

Minutes of the BSRC Annual General Meeting held at the Club House on Saturday 26th July 2014

40 voting Members attended. A full list of attendees is available from the secretary.

1. Apologies for absence

The Secretary had received apologies from the following members:

Hamish Mclellan
Philip Macworth-Praed
John Kynoch
Stephen Castle
Colin Sach
Adam Walsh
James Woodhead
David Simmonds
Tim Goddard
Gordon Catlin
Steve Simms
Peter Burcham
Ian Millward
Adrian Dagger
Robin Carter
Simon Rowe
Iain Cassie

2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

The Minutes of the 2013 AGM had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2013 meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman updated the meeting on the report that had been distributed with the calling papers.

Loan of 10m equipment to the NSRA

Since writing the report the Chairman stated that he is now in a position to sign the agreement with the NSRA. The equipment will remain the property of the BSRC and the NSRA will

undertake to encourage potential new members to contact the BSRC. The agreement allows for a reduced rate for BSRC members use of the equipment installed on the NSRA range.

Range Day for Surrey and Sussex FEO's

At the request of the Surrey Firearms Licensing Team the club has agreed to host a corporate day for Surrey & Sussex FEO's. The meeting agreed that this was a good opportunity to show the FEO's what club members do and the reasons behind some of the requests they receive from our members and members of similar clubs. Ken Scott suggested that BSRC offer similar days to other Home Counties firearms teams. The Chairman commented that the club would be open to requests from others but that the approach should come from them.

5. Captain's Report

The report had been distributed with the calling papers. Comments were invited but none were forthcoming.

6. Secretary's Report

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SCC's

The Secretary took the opportunity to remind the meeting that many Safe Shooter Cards would expire at the end of the year and requested that those affected arrange for an assessment and application as early as possible to prevent a rush in December. Ed Gilbert suggested that an assessment day be arranged and the meeting agreed.

7. Treasurer's Report

The report had been distributed with the calling papers. The Treasurer summarised the report and also advised the meeting that an error had been found in the summary account issued with the calling papers and that this had been corrected in the update issued at the meeting. He advised that the overall account was correct and that the error was an incorrect allocation of a range hire payment to the HOA Club subscriptions.

Auditors Report & Budget

David Jennings asked if there would be an auditors report available to members and if a budget had been prepared for the coming year.

Ken Solomons (one of the independent examiners) stated that the accounts were examined and not audited and that there was no statutory requirement for the accounts to be audited. David Jennings accepted this but felt that the result of the examination should be available to give transparency to the membership.

The Treasurer commented that the examiners met with the Finance sub committee to give their feedback on the examination and any actions requested as a result. The minutes of the meeting are available on request.

It was agreed that David Jennings would raise this issue in writing to the Chairman who would put it before the Executive Committee.

Concerning the budget, the Treasurer stated that he had not produced a budget for the coming year as no major expenditure had yet been agreed and therefore there were only the usual day to day running costs to be accounted for.

Breakdown of Costs for the Norway Visit

Ed Gilbert asked if the Treasurer had received a breakdown of the expenditure for the recent team visit to Norway. The Treasurer stated that this had not been received. Steve Wallis commented that he had produced an account but had not been asked to provide it.

Bank Account balances

Derek Brooker asked why the Bank Balances were higher than the accounts suggested. The Treasurer explained that at the year-end a number of pre payments for the coming year had already been received and in order to show these in the financial year to which they applied they were deducted from the account but still visible in the bank balance. There is a comment in the summary stating this. It was suggested that this correction maybe unnecessary but the meeting left it to the Treasurer to decide whether to continue with this practice.

Ammunition Stock

Paul Cutts questioned the value of ammunition in stock. The Treasurer stated that this was approximately £13,000 much of which had been purchased in the previous financial year.

International Shooting

Mike Sheehan asked if the expenditure in the account labelled International Shooting was the cost of the Norway visit. He added that he understood that these visits were self-funded by the attendees and therefore at no cost to the club. The Treasurer stated that this cost was related to hosting the visit of the Norway team in the summer of 2013 and was therefore a direct cost to the club. In the 2012/2013 accounts this figure represented the amount paid by the club to fund the trip which was subsequently repaid by some team members providing free coaching on corporate days. Mike Sheehan suggested that this should have been shown as a loan if the total was repaid. The Treasurer agreed but commented that this situation is not likely to occur in future years as it is expected that international shooters will run events to build a fund before the event.

8. Election of Club Officers

There was only one nomination for each position therefore the following officers were elected unopposed:

Chairman	John Rossiter
Vice-Chairman	David Lamb
Captain	Alistair Bullen
Vice-Captain	Darren Cottee
Treasurer	Dennis Smith
Secretary	Heather Hall

9. Election of Executive Members

There were 7 nominations for the 4 positions on the Executive Committee:

Colin Nunn
Ed Gilbert
Richard Jeffery
Ian Millward
John Watson
Nick Thomas
Hamish McLellan

As a result a ballot was required and the Chairman had asked each of the nominees to prepare a brief statement stating their background and reasons for wanting to serve on the Executive Committee which they presented to the meeting. Ian Millward & Hamish McLellan were unable to attend the meeting so the Secretary read their statements.

Ballot papers were issued to all attendees eligible to vote who were requested to vote for 4 of the 7 nominees listed. Ken Solomons & David Williams counted the votes and the following were elected.

Colin Nunn
Ed Gilbert
John Watson
Nick Thomas

The Chairman advised the meeting that Ken Scott & Carl Glaister had both stepped down from the Committee and expressed his thanks to them both for many years for service to the club.

10. Resolutions Received

There had been one resolution received from Dennis Smith which proposed a change to the constitution. The Chairman advised the meeting that any changes to the constitution are required to be notified to members at least 21 days before the meeting and as this notice had not been given it was not possible to vote on the proposal. The Chairman apologised to Dennis for the error. The proposal was discussed and is reproduced below.

I would like to table an amendment to our Club Constitution section 1.3.4.

It currently reads:

*The property of the Club shall be vested in two Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee from amongst their number, who must deal with the property as the Committee may from time to time direct by minuted resolution. **The Club may not distribute assets to members. If the Club were to be dissolved all its assets would be divested to the National Shooting Centre Ltd, the NRA or its successor body.** The Trustees, whose liabilities under the terms of the NRA Lease are limited to the*

realisable value of Club assets, shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The terms of the Lease do not entitle the Landlord to pursue exercise or enforce any right or remedy in respect of any breach against the personal estate property effects or assets of any Trustee. Trustees hold office until death, resignation or removal from office by the Executive Committee.

Following any of these events the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement. The Chairman must give effect to the nominations of the Executive Committee by appointing by deed the person or persons so nominated within the meaning of the Trustee Act 1925 Section 36.

I would like to propose that the paragraph is amended so as to remove the assets divesting to the NRA in the event of the Club being dissolved.

The following wording is proposed:

*The property of the Club shall be vested in two Trustees appointed by the Executive Committee from amongst their number, who must deal with the property as the Committee may from time to time direct by minuted resolution. **In the event of the Club being dissolved all assets would be liquidated and the proceeds distributed to current members via a formula to be proposed by the Executive Committee and agreed by members at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting.***

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I believe the current wording is an open invitation to the NRA/NSC to await the demise of the Club and seize our assets for their own use.

The Chairman stated that the background to the change was the potential for the NRA to not renew the lease for the range and, as the lease still has 5 years to run, this change was not urgent. Should the urgency change before the next AGM an EGM could be called.

Steve Wallis commented that the problem only occurred should the club cease to exist and that the club could still exist without the range should the NRA decide not to offer a renewal.

11. Appointment of Independent Examiners

Ken Solomons and David Williams agreed to continue in the role of independent examiners. Their appointment was proposed by Susie Drew and seconded by Darren Cottee. The proposal was agreed.

12. Any Other Business

2014 Family Day

Mike Deakin asked if the 2014 Family Day will run. The Chairman informed him that nobody was available to run it therefore it was proposed to run a competition using the new Mini McQueen's targets on that day. Mike volunteered to organise the family day if the date was still available. As no calling notice had been issued for the Mini McQueens event the meeting agreed.

Club Ammunition

Nick Steadman questioned the mark up on the .223 ammunition recently acquired by the club for sale to members. The Chairman stated that even with the mark up the ammunition was still very cheap and the option to purchase on club range days very convenient to members. They also had the opportunity to obtain it from the supplier at a reduced cost should they wish to do so.

No further issues were raised and the Chairman closed the meeting at 16:15.

David Lamb

5th August 2014

Appendix 1 – Officers Reports & Summary Accounts



Chairmans Report.pdf



Captain's Report.pdf



Secretary's Report.pdf



Treasurers Report.pdf



Summary Accounts.pdf



Revised Final Accounts - 2013-14.pdf