5) Item 3.9 - TC had placed distinctive tape over the trip hazard in 'B' Range. No action since last meeting. **ACTION** – TC has a permanent repair in hand.

- 6) Item 3.14 ML has an outstanding **ACTION** from the previous decision that all members be emailed regarding the dangerous practice of some who discard primed and live cases in the scrap bin. Such cases must be placed in the marked red sealed box in 'A' Range. **ACTION** – ML to include a section in the Autumn Bulletin and in the meantime send out an email to all members.

4 The Chair's Report

4.1 The Chair had previously circulated his handover report that included:

- A summary of the tort of negligence in relation to firearms.
- The importance of cleaning and maintaining firearms.
- Reference to the NRA's guidance to be especially vigilant for the maintenance of firearms used for training. Committee members debated what future arrangements for ensuring club firearms are cleaned in accordance with the NRA regime were required. This included possibly requiring probationers to clean the same after firing as a learning/training opportunity.

4.2 The Chair summarised the actions for whoever takes over the responsibility for the agreed CASC Action Plan. The Chair had included a list of '2024 no shows'. **ACTION** – ML to include the continuing implementation of the Action Plan on the Agenda of the first committee meeting in 2026.

4.3 Currently the Chair is responsible for the strategic management of training. It is hoped that APC will take on much of this role as he has indicated his willingness to do so.

4.4 The Chair has provided ML with a list of 'end of year issues'.

4.5 Paul Phillips and Bill Evans were complimented for the organisation and running of this year's Bisley competitions. Future Club sponsored events at Bisley require more advertising. **NOTED**

4.6 The Chair reported he had sent letters of thanks on behalf of the Committee, to the members of the Working Party that had worked at Moorsholm in atrocious weather conditions on 20th September (Storm Amy). **NOTED**

4.7 With regards to the cleaning and checking of Club firearms RJF recommended that the Club must follow the NRA guidance. It was accepted that some club guns may not have been thoroughly cleaned for a long time. RJF urged that a process be agreed. LC suggested “ they shoot it – they clean it”. **AGREED** – this principle was accepted. **ACTION** – the Club guns need a thorough clean every six months. MG volunteered to do the first clean

5. Secretary’s report

5.1 ML has a muzzle loading course in hand. **ACTION** – ML to report back once dates and arrangements firmed up.

5.2 ACP reported to ML that from a survey carried out amongst Catterick shooters, that 25% were interested in taking up muzzle loader shooting. This re-enforces the need to train more muzzle loader RCO’s. **NOTED**

5.3 - **Adolescent age compatibility** – for shooting at Catterick (or any MoD range) the consensus was that no shooter under 18 was permitted. It was agreed that the relevant minimum age for an FBR probationer was 14. **AGREED** – ML to check the various rules and regulations to ensure compatibility. **AGREED** – ML to check NRA insurance terms and cover for adolescents.

5.4 **Tees Valley Sports – TVS (Teesside University)**. ML and RW had met with TVS on 11/09/25. TVS considering including the Club as a possible venue for non-mainstream students to train and participate in air rifle shooting starting in June 2026. ML to invite TVS to view Lawson Way. **AGREED** – ML to report back.

5.5 ML has updated the Club’s entry on the NRA’s web site and the Club’s web site page. **NOTED**

5.7 The Autumn Bulletin is due. Committee members were requested at the last meeting to submit an input from their discipline/function by this committee meeting. ML had only received three contributions. **ACTION** – all to provide a short report to ML for the Bulletin.

5.8 ML had received an enquiry from Vit as to whether air-rifle and pistol shooting was permitted at Moorsholm. The information was needed for setting up Range Mate. It was confirmed that such shooting was permitted but **NOT** for Sports Members. **ACTION** – ML to inform Vit accordingly.

5.9 Item 8.1 CP had established that in the past a swinging archery target had involved the door from 'B' Range to the main corridor being open so that someone could set the target swinging. This practice ceased after someone in the corridor had been concerned that a 'near miss' could occur as a result of this practice. It was **AGREED** that if swinging targets were being proposed again a full risk assessment must be brought to the committee in the meantime, such targets must not be used. **ACTION** – CP to investigate if it is still a serious proposal and if so, arrange for a risk assessment to be carried out for consideration by committee.

5.10 Item 11.1 the issue of under-powered rounds has been resolved.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

6.1 BK reported the following applications for Club membership:-

Roderick Karl Kowald	Sports membership	No.2503
Jamie Esplin	“ “	No.2507
Dylan James Murray Speechley	“ “	No.2508
Jason Lee Jameson	Firearms Member	No.430
Jake Finlay Scott	“ “	No.431
Daniel Robert Chow	“ “	No.432

ACTIONS -BK- all the applications were approved.

6.2 Item to complete Membership Records

1. There were a few omissions in the minutes that recorded the details of approved membership applications as recorded for April, May and June.
2. It is important that full forenames are linked to the surname and the allocated membership number. In the unlikely event of Cleveland Police needing to check the Clubs records and membership approval process:

April 2025

Gary Dowey	Sports Member – training completed	No.1110
John Burton	Sports Member	No.1007
Martin Robert Metcalfe	“ “	No.1017
Leo Joseph McCreton	(Deceased)	-----
Jane Mary Trainor	Sports Member	No.1010

George William Bowstead	Probationary Sports Member	No 1013
Marino Gaston Osselaer	“ “ “	No. 7

May 2025

Cody Thorpe	Sports Member	No.1002
Peter Bouttelli	Probationary Sports Member	No.2501
David Geraghty	“ FA “	No.421
Stephen Bernard Welsh	– Full Member, completed training	No.65

June 2025

Christopher. Peter Buckley	- Probationary Sports Member	No.1016
Brian Robert Lacey	“ “ “ “	No.110
Kenneth Richard Thompson	Probationary FA Member	No.422
Malcolm Massey	“ “ “	No.423

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	£3,043.61
General Reserve	£16,842.07
Land & Buildings	£50,322.38
Subscription Holding	£185.00
Tags	(£1,000.00) Refundable
TOTAL	£ 70,393.06 (Excluding tags)

A total of £242.20 in interest has been received since the last committee meeting. **NOTED**

7.2 Major Items of Expenditure

Building Insurance	£3,742.72
Range Mate	£824.89
Lawson Way Rent	£562.44
Air Rifle Pellets	£322.00
Shooting Table	£176.95
Pens,Lanyards,Card Holders	£120.51
Lee Enfield repair	£65.00
Rates	£94.00
Stationery	£35.34
Cammo Tape	£29.70

Water Rates	£35.00
Bin / RubbleBags	£39.99
Printer cartridges	£102.80
Internet	£22.57
Canned drinks	£19.00
Card Reader	£18.00
Safe key	£12.00

8. Building & Estates

9.1 TC reported some of the anti-slip chicken wire had been affixed to some of the flooring at the firing point at Moorsholm. The outstanding area to be dealt with will be attended to shortly. **NOTED**

9.2 TC is acquiring more scaffolding boards to replace ones that are rotten and will fix them as soon as possible. **NOTED.**

9. FBR

9.1 APC reported that the Club's Lee Enfield No.4 has been repaired and has been collected. It needs to be zeroed in. **NOTED**

9.2 The planned training session took place on 21st September. There should have been 8 trainees, but one cancelled at short notice. APC used 5 rifles, but 4 were members' own. Several owners expressed unhappiness about their rifles being used by the Club for training purposes.

Accordingly, APC recommends that the Club should buy two more rifles, mainly for training purposes. He recommended that one should be a .223 that has the advantage of using cheaper ammunition than larger calibres and can still be accurate at 800 yards. **AGREED** – APC to purchase two rifles, appropriate for training purposes.

9.3 APC reported that several members had approached him at a Catterick FBR shoot seeking hand-loading training. As previously reported, APC is keeping this under review, but it will have to wait until there is the capacity for such training along with the equipment needed. **NOTED.**

9.4 APC reported that no further training sessions had been booked at Catterick. He does not foresee any further outdoor training until Spring 2026. **NOTED.**

9.5 APC is awaiting a date for a knee replacement operation and accordingly will not be available to lead on FBR training and other FBR matters whilst recuperating. **NOTED.**

10. Proposed shooting ground – Faceby

10.1 PN had previously circulated a progress report prepared by a delegated sub-group regarding a proposed shooting ground for the Club at Faceby. With the report was included a paper that will form the basis of a request to the National Park Authority (NPA) for a pre-planning application consultation. The primary purpose of a consultation is to establish whether the use as a shooting ground is likely to receive planning consent.

10.2 The report noted the following points detailed in the request for a consultation:

- The range would be 30 metres in length with six firing points
- The Club will have to rely on the farmer's permitted rights for clay shoots. (Any farmer is permitted to have up to 28 clay shoots per annum without specific consent, on his land.)
- The proposed times the range would be available will be between 9:30 am and 9:30 pm – or nightfall (whichever is the earlier) every day. This is the current situation at Moorsholm, and it is very generous. If our application is successful, we may have to agree to a condition which restricts the hours of use.
- The backstop will be constructed in a manner that will facilitate de-leading. (The submission states the backstop will be roofed to prevent lead leaching into the ground water.)
- The range will be available to shotguns, rim-fire rifles, muzzle loaded pistols, long arms and long barreled pistols. (The calibres and muzzle energy restrictions are the same as for Moorsholm.)
- The range will provide for practical shot gun shooting in the same manner as practiced currently at Moorsholm.
- At the clay shoot held on 14th September, no noise reading exceeded 48db. It was not possible to replicate sound levels from an example of practical shot gun activity. The request for a consultation does not elaborate on this fact. If the proposed use of a shooting ground is accepted in principle, it can be anticipated that planning conditions will be imposed regarding sound levels and operating times.

10.3 To take the Club's proposal forward, the sub-group recommended that a planning consultant be appointed on the Club's behalf.

10.4 The paper made the following primary recommendations:

1. That the contents of the progress report be noted and its recommendations be accepted.
2. That PN be authorised to instruct Planning House to act on behalf of the Club in requesting a pre-application consultation with the NPA. The agreed fee is £700 + VAT.
3. That the sub-group report back once Planning House have made a formal request to the NPA.

11. A.O.B.

11.1 CP has booked for herself an archery instructors' course. Once she has received the fee invoice, she will pass it to PC.

11.2 MG enquired what the calibre restrictions are at Catterick. APC referred MG to his recent note "Calibres used at Catterick". The note listed 8 calibres on the basic standard list. APC is inviting shooters to provide details of other calibres they will wish to use. **NOTED.**

11.3 PC gave an update on the roll-out of Range Mate. CASC still needs a note of payments made and by whom. This will be achieved via locked settings. PC will give further updates on the Range Mate roll-out.

NOTED

11.4 Simon Hatfield has ceased work on the 2026 Membership Cards. Several options were discussed. It was **AGREED** that PC look at possible ways of resolving the need to produce cards. Ideally the new cards would obviate the need for key fobs to enter Lawson Way.

ACTION – PC and BK authorised to establish the best solution and if necessary, to procure an external printer (estimated cost £550) if they believe it will meet the deadline of end of October for having cards ready when subs are collected and having Range Mate working.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th November 2025.