

**Tees Valley Target Sports Club**  
**Minutes of the Meeting – 2 May 2023**

**1. Attendance**

Richard Frankland (Chair) – RF  
Ken Hart (Secretary) - KH  
Barry King (Membership Secretary) – BK  
Tony Curry - TC  
Phil Hughes - PH  
Mark Grim wood – MG  
Julian Sorrell - JS  
Les Cook – LC

Peter Nicol (Note taker)

**2. Apologies**

Barry Grimwood, Ron Benson, David Pengilley and Peter Costello

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 4 April 2023**

3.1 The minutes were approved and signed off by PH and LC as attendees.

**4. Matters arising (not on the agenda)**

4.1 CASC forms – PH and BG to complete.

PH + BG

4.2 BK has not received a membership application on behalf of Colin Harbinson despite contact from the Membership Sec. **No further action required.**

4.3 KH confirmed that the Club's new constitution had been sent to all the associations to which the Club is affiliated.

4.4 MG reported on the latest information regarding handloading and his conversation with Ian Robertson at the NRA. MG referred to the recent article on the subject in the NRA Journal (Spring 2023 Volume E No.1 Page 6). MG concluded that the NRA were trying to pre-empt what may happen in the future and that the NRA were promoting handloading courses run by the NRA at £166 a time. **No action required.**

4.5 KH confirmed that the Club Secretary does not receive a copy of the NRA Journal on behalf of the Club despite affiliation. KH to check with NRA.

KH

4.6 It was noted that PC needs contact details from BK of new members so that PC can circulate Club news and information via WhatsApp.  
BK to speak to PC.

BK

**5. Secretary's report**

5.1 KH reported no notifiable incidents for the previous month.

5.2 The Club Bisley trip took place. Seven members participated making total donations of £350 excluding Gift Aid. Range fees were £376.50, leaving a small profit to the Club.

5.3 The revised range rules have been updated and circulated but without the revisions being extant. The revisions required are:-

- Change the date of issue to current date
  - Acceptable for under-levers to show clear by racking three times
  - Add Imperial as well as metric information. KH
- 5.4 Guest days – the revised form for guests has been circulated to Committee members and no comments received. The revised form will be used for future guest days. KH
- 5.5 JS reported various comments/suggestions/complaints regarding lane allocations and running of FBR shoots. A discussion took place which included PC's written note. The Committee concluded that none of the complaints justified changes to the current arrangements which operated satisfactorily although the potential for an influx of new members warranted a review of current SSC training arrangements.
- It was agreed that none of the activities raised were regarded as a safety risk. **No action.**
- If any FBR shooter has any concerns or problems they should see the Chair at his surgery at Lawson Way (7:00pm) every Tuesday evening. Committee members to promote this as appropriate. All
- 5.6 Probationers attendance record cards – it was agreed that a probationer's cards should not necessarily be signed by a committee member but could also be signed by the probationer's instructor. All
- 5.7 It was agreed that to progress probationer's membership, that a probationer only FBR shoots should be arranged. Committee members to canvas experienced shooters to act as trainers. However RF, JS, LC, TC, and KH all volunteered to act as instructors.
- It was suggested that three Sunday mornings per annum be allocated. The probationers will be invited to make a donation of £10 with each purchasing the ammunition (£20 for 25 rounds). JS to book Sunday morning ranges in June, July and August, solely for probationer training JS
- BK to email probationers requiring training once dates are known. BK
- 5.8 JS reported that finding RCO's to supervise FBR shoots was becoming increasingly difficult. JS reported that there is not an RCO in place for the June shoot. JS needs to know who will be the RCO by mid-May, otherwise he will have to cancel the range. It was noted that the Club has 15 members, qualified as RCO's – many of whom had been trained at the Club's expense. JS to keep under review and cancel the range if an RCO is not found. JS
- 5.9 Replacement for BG for supervision of archery on Thursday evenings. KH reported that Bob Dunn and Colin Speechley, both qualified trainers at Stockton Archers, had agreed to take over for the time being. **Noted.**

5.10 KH updated on progress made with the Home Office license renewals. KH had been in email contact with Cleveland Police and as at 11/04/23 he was informed that the application was being progressed. The Home Office was also dealing with KH's application to change the details of the Club secretary. BK reported that the Police had made an inspection of Lawson Way.

Agreed that KH should write to the Police to seek advice as to when any inspections of Lawson Way and Moorsholm are likely to be carried out. The correspondence should point out that the annual maintenance at Moorsholm was completed and ask if the Police want to inspect or do they need further information.

KH

## 6. Chair's Report

6.1 There was no report from the Chair.

## 7. Correspondence

7.1 RF read out an email from Peter Metcalfe (PHM) clarifying PHM's role as 'authorised person' for CASC purposes. PHM will continue in this role and will continue to deal with Gift Aid. PHM's continuing assistance with these duties was gratefully accepted with thanks.

KH to inform PHM accordingly.

KH

7.2 RF read out an email from PC regarding PC's belief that new keys had been cut but it was noted that they had been in the safe since inception. KH to inform PC accordingly.

KH

7.3 RF reported the results of the President's Cup at Bisley.

1<sup>st</sup> – Bill Evans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Frankland, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Hennessey.

7.4 The Secretary had received a complaint about excessive noise and vibration in A Range and due to powerful (but within range limits) handloads being used for 357/38 Special rounds. The shooter using such round has been spoken to and agreed to desist. **Noted.**

## 8. Membership Secretary's report

8.1 BK reported receipt of the following applications for membership which were circulated around the members present: -

### Sports membership

David William McAlpine - approved

Jamie Dean Keely - approved

Christopher Florence – approved

### Full membership

Ian Stuart Iceton – approved

8.2 BK had received an email in support of an application for Full Membership from Steve Nicholson on behalf of Gavin Janes. However BK had not received an application from Mr. Janes. **No action required.**

## 9. Treasurer's report

9.1 PC, in his absence, provided written evidence of the amounts in the various Club accounts: -

No.2 account	£1,507.69
Land & Buildings	£32,037.95
General Reserve	£25,069.63
Subs. Holding acct	£8,335.77

Door tags £895

### 9.2 Major items of expenditure

Transport for sleepers & sand etc.	£80.00
Steel targets for practical shooting	£304.26
Bisley – range fees	£376.50
PPE (vests and gloves), stationery	£27.47
Moorsholm cement and wood	£112.44
Middlesbrough Council – rates	£34.34
Clays	£40.00
Printing	£40.00

The Committee noted the position.

## 10. Lawson Way Range report

10.1 It was noted that no further holes had been made in the ceiling of B Range since the last Committee meeting. All agreed that the previous problem was a 'one off'. Probably the shooter responsible had his scope on incorrectly. **No further action.**

10.2 Refurbishment/redecoration of the Committee Room, foyer and office, As previously minuted, a Club member had been approached, his quote was £10 per hour plus materials. It was noted that no estimate of the likely time to be taken was given. After a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed that the quote of £2,200 obtained by TC from a professional decorator be accepted. TC to progress.

TC

10.3 PH reported that there were few attendees on Wednesday evenings in B Range. He suggested that a Guest Day for B Range be organized. It was agreed this would generate a lot of administration and accordingly, it was resolved that no action should be taken.

10.4 RF drew attention to the excellent work that has been undertaken to the pointing of the external brickwork at Lawson Way. **Noted**

## **11. Moorsholm Range report**

11.1 TC reported that following the completion of the recent works undertaken by volunteers, the range was now 'fit for purpose'. Some final works involving the use of machinery need to wait until July when the farmer's Wildlife Protection Agreement expires. Work to the decking will take place on Saturday 13/05/23. The backstop is now in good order.

11.2 RF to write a personal letter of thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the maintenance work.

RF

11.3 It was agreed that the Clay shoot programmed for 14/05/23 be cancelled as LC on vacation and no one else is available to operate the clay traps safely.

LC to inform PC so that members can be notified via the Club's website and WhatsApp.

LC/PC

## **12. Any Other Business**

12.1 None

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 6 June 2023 7:00pm Lawson Way.