



STRATFORD UPON AVON & DISTRICT AIRGUN LEAGUE

Final agreed Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024
at Binton Social Club 8pm

Present: R Groom, N Williams, A & J Smith, S Hodges, J Langford, A Clarke, G East, P Clingan, A Brookes,
Apologies: W Cemis

Minutes of Last Meeting (Jan 2nd) agreed as accurate record after amendment made under AOB re Wilmcote target. Matters Arising to be covered under AOB

Treasurer's Report (S Hodges)

Money In

Subs from Individuals - £550.00

Subs Team - £30.00

Money Out

Prizes for Christmas Shoot - £29.00

Bank Balance - £3112.75

Cash - £45.00

Registrations & Subs: After a bit of a chase, we are now in a bit of a better place. Another £150 in subs received on the night. Will update list. SH suggests that all those in RED on updated list are now NOT members of the League and therefore not allowed to shoot.

Suggests date in the Constitution should be amended at AGM. SH: I think at the next AGM the Constitution 3.3 need to change from:-

3.3. Full members must complete a Registration Form annually and pay the membership subscription, fixed at the AGM, no later than the date of the October Delegates Meeting for the calendar year commencing 1 January.

To:-

3.3. Full members must complete a Registration Form annually and pay the membership subscription, fixed at the AGM, no later than the 31st January.

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

a) Report on **Ladies** Competition: 4 entries. Winner was Sam Putnam with 48.4, 2nd Alice Hodges with 44.3

b) Report on **Seniors** Competition: 10 entries. Winner was Rob Dyer with 51.0, 2nd was Graham Whittingham with 48.3 & 3rd was Graham East. Some discussion about whether senior handicaps needed reviewing at AGM.

c) Report on **Youth** competition: 5 entries. Winner was Ben Hodges with 47.1, 2nd was Ryan Slade with 44.2, 3rd was Stephen Hooper

d) Report on **Pairs** Competition final on 23rd Jan: Winners were Nick Williams & Colin Fulford (retained) with 68.3, runners up Andy Smith & Will Cemis with 67.6. This was a tightly fought final, going down to the tense last shot.

e) Report on **Interleague** 2nd leg match vs Evesham on 18th Jan: SAGL won comfortably and retained our trophy. WC says Thank you to all that shot in other fixtures and again for making my job in selecting a team nice & straightforward. The one thing we did take away from the evening was the big screen & camera set up in the target & we may look at this going forwards. Nick was also the overall victor for the Bill Amos trophy for highest overall average.

It also showed that when we next host Evesham, to scale back the food dramatically as Evesham have done & the fact that there were barely any shooters left when it was opened up is something else to be mindful of.

f) **4-a-side** draw: WC: Andy Smith to put together the League averages once the teams are known so people are aware of the handicaps etc. (New shooter Will should have handicap of 28). Entry will be £2 each, to go to charity.

It was understood previously that, should the prelim night be required, Binton A will forfeit their original fixture against Wilmcote. Confirmed that the match will be forfeited.

The draw was as follows:

Prelim 1 on 8.2 MEB v Binton B at Wilmcote
Prelim 2 Binton A v Hodges at Binton
Semis on 7.3 Prelim 2 v Snitterfield at TBC
Prelim 1 v Wilmcote at TBC

g) Roderick Baker on 15th Feb: this is one person from each team plus the winner from last year on a straight knockout basis with the draw taking place on the evening once everyone is there.

Safety & Safeguarding (R Groom) nothing to report

LDC Review/Update (RG)

a) Not much more we can do for shooter development, it's up to them to decide whether they wish to attend practice evenings.

b) Logo'd merchandise: Male & female polo shirts printed with SAGL logo £11.33, Baseball caps £7.43. Small discount for batches of 20. Small fee for logo setup. RG suggests they all be dark blue.

Action: all team captains to fill in an order form (to be generated by NW) & return to RG & pay to Treasurer. RG & NW to check out sizings. SH has access to logo file which can be supplied to manufacturer.

c) Vinyl gun case stickers - to be discussed at next meeting as SH has the info at home. **Action:** SH bring to next meeting.

d) Wolverhampton Shooting group. RG has been back in touch & they are keen to set up a Home & Away match next season 24/25.

e) Internet match discussed some while ago - looks like a no-goer.

f) Over 55 - nothing further to report

g) Kick-starting the Summer Paper Target next summer 24/25. Need to discuss venue, logistics & reduce to Thursday nights to take pressure off venues.

h) New competitions eg 10m. (see below, Snitterfield venue); Dartboard challenge. Lots to consider in terms of venue, logistics.

Publicity, Recruitment & website (AC)

a) Generating new shooters. Posters have been posted physically & as pdfs on 2 Facebook forums in Stratford. FB has had a good response; one person is already signed up (& competing in the 4-a-side!), more came on Sunday night. **Action:** If anyone thinks of any other place to post the poster, please contact Nick for pdf or for A4 posters - please think about locations where they can be put up, check permissions etc.

b) SAGL banner - similar to the one at Snitterfield, worth considering at special events.

c) Social events - RG has asked Snitterfield whether shooters wish to join in with other club events, eg Bingo, Quiz Night, Live bands, Car Clubs. **Action:** AC will ask the same of Wilmcote Club.

d) AC reported that Instagram has had steady increase of followers to 47. Many are current shooters. Problem; how to convert viewers (5-600) to followers. **Action:** videos to be linked on SAGL FB which in turn link to Instagram (AS) . AC has had several people messaging him about how/where to get kit. **AC Urged more content to be sent to him - photos & short videos.** SH has sent AC with list of those who do not wish to be shared on social media.

e) AC been in contact with 2 clubs, one Bedford, one in the South. Interested in a SAGL On Tour weekend shoot & social, Saturday all day shooting, lunch & dinner.

AOB

- **Protection of Wilmcote target** (GE) confirmed door has been fitted. No further action needed.
- **Alcester 41 event** at Wilmcote (JL) confirmed postponed until later in year/season.
- **Snitterfield venue update** (RG) Roof is going on this week. Will have room for 3-4 targets. The rooms will be set up pretty much as before, with skittle alley along the side of the room. When using the League target, can use the width of the room & there's room to shoot 10m
- Graham East was a little embarrassed that he was on a list of those who hadn't paid, and asked that all information was accurate. SH apologised & asked all those in receipt of the list to check their details.
- Wilmcote Clubhouse want to charge £40 a night for use on Sunday evenings to cover cost of heating & lighting. So Sunday evenings are at risk. Ongoing until they have their committee meeting.

Meeting ended 9.18pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th March

SAGL Secretary Jo Langford