

Tees Valley Target Sports Club

Minutes of Meeting –2nd September 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, Geoff Bell – GB, Phil Hughes – PH, Barry King - BK, Andy Cook APC Peter Nicol PN (Note Taker)

1. Apologies

Mark Grimwood, Clare Pinegar and Les Cook

2. Minutes of last meeting – 5th August 2025

The minutes were moved as a correct record by PH and seconded by RW, 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 5th August.

ML confirmed he had written to Steve Nicholson to thank him for raising his concerns regarding safety in 'B' Range.

- 1) Item 3.1 CP has supplied ML with a copy of the certificate to show she had successfully completed her Safeguarding training which has been duly filed.
- 2) Item 1.5 **Training for Long Barrel Rifle and Pistol shooting.** – GB is pulling together a training pack but commented that no one uses long barrel pistols for competitions. APC has made contact with David Camp at the NRA (Head of Training) **AGREED** – APC to lead as contact with NRA feeding back information to GW and PC. It is hoped that after the training, there will be more participants in Long Barrel Pistol competitions.
- 3) Item 1.6 **Concessionary Membership** – An application has been received for concessionary membership. PC, DP and GW have seen the application. DP to leave the application in the safe for RF to collect and appraise. **NOTED.**
- 4) Item 1.8 **Instructor Training Course** – Steve Bowser (NRA) needs sight of the Clubs's training regime. **ACTION** – ML to arrange.

- 5) Item 1.8 **Instructor Training Dates** – The 6/7 September have been agreed with Steve Bowser (NRA) as the dates for the training. There are 5 candidates to be trained. ML reported that Steve Bowser is bringing an assistant with him. **ACTION** - DP/ML to check the Club's rifles to be used for the training, to ensure they are in full working order
- 6) Item 1.9 **FBR** - The four potential RCO candidates are James Walker, Richard Waller, Gav Posnett and Andrew Huddleston, who have all expressed interest. **ACTION** – APC to pursue these four members for RCO training.
- 7) Item 1.10 - TC reported that the last few bags of sand left to move at Moorsholm had been moved at the last shoot. **NOTED**
- 8) Item 1.11 - TC had placed distinctive tape over the trip hazard in 'B' Range. **ACTION** – TC has a permanent repair in hand.
- 9) Item 1.12 -The previously agreed action to drill a hole in the roof to drain off ponded water is in abeyance due to the illness of the contractor. **ACTION** – TC to monitor and pursue.
- 10) Item 11.4 – planning for a clay shoot on 14/09/25 is progressing. TC, via the farmer, will arrange for neighbours (including the nearby riding school) to be informed in advance. **NOTED**
- 11) Item 12.1 – a trial using Starter Caps as targets in 'B' Range was carried out. The acoustic readings varied between 91 and 106 decibels. Some pellets rebounded back towards the shooter. There were two ricochets out of ten fired. It was concluded that the use of Starter Caps/Exploding Targets was unsafe. No further action required. **NOTED**
- 12) Item 12.3 ML to **ACTION** to 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.

4 The Chair's Report

4.1 The Chair had nothing to report.

5. Secretary's report

5.1 ML has a muzzle loading course in hand. **NOTED**

5.2 ACP raised the question of the compatibility of the age restriction for probationers between Range Orders, Landmarc rules (16 years old?) and Club rules. It was concluded 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.

5.3 ML had correspondence from Tees Valley Sports – TVS (Teesside University). ML has been invited to a meeting with TVS on 11/09/25. RW will also attend. TVS considering including the Club as a possible venue for students to train and participate in air rifle/archery shooting. ML to invite TVS to view Lawson Way. **AGREED** – ML to report back.

5.4 ML is updating the Club's entry on the NRA's web site. **NOTED**

5.5 The Autumn Bulletin is due. Committee members were requested to submit an input from their discipline/function by the October committee meeting. **ACTION** – all to provide a short report to ML for the Bulletin.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

6.1 BK reported the following applications for Club membership:-

Mark McDermott	Sports membership	No.2504
Phillip Brian Smith	“ “	No.2505
Mark Andrew Arnold	“ “	No.2506
Jack Wilkinson ¹	Firearms Member	No.426
Kevin Lee Garside	“ “	No.427
Harry George Peers ²	“ “	No.428

¹ For Mr Wilkinson - his application is approved subject to him supplying a satisfactory ID.

² Mr Peers has made a CASC concessionary application which is pending and the signing of a Section 21 Notice needs to be completed before his application can be approved.

ACTIONS -BK to ensure that the above outstanding details are resolved before the applications are approved.

All the other applications were approved unconditionally.

NOTED

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	£2,085.57
General Reserve	£22,767.36
Land & Buildings	£50,155.90
Subscription Holding	£669.50
Tags	(£1,000.00) Refundable
TOTAL	£ 73,708.33 (Excluding tags)

7.2 Major Items of Expenditure

Electricity	£1,066.35
Landmarc	£1,286.82
Training	£652.00
Ammunition	£936.50
Targets	£162.28
Strapping Tool	£46.75
Labels	£29.99
Rates	£94.00
Internet	£22.57
Barclaycard	£18.00
Water Rates	£35.00
Bin Bags	£23.95
Printer cartridges	£24.79

7.3 PC explained that the printer ran dry which necessitates using additional cartridges. He has run a cleaning cycle which also meant more cartridges. He has sent a print out to the supplier.

NOTED

8. Air Report and Archers

8.1 On behalf of CP, RW reported a request from the Wednesday evening archers for a 'swinging target'. DP commented that this had been experimented with a long time ago and was found to be unsafe.

AGREED – CP to establish exactly what is proposed and carry out a risk assessment, then bring back the details to a future committee.

8.2 RW enquired if there was any progress in securing new cabinets as requested by CP some time ago. PC reported there was no problem in principle and he had carried out regular searches for suitable matching cabinets of the same size (2 No.) **ACTION** – PC to obtain cabinets as soon as possible.

9. Building & Estates

9.1 TC has previously covered outstanding items under Item 3 – trip hazard in 'B'Range and drilling a hole in the roof. **NOTED**

9.2 TC needs Moorsholm to be closed on 20/09/25 for a working party to put sand at the backstop. **ACTION** – PC to put a notification on WhatsApp requesting volunteers and to state Moorsholm will be closed on 20/09/25.

10. FBR

10.1 The Club's Lee Enfield No.4 is at Barbican Armoury for repair/replacement of the foresight. DP was sure there were spare items stored with the rifle that would allow it to be fixed. APC did not find anything that would help with a repair, it needed the attention of a qualified gunsmith. The gunsmith is not at work currently, due to ill health. **NOTED**

10.2 The probationer shoot at Deerpark has been put on Range Mate. One probationer has already booked, seven more are due to attend and make donations. Paul Hennessey was rostered as RCO, but due to ill health there is JS, ML and APC on standby. **NOTED.**

10.3 An SCC theory training session was held on 30/08/25. Two attendees, successful outcome. **NOTED.** However, it was planned to have another theory course before the end of November on a Sunday to cater for those who work on Saturdays. Due to trainer and range availability, nothing is planned at Catterick for the remainder of the year. **NOTED.**

10.4 Safety in Handloading Course – APC needs to assess demand. One member has completed the theory course but would like hands on experience. **ACTION** – APC to keep under review, but organising a hands-on reloading course will have to wait until there is capacity for the training and equipment needed.

11. A.O.B.

11.1 GB reported that under-powered ammunition was being used on 'A' Range as evidenced by bullets that had bounced back or had not reached the targets. **ACTION** – BK/IL believe they know who the member responsible is and will resolve. The practice of under-powered rounds is extremely dangerous.

11.2 GB is preparing a guidance note for scoring on the Kindles that the Club purchased sometime ago. **NOTED**

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th October 2025.