



## STRATFORD UPON AVON & DISTRICT AIRGUN LEAGUE

Draft Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2024  
at Binton Social Club 8pm

Present: R Groom, W Cemis, N Williams, S Hodges, J Langford, A Clarke, P Clingan.

1. Attendance & Apologies; J Wilby, G East, A & J Smith, A Brookes.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (May) & 3. Matters Arising agreed as accurate record. No Matters arising.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report (S Hodges)

Money In:

4-A-Side Competition - £32 (Binton A, MEB & Team Hodges)

Roderick Baker Competition - £14

Norman Dale Cup - £18

Paper Target Challenge - £32

Subs from Individuals - £30

Blind Pairs Competition - £30

Money Out:

New league trophy - £138.83

Bank Balance - £3466.92

Cash - £24 = £2 W Cemis for Blind Pairs

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

a) Blind pairs since last meeting was well attended with averages ready to work out averages of each pair. Three targets. Notable mini poss Will Dillon, Ben Hodges, Andy Smith. Overall winners Alan Dyer & Will Cemis.

b) Semi Finals of Thompson shot, finals to be shot this Thursday.

c) Presentation Evening: leaflets to be printed after Thompson & winners list to be sent to Adam Clarke for trophies.

#### 6. Safety & Safeguarding (R Groom)

No issues with safeguarding or safety. Especially considering how many new shooters have joined, that's good. Has noticed a lot more cords through barrels which are useful safety measures.

#### 7. LDC Review/Update (RG)

a) Waiting for Snitterfield new venue to open end of July. Have moved all equipment out of old clubhouse.

b) Merchandise (AC) needs payment from Binton B, once it's through, Adam can place order early next week. AC will collect the whole order & distribute at AGM or next Delegates meeting.

c) Still needing to sort dates with Wolverhampton, possibly 18th/25th August or push into September. **Action:** RG to follow up.

d) Date for Bedworth. **Action:** AC to chase dates.

e) 10m new competition will be publicised by AS on calendar to gauge interest. **Action:** Rules & regulations to be discussed.

f) Summer Paper Target Challenge had been agreed to be deferred to next year.

g) Dartboard Challenge to be discussed for next season.

#### 8. Publicity, Recruitment & website (AC)

Instagram - could anyone please send photos or short videos. 61 followers.

#### 9. AOB

WC re Presentation Eve catering, it's proving tricky as caterer Tiffin need to know numbers. All Team Captains please send orders in to Will asap. Cash on the night please.

Meeting closed 8.31pm

## Meeting was reopened for AGM Agenda planning.

1. Attendance & Apologies:
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (last AGM on 13.7.23)
3. Matters Arising
  
4. Treasurer's Report (S Ray) Report to be attached. Copies of audited accounts will be circulated to Steve Everett. Asset sheet needs updating.
  
5. Chairman's/Match Secretary's Report (W Cemis)
  
6. Election of Officers.
  - 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 discussed among Officers whether honoraria were necessary any more. Propose at AGM that they be removed.
8. Life Members. Some names were discussed - any proposals gratefully received on the night.
  
9. Registration Fees for 2024-25 Season. No reason for changing fees, especially as we're back up to 6 teams. Unanimously agreed among Delegates.
  
10. Fixture list & Teams for 2024-25 Season (A Smith & W Cemis)
  
11. Nominated Charity for 2024-25 Season. Proposed Warwickshire Air Ambulance & agreed by Delegates.
  
12. Changes/Amendments to Rules of Shooting (10m paper target) Review of Senior Shield 5.14 was discussed; it will be proposed that the qualification age to be raised to 55; then another proposal to raise handicaps would be 65-69 one point, 70-74 2 points, 75 & over 3 points.  
Officers proposed revamp of Rules & Fixtures booklet, removing some details such as Constitution which can be found on the website & making some details smaller, removing sponsors & adding links to social media such as QR code.
  
13. Safety & Safeguarding summary (RG)
  
14. LDC Review (RG) (see previous Minutes)
15. AOB.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

## Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday July 13th 2023 at Snitterfield Social Club 8pm

1. Apologies: James Wilby, Alan Brookes, Matt & Jason Hemmings, Amanda Hodges
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (last AGM on 7.7.22) all agreed as true & accurate record
3. Matters Arising - none

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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.

### 6. 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.

- 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.

3 additional 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 was concerned about previous discussions which had been rejected about Google searches, but it was explained this was a different platform. 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)

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

### 8. 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

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 5.23 - it is proposed that the LDC 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.

Rule 5.14 SENIOR SHIELD (See AOB)

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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

- 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.