



STRATFORD UPON AVON & DISTRICT AIRGUN LEAGUE

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

on Tuesday July 9th 2024

at Binton Social Club 8pm

1. Apologies: R Groom, A Brookes, J Langford, G East, J Wilby, K Dillon, W Dillon, R Slade, K Woodger, R Woodger, A.E Hodges, B Hodges, A.S Hodges

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (last AGM on 13.7.23) approved, no actions arising.

3. Matters Arising - none

4. **Treasurer's Report** (S. Hodges presented the attached accounts)

Accounts were audited by Steve Everett who is no longer a league member.

Lloyds bank account online access set up is nearly complete, with both S. Hodges and N. Williams having full access and both J. Langford and W. Cemis in the final approval stage.

A small increase was made over the season and the bank balance closes the year on 30/6/24 at £3,272.27.

5. **Chairman's/Match Secretary's Report** (W Cemis)

A concern was raised about poor attendance of league events (such as the AGM) and some competitions.

All league members are encouraged to attend these and team captains to ensure everyone is aware of upcoming events in advance. The LDC was also invited to consider the reason for poor attendance of competitions and any mitigation that could be taken.

In terms of league recruitment, it was acknowledged that the social media poster was a success and could be repeated when we have practice sessions booked in. Also a league open day was suggested as part of the launch of the new Snitterfield venue to attract new local interest.

Advertising with match reports in the Stratford Herald sports section was discussed however we need a volunteer with a creative flair for writing those reports. Soft copies of the SH are also available now to reach a wider audience.

It was noted that Wilmcote club is still available on Sunday evenings for those who would like to practice, and P. Clingan advised that there has been no further suggestion of room hire fees from the club.

Practice sessions at Binton are also being arranged over the summer by A. Smith.

6. **Election of Officers.**

It was agreed that all existing in post officers would continue in post for the forthcoming season.

- President: R Groom

- Chair: W Cemis

- Vice Chair: N Williams.

- Treasurer: S Hodges.

- Website Manager: A Smith.

- Secretary: J Langford.

- Match Secretary: G Slade.

- Trophy Master: A Clarke.

- Social Media Officer: A Clarke

7. **Honoraria.** It was agreed that the Honoraria will no longer be paid due to the new expenses claim process being in place.

8. **Lifetime Members.**

John Maycock and Neil Benningfield were awarded the accolade of Lifetime Member in the meeting

which were gratefully accepted by both.

9. **Registration fees 2024-25.**

It was proposed and agreed that both the team and individual registration fees for next season would remain the same as the closing season, at £30 per team and £15 per individual (£10 for juniors).

10. **Other arrangements for next season.**

It was proposed and agreed the new season would commence on 5th September and A. Smith and W. Cemis would create the fixture list. It was noted that having 6 teams again would mean everyone would have a match or competition every Thursday with no team Byes.

All league members are reminded to take photos and short video clips during a variety of situations throughout the season to provide our Instagram page with a regular flow of varied content for viewers to enjoy, including verbal explanations, tuition and advice.

It was proposed and agreed that the fixture booklet would be reduced in volume for the next season, to include contact details, fixtures and competition rules, but to omit the constitution and winners list. Also information about league social media pages would be added along with a QR code to access live fixtures information given that changes occur during the season that are reflected on the SAGL website.

Matches held at Wilmcote will continue to be ran using 2 bell targets and will start as soon as there are sufficient number of team members present, before 8.30pm.

It was acknowledged that the venue safety risk assessment for Snitterfield would need to be updated when the new building is completed available to access.

There are plans to introduce new inter-league opportunities with Midlands based bell target leagues including Wolverhampton and Bedworth. Again all league members will be informed of plans and be encouraged to get involved.

There will be no summer paper target competition this season.

11. **Nominated Charity** for 2024-25 Season will remain the local Warwickshire Air Ambulance

12. **Rule change.**

One rule change was agreed for the Senior Shield 5.14 competition. The minimum age will rise from 45 to 55. Also the age ranges that attract handicap points will increase to 65-74, 75-84, and 85+ for a handicap of 1, 2 and 3 points respectively. 5.1 scores will be recorded for deciding a draw only.

So, **5.14 THE SENIOR SHIELD** All shooters entering this competition shall be 55 years of age or over on the day of the competition. The competition shall be shot in two halves on different targets, each shooter having 5 shots in each half. A clean bull shall score 5.1. One sighter allowed per shooters on each target. Shooting to be on the following handicap basis:-

Age 65-74 +1 point

Age 75-84 + 2 points

Age 85 & over + 3 points

13. **Safety & Safeguarding summary.** (RG)

An update from R. Groom was read out to the meeting stating that we have had a good year safety wise but need to keep on top of our basic rules of gun handling and essentially everyone to be prepared to step in and stop any unsafe acts at the time they are spotted.

14. **AOB.**

- The order for SAGL logo polo shirts and caps has been fulfilled by Summit clothing and the items will be handed to team captains by A. Clarke over the summer period so that team captains can distribute to their team members for the start of the new season.

- It was noted that more than a few days is required to prepare the annual accounts after the 30 June year end before the AGM meeting, as this year was too tight with competitions and presentation night being

later than usual.

- Everyone is invited to consider opportunities for social events across the season to keep the league members options to participate in the league in different ways other than shooting matches.
- It was noted that some older trophies had run out of space to allow for engraving this year and it was agreed that the league should be prepared to pay for adding space where possible and catching up on missed engraving from previous years.
- D Lake offered to donate 2 old pewter tankards for new trophies for new competitions.
- In future there will be consideration of safer transportation of trophies following minor damage to one on the presentation evening.
- New teams based at Snitterfield (which are expansions of the previous Avon and Avenue teams) were named as Snitterfield A Snipes and Snitterfield B Snipes.

Finally, it was recorded that the league wish to pass on their condolences to G. East following the passing of his wife recently and look forward to welcoming him back to the league matches and events soon.

Meeting closed at 9.32pm

SAGL Vice Chair

Nick Williams