

STRATFORD UPON AVON AIRGUN LEAGUE

Final Minutes of the EGM held on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at Binton Sports & Social Club at 8pm

In attendance: R Groom, W Cemis, N Williams, A&J Smith, S Ray, J Langford, A Clarke, P Clingan, G East, D Lake, S Hodges, A Brookes, J Everett

Meeting started 8.08pm

1. **Apologies** - none received

2. **Minutes** of meeting on 7.12.21 agreed & **Matters arising** - none

3. **Election of Officers:** No expressions of interest to stand against had been received, so all those currently in post agreed to continue. P Clingan proposed that all Officers would stay in position until next AGM in July. Seconded by W Cemis.

4. **Registration fees for 2022.**

At the previous Delegates Meeting, S Ray proposed that the individual fees are raised to Adult £15, those in Full Time Education £10. Seconded by R Groom.

This was S Ray's proposal in writing, distributed to all Delegates after the meeting:

"Dear Secretary, I wish to table the following change to the rules and constitution of the Stratford-upon-Avon & District Shooting League:

That from the beginning of the 2022 insurance year, the League subscriptions be set as follows:

Full member - £15

Student member - £10

Team membership - £30.

I understand that a Special General Meeting has to be called to vote on this proposal and as League Treasurer it is my opinion this change is in the best interests of the League.

The background to my proposal is as follows:

- League funds have decreased by one third in the two years since COVID-19
- Our total income in the last two years has been £25
- Our expenditure for the same period was £1,161 which includes 2 years of NSRA affiliation, insurances, web hosting, engraving and paper targets
- Our annual running costs are £600
- Our pre COVID income generation from circa 80 subscriptions used to comfortably exceed running costs
- Our likely income generation for 2022 at present subscription levels will leave a shortfall in cash and further erosion of League funds
- Subscriptions have not changed for 20 to 30 years and £10 in 1995 is worth around £20 now
- Updating subscriptions to the proposed new levels will stop the losses in the short term."

Timing & clarity of this was debated. S Ray had intended the increase to apply from January 2022 when new registrations were due. R Groom had understood this would apply from next September 2022, the start of the new season. Confusion had arisen since Registration runs Jan-Dec, yet Season runs Sept-June.

Clarification was sought from A Smith about registrations for 2022. So far only 15 members had registered and would be covered for shooting from this week onwards. Others would not be

covered. Team Captains were urged to remind Team members shooting at the Restart Webley that any unregistered members would need to register by Thursday.

S Ray justified his proposal. If everyone who shot Sept-Dec 2021 (about 45 shooters) would continue to shoot this year from January, and if existing individual subs were paid, plus Team subs, this would barely cover the insurances & affiliation fee, web hosting, paper targets & trophy engraving expenses.

J Everett disagreed with raising the subs and wanted to know the reasons why this had been raised. S Ray explained that the insurances had gone up, and had still been payable despite no income over the last 18 months pandemic. Officers were reminded that the financial security of the League would be their liability.

A Vote was held.

To put up the Adult fees £10 to £15 **effective immediately**. For: 13; Against: 1

To put up the Student fees £5 to £10 **effective immediately**. For: 12; Against: 0; Abstained: 2

An adjustment was made to the online registration form so that payments could be made by BACS. Those unable to register online would be able to register on one device via Team Captains on Thursday prior to shooting.

5. Trophy Presentation.

Trophies were handed out to the winners of last season by A Smith.

6. Restart Webley League is due to start this Thursday, shooting at home clubs. Handicaps have been calculated and are on website.

7. Muzzle energy testing. P Clingan reported that there were 3 outstanding guns to be tested, arrangements to be made via League FB page or via Team Captains for testing.

Meeting ended 8.42pm

Jo Langford, Secretary