

# STRATFORD UPON AVON & DISTRICT AIRGUN LEAGUE

## Draft Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at Binton Social Club 8pm

Meeting started: 8.01 pm

Present: N Williams, A Smith, J Langford, S Hodges, R Groom, S Ray, G East, P Clingan, A Brookes, J Everett, S Everett

1. **Apologies:** A Clarke, W Cemis, J Smith

2. Minutes of Last Meeting agreed (AGM on 5.7.22) - JL to send to AS to put on website

3. Matters Arising: SR has added us to the NSRA search facility for validation. SH to follow up in due course.

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

The treasurers report is as follows:

Bank balance £3927.65 as per statement dated 29th July 2022

Monies to be paid as follows:

Air Ambulance donation via Stephen Ray - £221.13

Fixture Book Printing - £85.00

Target Plate Plungers - £106.00

Honorariums x 5 - £50

Monies receives as follows:

Target plate plunger (Snitterfield) - £25

Target plate plunger (Binton) - £25

Cash book balance £3,515.52.

Additional receipts: AS owed cheque for £106 & next month will be billing web hosting fee of £59.99 & c. £25 domain renewal

SR will be changing address & recommends we fill in new contact forms for bank. SH app to be co-signatory. **Action: WC & SR to fill in forms.**

5. **Chairman's/Match Secretary's Welcome**

In absence of WC, NW welcomed everyone to the new season.

6. **League Matches & Fixture List for 2022-23 season** (A Smith) - reported we are back to the full complement of fixtures. Some interest from Interleague. Need venue for Senior Shield on 29.9. RG suggested he speak to Lee at Snitterfield to book that venue.

For next delegates meeting AS needs names for individual Whitbread entries please.

Thanks extended to SR for printing booklet.

News that Wilmcote clubhouse would close at 10, AS suggested if teams could arrive ready to shoot earlier than 8.30pm, say 8pm, then matches could start earlier once representatives from both teams had arrived, and both targets to be utilised.

JE said that Avenue could potentially have problems particularly at short notice due to shooter

transport issues. Also half of the team are unwilling to travel to Away matches. Also Depleted teams as an issue came up as a concern by JE. Clarified that teams of 8, but only 6 counting scores, and minimum of 4 shooters & 2 AN Others.

7. **Registrations 2022-23** (A Smith) registration form is available online for new shooters, valid up until Christmas. New one will be made available for 2023.

8. **Changes/Amendments to Rules of Shooting** - Constitution & Byelaws review - (point 4.9) AS confirmed this was in the book & online.

9. **Safety & Safeguarding** (R Groom) none, apart from the reminder always about safe carrying of guns. Keep vigilant.

10. **Stratford Town Trust Grant** (S Ray/N Williams) After AGM, NW contacted Town Trust to check which items could be included in the spending. Logo is now in the booklet. We can now decide what exactly to spend it on. Open question is what would we like the grant to be spent on?

Options:

a) League Practice Training rifle (to be utilised at Wilmcote on Sundays). GE knows there is a gun available for sale, a good investment for the League. Cost is £475 & spend £25 on pellets. This could be counted as a League asset. Discussion about insurance cover, SR to check. Proposed SH, seconded JL. Action: PC to purchase gun & SH to purchase £25 worth of pellets & then claim through Treasurer, providing very clear receipts.

b) SEO. SR gave update on SEO cost, but it would be far more expensive than our grant would cover & therefore out of the scope of the grant. It's vital that, in the near future, we would need this kind of visibility but it would cost about £1000. Action: could all delegates see whether they know of someone with SEO expertise.

11. **Recruitment & Advertising** through local online forums. JL has list but this is on hold due to sensitivity of advertising gun activities. Suitable wording was discussed with a need to change perceptions & emphasise the consistent message is it's indoors and involves skill & discipline & is competitive & social. Action: JL to await final wording from Snitterfield team, who were creating a poster for their clubhouse.

12. **Values statement** - no further feedback from Delegates was received.

13. **LDC Review** (none as RG & NW hadn't had a meeting yet this season)

14. AOB.

a) NSRA had sent an email about proposed Lead pellets ban across all shooting disciplines - please could delegates ALL reply to petition & respond (SR). We are all affiliated so EVERY member is entitled & encouraged to respond. Captains to forward Steve's email to all members & ensure everyone has responded. RG also to respond on behalf of the League. A discussion about the disposal of lead needs a policy, even though the small amount of lead used is contained & not going into the environment.

b) Sensitivity & inappropriateness of team name for Snitterfield (JM) - comment taken on board & it was agreed that name could be changed to Snipes.

c) Monday 19th September, on Sky History channel there's a piece on Bell Target. AS to put on website as a reminder. <https://www.history.co.uk/articles/britains-greatest-obsessions-episode-guide>

d) Walton Lions online match next steps; to arrange a date & assemble kit & do a trial match one

Tuesday.

e) JE was keen for SH to tap the Scouting community & also to do so much ourselves in the way of publicity & advertising. SR agreed that The About Us page on our website needs to include our values, principles & motivation. All photos on website should include captions. **Action: JE, SR & LDC to discuss further and bring up at next meeting.**

f) We are not in the SDC Club list - **Action: JL to contact SDC to add our details.**

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/sport-leisure-arts/sports-club-directory.cfm>

<https://www.nsra.co.uk/index.php/home/clubs/clubfinder/details/37/578>

g) Interest from Ann Harold to attend practice night - **Action: JL to contact her to arrange to come along one Sunday.**

A date of 4th October 8pm was decided for the next meeting, in person, at Binton.

Meeting ended: 9.12pm

Jo Langford, Secretary