



STRATFORD UPON AVON & DISTRICT AIRGUN LEAGUE

Final Agreed Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

on Tuesday July 13th 2023
at Snitterfield Social Club 8pm

Apologies: James Wilby, Alan Brookes, Matt & Jason Hemmings, Amanda Hodges

Minutes of Last Meeting (last AGM on 7.7.22) all agreed as true & accurate record

Matters Arising - none

Treasurer's Report (S Ray) (Report to be attached)

Copies of audited accounts were circulated. Asset sheet was attached.

Costs of running League have gone up, along with fees, showing healthy growth. Thanks to the Town Trust grant which Nick brought in, Trevor Bachelor's rifle was purchased. Donations amounted to £276. If S Ray gave these as an individual, recipient could claim Gift Aid.

Steve ran through Asset Register, including valuations for rifles & trophies. Invited comments on valuations. Corrections were made to details of various rifle assets, serial numbers & values. **Action: To amend Asset Register for 3 rifles & also amend to separate out Team Fees 2023 from Individual Fees.**

Steve Everett was thanked for his work on preparing the Financial Statements.

Charity proposed was Warwickshire Air Ambulance, proposed by Adam Clarke, seconded by Dave Lake.

Chairman's/Match Secretary's Report (W Cemis)

WC didn't have much to add which hadn't been said at Presentation Evening. Some new competitions, some name changes, new roles added.

Election of Officers.

Treasurer had already agreed to hand over role to Steve Hodges and there has been a long overlap.

Many of the incumbents were happy to stand again, although several of the Officer roles had expanded responsibilities which had become too much to handle.

- President: R Groom
- Chair: W Cemis
- Vice Chair: N Williams.
- Treasurer: S Ray standing down. Steve Hodges nominated.
- Website Manager: A Smith.
- Secretary: J Langford. En bloc all proposed by P Clingan & seconded by A Clarke.

Three additional non-Officer sub-roles were to be created:

- Match Secretary: Glyn Slade had come forward to share the role.
- Trophy Master: from end of next season someone would be required to collect them all up, send to Tower Trophies & bring them to Presentation Evening. Adam Clarke came forward to take on this role.
- Social Media Officer: targeting new & young shooters. Role still remained open but in the meantime,

Adam Clarke had created an Instagram page to try to get more people interested in what we do. He researched a few hash tags - Hashtag bell target, hashtag feinwerkbau...hundreds of followers in UK. Has had account open only 2 months, with 11 followers. Creating more content such as short video reels, he hopes to get more views. Account is still young, with interest still generating. Name can be changed to SUA&D Airgun League. Care has to be taken about guidelines & rules about guns. Juana Everett commented that the search terms & hashtags which SR used in his previous presentation about website google searches may be useful in the creation/enlargement of the Instagram account. Glyn Slade agreed it was a good start, but thought would need to be given to generate a more local audience rather than whole of UK. Tagging local sports & social clubs, local organisations would help this. **Action: Adam Clarke to set up a SAGL account, and all teams to take photos of people shooting or preparing to shoot & one 30 second video clip & send to Adam.**

Neil suggested posters should be put up in all the clubs. Some years ago, each club was given a poster, however these needed reprinting or updating (see AOB)

Honoraria - it is proposed that a sum of £10 would be paid to Officers. No objections. Proposed: W Cemis, Seconded: A Clarke

Life Members.

Richard Mills was proposed by Paul Clingan. Seconded by W Cemis. Richard was congratulated.

Life Members who have passed away need to be placed on Wall of Honour. **Action: List to be updated by A Smith.** Proposed by W Cemis, seconded by J Langford

Registration Fees for 2023-24 Season. It is proposed that these should remain at 2022-23 rates: individual adult £15 and students £10, team £30. Agreed by all as bloc vote.

Fixture list & Teams for 2023-24 Season (A Smith & W Cemis)

Teams would be Snitterfield, Wilmcote, Binton A, Binton B, MEB.

Future of Avenue team was discussed in terms of members & venue. Tiddington was discussed as a possible venue, as was the idea of becoming 2nd team at Snitterfield. Possibly new members might come via Snitterfield shooting open evenings. **Action: Avenue team to discuss possibilities within 2 weeks with Officers.**

New Season will commence once school holidays have ended, proposed 7th September.

Nominated Charity for 2023-24 Season. Proposal to continue with Air Ambulance, since they had come to the aid of one of our members. Agreed en bloc.

Changes/Amendments to Rules of Shooting

Rule 5.10 The PAIRS CUP. AS proposed that the wording "The draw will be made on the night after an 8pm cutoff for pairs teams to arrive." be added. **Action: wording to be amended for publication.**

Additional Rule - it is proposed that the BLIND PAIRS COMPETITION should be adopted as an official competition, with a new trophy created for the Blind Pairs which would be named after Heather Martin. Precise wording should be agreed, including how selection for each pair would be to select top ranked to bottom ranked in order & so on. Proposed and seconded en bloc. **Action: precise wording to be agreed before publication of handbook. Also, this should be renumbered (alphabetically 5.7) and all other subsequent competitions to be moved down & renumbered.**

Rule 5.14 SENIOR SHIELD (See AOB)

Safety & Safeguarding summary (RG) Richard Groom reported that we had had a good year with much achieved after the pandemic. Safeguarding wise, no concerns. Safety wise, concerns about safe handling of

guns, which was mentioned at every meeting. Every and any shooter was encouraged to call out anyone who was not observing safe handling. With new recruits, it was key to drill into them safe handling processes.

LDC Review (RG) Richard Groom was in a position to start in the new season, trying to move things forward with the addition of Glyn Slade. It was commented that it was a shame there had been little flexibility on Interleague day of the week. **Action: W Cemis to discuss whether Wednesday would suit them.**

AOB.

- Due to printing failures & communication failures, printed agendas were not available. **Action: Agenda for next year to be placed on website so that all members can view it & print out**

- R Groom expressed his concern about naming competitions after deceased members, unless it is something really special, such as the deceased member's family donating a trophy for a new competition. MO should be kept very simple; if the deceased member is an honorary life member, then they shall be removed from the honorary life members list & as with all deceased members, shall be honoured by inclusion on the SAGL Memorial Wall.

- A Clarke discussed getting new faces into the League. He had made enquiries & had received positive interest at Stratford Cricket Club. If we could have a League social evening at SCC, we could demonstrate bell target to a potential 1400 members there. To hire the room would be £40-50 a day. **Action: this idea required further discussion by LDC.** N Williams said Snitterfield Sports & Social Club Open Day had received some positive interest. The team now had their own page on the SSSC website. **Action: all team captains check whether their Sports clubs have Open Days where they could promote Bell Target.** Worth checking whether Home Guard clubhouse might now be suitable and receptive to accommodating a team, possibly Avenue.

- Juana Everett requested that the SAGL Facebook link be put back on the SAGL website. **Action: A Smith**

- S Everett made a point about social media and what people might perceive. Need to project safe, disciplined, skilled & responsible handling of airguns.

- Glyn Slade would like as download posters & other resources. S Ray has graphic files including logos & all formats. **Action: A Smith to research whether we can place in electronic vault.**

- John Maycock suggested a change to the Senior Shield & changes to classification. Currently, 5.14 SENIOR SHIELD. Age 60-64 + 1 point, Age 65-69 + 2 points, Age 70 & over +3 points. **Action: John to put a proposal in writing in how it should be restructured & bring to next delegates meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

SAGL Secretary

Jo Langford