

STRATFORD UPON AVON AIRGUN LEAGUE

Draft Minutes of the Delegates Meeting on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at Binton Sports & Social Club

In attendance: R Groom, W Cemis, N Williams, S Ray, J Langford, A&J Smith, S Hodges, P Clingan, A Brookes

1. **Apologies** - G East, A Clarke

2. **Minutes** of May meeting & **Matters arising** - agreed & no matters arising

3. **Treasurer's Report** (S Ray)

No change from last month. Still awaiting £12 for Ladies & Youth Competitions & £15 Snap Shoot monies to be paid in. Steve Everett able to do audit and S Ray & S Hodges will supply him with the information he requires.

4. **Match Secretary's Report** (W Cemis)

Thompson Cup - Since last month's meeting, Avon 187 to Binton A 179, Wilmcote 190 to MEB 180. At the Final, Avon SS 188 v Wilmcote 192 despite possibles from Nick Williams & Colin Fulford. So Wilmcote win the Thompson Cup.

Triple 6 - (A Smith) hosted by Bretforton, shot on 2 targets. Evesham had lost a lot of their top shooters since covid, but new shooters emerging. Evesham scored 171 to Stratford 177, so Stratford victorious by 6 points. It sounds like Redditch is struggling.

Stratford to host next season, probably early in the season. R Groom suggested we need to approach another league - Nuneaton, Bedworth, Herefordshire... **Action: WC to contact Nuneaton**

End of season summary of other competitions - (a) Webley winner Binton B on averages, Wilmcote runners up. (b) Biggest Improvement won by Stephen Hooper, Ben Hodges runner up (c) Baildham Cup Averages winner was Andy Smith, runner up Nick Williams (d) Under 21/25 Youth Derek Power trophy won by Ben Hodges, Stephen Hooper runner up.

5. **Presentation Evening planning (W Cemis)**

a. AS has 21 lines of engraving at c £12 each with engravers

b. Leaflets - AS has emailed data to Jay with request to print.

c. Confirmed: Binton B 7/8, Avon 7, Wilmcote 3-5, Binton 10, MEB 3, Avenue 4. Total 34 min.

d. Food options - cold buffet provided by WC at £7, hot food fish n chips or sausage n chips provided by Chris Green at £6.50. Discussion among delegates settled on cold buffet at £7 a head for 34 pax. Budget £238. Could anyone who has special dietary requirements, please inform W Cemis. There is still a chance to add your name to the list, contact Secretary please.

e. **Raffle - all members are requested to bring raffle prizes for a raffle.** WC to get raffle book.

f. **Cost to all attendees - £8 per head** to cover food, printing, & sundries.

6. Trophies (A Smith). All handed in trophies have been sent to engravers. However, wooden base of Ladies cup still not been handed in by Alison & she still has the C plate. **Action: AS to chase her.**

7. Safety & Safeguarding (RG) - none. S Hodges noticed at Evesham some extremely poor gun etiquette & safety. **Action: WC to raise with Ian.** R Groom said any safety concerns should be dealt with it at that moment with courtesy.

8. LDC (RG) we've got through the year with success after pandemic & looking forward to future.

9. AOB -

a. SH - needs details for Summer Paper Target League - every Thurs & Sunday through Summer (July-start of Sept). PC could not commit to set up & run. Needs 2 people to commit every week for 16 evenings, over 8 weeks. N Williams available to run in August only. Possibly reduce it to 1 month/5 weeks with a rota of helpers. **Action: to confirm at Presentation Night & AS contact Evesham with invitation to join**

b. SH suggested, for something different, a new 10m paper target competition. **Action: Could all interested (if League gun was adjusted to 10m range) please get in touch with their Captain.**

c. NW - on Wednesday evening 7.6, those who came to the Snitterfield Open Day are invited back weekly to continue to shoot. Potential for new members.

d. WC - Avenue Clubhouse is in poor shape, the future of the team is at risk. With several of the team now retired or retiring from it, future of the team is poor, the venue is at risk. Perhaps Tiddington would be a suitable home for them.

e. SR - any proposed changes to rules & constitution should be sent to Secretary and changes made at AGM.

Delegates meeting closed 8.50.

AGM Planning Meeting opened 8.50pm

1. **Election of Officers** - WC willing to stand as Chair but would be pleased to see someone else take on **Match Secretary role**, RG happy to stay on as President & LDC, NW happy to stay as Vice Chair, JL willing to stand as Secretary, SR is handing over to SH as Treasurer, AS wants to stay on as Stats & Website although happy to concede to anyone else, but wants someone to come forward to take on his other commitments. **Match Secretary, Trophy Master, Social Media Officer are available**. Others need to cover these roles & appointing more than one person to some of the more arduous roles might help spread the load. **Action: Anyone else interested in any of these positions please contact Secretary with your Nomination.**

2. **New Life Members** - **nominations are invited for any Life Members.**

3. **Rule changes** -

- a. Pairs - AS proposed that the draw is made on the night.
- b. It was proposed that a the old LDC Blind Pairs competition would be adopted as an official competition, with a new trophy created for Blind Pairs as the Heather Martin trophy, and SH proposed a rule change to select top ranked to bottom ranked.
- c. Please contact Chair or Secretary for any people who should be commemorated in trophies.
- d. Life Members who have passed away need to be placed on Wall of Honour.
- e. **Any other proposed rule amendments to be sent to Secretary**

4. Future of Avenue team was discussed in terms of members & venue. The name Julie Jennings was put forward. Possibly new members might come via Snitterfield shooting open evenings. Tiddington was discussed as a possible venue.

5. Honoraria - it was agreed that a sum of £10 would be paid to Officers.

6. Nominated Charity. This season was Air Ambulance. Proposal to continue with Air Ambulance. Any other proposals to be sent to Secretary.

7. Assets - SR needed an up to date list of assets, including donated & bought guns.

8. Fees - individual of £15 and £10, team of £30 - it was proposed that they would stay the same,

9. Agenda to be distributed to all delegates (JL)

Meeting ended 9.26pm

Jo Langford, Secretary