

Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting held on 30th September 2010

Present

R. Cooper, J. Rogers, A. Jennings, M. Bellringer, H. Webber, H. Thompson, D. Royle, M. Morrish P. Webber, K Webber, John Bennett, James Bennett . I. Bennett, D. Hargreaves, C. Hunter, J Madgewick. (16)

Represented clubs

Seeco, Halesowen, Dudley, Smethwick, Down Hatherley, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, Stourport. (7+ 1 not affiliated)

The meeting opened at 8.08 pm

Apologies

Alistair Norman, Sandy Moncrieff, Roger Lewis, Steve Williams

Approval of minutes

The Chairman asked if those present would read the minutes of the 2009 meeting, after which he asked if it was considered that they were accurate. (Hugh Webber proposed that the minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Mark Bellringer)

There were no matters arising

Officers Reports

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

Pam reported that we shot in;

The County cup, a Dewar competition, coming 6th

The BSA cup at 25 yards, coming 4th.

The county continued their good form in The Western Counties Bowl, at 25 yards, again being runners up to Cornwall beating Devon by 1 point. Silver medals will be awarded to the team members.

In the winter Leagues the county team won 4 lost 6 and came 5th

The Wilf Elmes Trophy for the highest average in the county league was tightly contested and John Grove & John Rogers tied on an average of 98.1

The reserves A team won 3 lost 7 and came 6th, Reserves B won 7 lost 3 and came 3rd on aggregate.

The Ladies team won 8 tied 1 and lost 1 and won the league, with 3 of the team averaging over 97. Badges will be presented.

Pam thanked all team members for shooting and said that if there were any up and coming shooters in the clubs then she would be pleased to hear about them.

Report re the Lightweight Sports Rifle discipline

Steve Williams was unable to be present and sent a written report that was read in his absence.

Steve has organised an open postal LSR competition during 2010

This competition has attracted 30 entries, organised into divisions, principally from 2 clubs.

Medals were awarded to 1st and 2nd places in each division.

Steve is planning to hold the competition again in 2011. Entries are invited at £4.00 per person for a start in February.

Steve indicated that he was willing to stand again in this role should he be elected to do so, and asked if anyone knew of any clubs either within or out of the county that might be interested in entering the competition to please contact him.

Junior Captain

Sandy Moncrieff was not able to be present, but sent a report that was read in his absence.

He introduced himself and outlined what he understood to be the role of junior captain within the county, that being to recruit, select and manage teams of juniors, from within county clubs or the schools from the area with known shooting programmes.

He made it clear that coaching of any juniors is not his strength and he would hope that others might be available to do this if a junior team can be mustered.

He finished his report by presenting himself for re-election to the post of junior captain.

Competition Secretary.

Alan Jennings reported that he had run league competitions in 4 divisions last winter and 3 divisions of individual competitions. In summer he had required the help of Dave Hargreaves as he had been unable to complete the role himself, and there were a further 4 divisions.

He outlined the details of the winning teams and individual shooters, which are listed below in the medal awards. After he had given the scorers his heartfelt thanks for their work he ended his report.

NSRA Representative

Dave Hargreaves gave his report having attended the 3 NSRA council meetings during the year. The next meeting was in November.

I will not summarise his detailed report here but if anyone wants to refresh their memory I will have a copy at the AGM.

His report addressed;

Range Conducting officers.

The influx to the NSRA of Field target clubs.

2012 Olympic and Paralympic games

Membership of the NSRA, with reference to both UK clubs and affiliated County Associations.

Firearms legislation changes with reference to airguns

West Midlands Regional shooting centre, Aldersley,

The death of Frank Spittle.

Protection of children and vulnerable adults

Worcestershire County Open meeting 2010

Hugh reported that this year we had a total of 37 entries, which was one down on last year. We would still like to see more County shooters (we only had 10) supporting their meeting, especially in class C where the chance of

winning a prize is high, given the low entries. Overall the entry was helped by Ellesmere College which brought 8 youngsters.

This year we made about £200 profit, which helps keep cost down for the County clubs. However some of this is tied up in a stock of targets.

Again we anticipate holding the 2011 meeting on the 3rd Sunday in May, which is the 15th.

The overall Worcestershire Open Champion was Karen Webber, the first time she has won.

The other trophy winners were:

Class A	Karen Webber	Class B	Chris Hunter
Class C	Bob Cooper		
Open Pairs	Alistair Norman & Karen Webber	C&D Pairs	No entry this year
Veterans	Dave Hargreaves	Ladies	Karen Webber
Dewar	Karen Webber	English Match	Alistair Norman
Carton Bulls	Karen Webber	Best 100yds	Karen Webber

Our thanks, as usual, go to all those without whom we could not run the meeting, Bob Cooper for running the range, Alan Jennings and Tim Hardwick scoring, Pam and Karen Webber, refreshments, Mark Bellringer, finance, and all the rest who filled in doing the odd jobs needed around and about.

Treasurers report

Mark Bellringer circulated copies of the financial statements, a summary of the accounts which had been examined and approved by the independent accountant.

In brief the County made a loss last year of £82.46 which after adjustments was totalled at £297.54 profit. The adjustment was to accommodate the annual NSRA cheque from the previous year, £380.00, having come out of this year's accounts.

Mark said that he expected in the coming year that the county would run on an "even keel" or very slight loss, the main sources of income being the open shoot and the winter leagues, and expenses that would be hard to calculate in advance being costs of the competition cards.

Mark thanked Steve Williams for his work in organising the LSR competition and said that the income from this competition is becoming a valuable asset to the county

The County current account, stands at £864.19, and earned no interest last year, and the savings account at £1214.61, and earned 61p in interest.

Expenditure in the coming year will be targets and the NSRA affiliation fee which is not quite covered by the affiliation fees coming into the county by its member clubs.

Mark planned to do a clothing order again in the coming year re county sweatshirts/fleeces and will circulate prices in the near future. This also will bring a small profit to the county funds.

There were no questions of the treasurer

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Karen Webber, seconded by James Bennett and passed unanimously.

Chairman's retiring address

Bob Cooper as outgoing chairman gave a brief address to the AGM.

He has been in the chair for 17 years and has seen changes which include the county membership reducing from 23 clubs to 14 following the political responses to the Hungerford and Dunblane tragedies.

However the county organisation has survived and made satisfying progress.

Bob's intentions are to move on and he sees work to be done in coaching especially with juniors.

Election of Officers

The first officer to be elected traditionally has been the Chairman.

There was not a list of names for the AGM to consider for this role, only Dave Hargreaves name has to date been mentioned in this capacity.

The meeting was asked if there was anyone else, present or not, who might be interested in standing.

In the absence of any volunteers Dave Hargreaves was proposed by Bob, seconded by Hugh and was voted in unanimously.

Bob Cooper was however persuaded to see this meeting to its conclusion.

The election of officers progressed with the election of the secretary; John Rogers, proposed by Alan Jennings, seconded by Iris Bennett.

Alan Jennings proposed that the remainder of the committee were elected en-bloc and this was seconded by James Bennett and this was agreed unanimously, those being...

John Rogers	Secretary
Alan Jennings	Vice Chair & competition secretary
Mark Bellringer	Treasurer
Hugh Webber.	Open Meeting Organiser, Air rifle/ Pistol Captain.
Pam Webber.	County M & F Captain
Sandy Moncrieff	Junior Captain
Stephen Williams	LSR Captain
Dave Hargreaves	NSRA rep

The time being 21.12 a break was called.

Any other business

Harry Thompson asked if in view of the size of the cards they shoot at the Bromsgrove club, would it be acceptable for the stickers to go on the back of the card? After brief discussion, in which it was pointed out that national competitions require a sticker on the front, this was agreed to be fine as far as county leagues are concerned.

Bob Cooper added that relevant information regarding coaching would be circulated to any interested parties.

Presentation of Trophies

Trophy winners in the winter league 2009/10 were as follows.

Div 1	Halesowen A	Top average	A. Norman, Dudley
Div 2	Kidderminster A	Top average	T. Ives, Kidderminster
Div 3	Smethwick	Top average	G. Griffiths, Smethwick
Div 4	Malvern	Top average	H.C Bourne, Malvern

Individual competition

Class A	J. Rogers	Seeco
Class B	P. Webber	Down Hatherley
Class C	T. Killeen	Halesowen

Winners in the summer league 2010 were as follows

Div 1	Seeco A	Top average	D. Hargreaves, Seeco A
Div 2	Smethwick	Top average	C. Hunter, Seeco B, C. Griffiths, Smethwick
Div 3	Charlton Kings	Top average	J. Williams, Charlton Kings
Div 4	Malvern C	Top average	K. Thomas, Malvern C

LSR League

Medals were awarded to;

Div 1	Gold	M. Goodenough	Glevum	Silver	B. Wiltshire	Glevum
Div 2	Gold	S. Williams	Seeco	Silver	A. Cross	Seeco
Div 3	Gold	C. Rennie	Glevum	Silver	K. Wiltshire	Glevum
Div 4	Gold	C. Hunter	Seeco	Silver	G. Shakels	Seeco
Div 5	Gold	J. Kitching	Seeco	Silver	T. Kitching	Seeco

Pam awarded the silver medals to the county team members re the Western Counties Bowl, AN, HW, JR, MM, KW, MB, JG and DB.

She also awarded Badges to the ladies team, MM, KW, PW, AC, PW and JH

The County open winners were listed above in the Hugh Webber's report and these medals were awarded.

Pam announced that the County Championship, the Wilf Elmes Trophy would be shared between John Grove and John Rogers.

The meeting closed at 10.02pm