

Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting held on 25th September 2008

Present

A. Norman, R. Cooper, J. Rogers, A. Jennings, J. Madgwick, P. Kennett, H. Webber, P. Webber, R. Blank, W. Blank, W. Willets, R. Lewis, J. Jones, R. Jukes, G. Milligan, N. Stallard, D. Hargreaves, H. Thompson, D. Royle. (19)

Represented clubs

Seeco, Halesowen, Dudley, Smethwick, Worcester West Unit, Down Hatherley, Kidderminster, Wyre, Bromsgrove. (9)

Apologies

John Grove, Karen Webber, John & Iris Bennett, Mark Bellringer, Ross Jones.

Approval of minutes

With a correction that the Stourport Range is open and people are welcome on Saturday afternoon, not Saturday morning as stated in the minutes, the minutes of the 60th AGM, held on 27th September 2007 were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

(Proposed John Jones, seconded Hugh Webber)

Matters arising

None

Officers Reports

The reports re the County and reserves teams and the Ladies team were presented by Pam Webber.

Pam reported on the results of the three competitions shot in September last year, the results of those shot this month will not be released for some time.

We shot in the Counties cup, the BSA cup and Western Counties Bowl.

The Counties Cup was shot at Stourport in interesting weather conditions and we came last in section B which meant that we shot in section C this year.

Worcestershire came mid-division in the BSA Cup team of 12 at 25 yards and we won the Western Counties Bowl, by a very narrow margin, repeating the win of 2 years ago.

In October we narrowly lost the Three Counties Cup at Bromyard by three points to Herefordshire with Gloucestershire a rather distant third, this after winning it for six consecutive years.

In the NSRA county competitions the results were;

Worcestershire County team 3rd, County reserves team 4th, Reserves B team 3rd, Ladies team 6th.

Reports re the Lightweight Sports Rifle, Air rifle and Air pistol teams were presented by John Jones.

John was not able to enter any teams in either air rifle or pistol competitions due to insufficient interest, but he ran a summer individual LSR league. The competition comprised of 6 divisions of 6 competitors, but there were only a small number of clubs represented, notably Dudley and Seeco from Worcestershire and Glevum, (Gloucestershire) who entered a large number of shooters.

Medals are awarded to 1st and 2nd in each division and John encouraged more clubs to promote this competition to their membership

Competition Secretary.

Alan Jennings reported that he had run 5 divisions in the league last winter and 4 in summer.

He thanked the scorers for their efforts and commitment.

NSRA Representative

Dave Hargreaves gave his report having attended the 3 NSRA council meetings during the year.

He reported a substantial increase in entries in the 50M international championships, but a fall in the entries for the Scottish meeting. The Bisley meeting was well supported.

He reported on performance in the International competitions, Neil Stirton won the Silver Medal and Ken Parr equalled the British Junior Men's Prone record at Munich, and Ken Parr won the Junior 3x40 record at Milan.

The junior women's prone rifle team won the silver medal in the European Junior Championship.

Hugh Webber added that Great Britain won Gold, in the Air rifle competition in the Para –Olympics.

The National Indoor shooting Centre at Aldersley is now operational.

Linatex is available in off-cut lengths at £80.00 per Metre, (width about 45") from the NSRA.

NATSS

Reports of the regional forums have been made available on the websites of the NSRA, NRA and CPSA. The 3 organisations are still working together in some areas.

The NSRA sponsors the Shooting club directory. The NSRA does not put club names/addresses in this. Individual clubs need to contact Blaze publishers if they want details of their club to be included.

Worcestershire Open meeting

Hugh Webber reported that there were 31 entries in 2008, a bit down on last year. He encouraged more competitors, especially in classes C and D as the numbers entering these classes were low. Consequently the chance of winning a trophy in these classes is greater.

This year we made a profit of just over £100.00, keeping other costs down within the county.

The date for the 2009 meeting was announced as the 3rd Sunday in May.

The overall Worcestershire Champion was John Grove, the full list of trophy winners being;

Class A	John Grove	Class B	Dave Hargreaves
Class C	Bob Cooper	Class D	there was no county entry.
Open Pairs,	John Grove & Alistair Norman	C&D pairs	Bob Cooper and Neil Stallard
Veterans	Hugh Webber	Ladies	Karen Webber
Dewar	John Grove	English Match	Hugh Webber
Carton Bulls	John Grove	Best 100 yds	Alistair Norman

Thanks as usual were extended to all who helped, Bob for running the range, Alan for doing the scoring/results, Karen and Pam for refreshments and Mark for receiving the entries on the day and everyone else who filled in doing the odd jobs and helping to pack up at the end.

Chairman's address

Bob Cooper talked about the future of shooting as we approach the 2012 Olympics.

He hoped that the initiatives taken by NATSS would be effective in promoting shooting as a sport as a larger and more unified voice to "Sport England" who draw lottery monies and are responsible for funding the National governing bodies in each sport.

The law relating to pistol use has temporarily been changed to enable competitors to practice within this country in advance of the Olympics. It is intended that this law will change back again following the Olympics in 2012.

Bob also mentioned that the County still were intending to acquire a Worcestershire range.

Funds are now available to subsidise coaching cost. If anyone is interested in this they could contact Bob or Hugh who can give them the relevant information.

Treasurers report

Bob read this in Mark Bellringer's absence. A copy of the accounts was distributed.

A net profit of around £300.00 was made against the previous year's figures.

This was due to 3 reasons

Firstly the sale of county shirts. A profit was made on these. If anyone requires more please contact Mark as he is compiling a list of advance orders.

Secondly, there were no large purchases within the year, (for stocks of targets for example). This will not be the case next year as there are substantial stock purchases to be made.

Thirdly, the open shoot again made a profit.

Mark predicted that it was probable that rather than a profit, a small loss would be likely next year, so the decision had been taken by the committee to raise the County subs by £5.00 per year per club, raising a further £60.00 income for the association. This had been approved at last year's AGM and this years subs were to be increased.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Alistair Norman, seconded by Alan Jennings and passed unanimously.

Revision of the Constitution

Bob Cooper reminded the meeting that the existing constitution was rather dated and this has been commented upon in recent years.

We had copies of the new amended version available and a copy had been circulated with the invitation to the AGM letters. Bob asked if anyone needed more time to read this and in the absence of any further criticism/ suggestions relating to this its acceptance by the meeting was proposed by John Jones and seconded by Hugh. It was passed unanimously by the meeting.

Election of Officers

The secretary asked if there were any people interested in filling the post of chairman, and this request was reiterated by Bob. In the absence of any offers Alan Jennings proposed that Bob Cooper continue with the post and Paul Kennett seconded.

This was passed unanimously.

Bob pointed out that there was currently no junior captain and he asked if there was anyone who would wish to do any of the jobs on the committee.

John Jones stated that he hoped to get someone else to take on the air rifle /pistol captain role during the year.

Alan Jennings proposed that in the absence of new volunteers or officers saying that they were not prepared to continue, the officers should be re-elected en block. This was seconded by Neil Stallard and passed unanimously.

Any other business

There was a discussion under this heading regarding the GBTSF

Alistair raised a concern for the NSRA representative regarding the state and quality of the toilets and showers at Bisley.

Presentation of Trophies

Trophy winners in the winter league were as follows.

Div 1	Halesowen	Top average	G. Milligan
Div 2	Dowty Staverton A	Top average	N. Jones & A. Cullen
Div 3	Dowty Staverton B	Top average	P Jones
Div 4	Smethwick	Top average	C Partridge, J Madgwick & C. Rogers
Div 5	Seeco	Top average	C Carpenter

Individual competition

Class A G Milligan

Class B R Blank

Class C H Thompson

Winners in the summer league were as follows

Div 1	Dudley A	Top average	Alistair Norman
Div 2	Dudley B	Top average	Neil Stallard
Div 3	Wyre	Top average	Lester Smith
Div 4	Malvern	Top average	Mr Ramsay

LSR League

Medals were awarded to;

Div 1	Gold	M Bodman	Glevum	Silver	A. Cross	Seeco
Div 2	Gold	J Jones	Seeco	Silver	J Shelton	Dudley
Div 3	Gold	S Williams	Seeco	Silver	B Harper	Seeco
Div 4	Gold	J Annand	Seeco	Silver	R Jukes	Seeco
Div 5	Gold	D Wilkins	Glevum	Silver	W Turner	Glevum
Div 6	Gold	Z Godsell	Glevum	Silver	J Lewis	Glevum

The County open winners were listed above in the Officers report.

Pam announced that the County Championship was won by Graham Milligan, Wilf Elmes Trophy.

In conclusion Bob said that the future of Somers club was being argued in court, proceedings having been adjourned to 10th October.