



STRATFORD UPON AVON & DISTRICT AIRGUN LEAGUE

Final Agreed Minutes of the Delegates Meeting on Tuesday 3rd October 2023
at Binton Social Club 8pm

Present: R Groom, W Cemis, N Williams, S Hodges, P Clingan, A Clarke, S Ray, G Slade

Apologies: A Brookes, J Langford, A Smith, J Smith, G East

Minutes of Sept Meeting: agreed as accurate record & no matters arising

Treasurer's Report (S Hodges) We have £2,964.61 bank account balance. It was noted that all 2024 teams & individual fees are due by the end of the calendar year. An expenses claim form will be created to enable the Treasurer to track & pay expenses due. This will be stored in a secure area of the website in Excel & PDF formats.

Chairman's/Match Secretary's Report (W Cemis) Both Snap Shoot & Pairs competitions are approaching in November & will be discussed at the next meeting. The Whitbread individual competition will be held on 12th October at Snitterfield, with 26 entries submitted in the meeting from all teams. The Match Sec completed the draw, which will be published on the website.

Safety & Safeguarding (RG) Two notes of caution were raised, and the meeting agreed to pay close attention to any newcomers that join the League; (a) all shooters are to be mindful of safe handling & pointing of rifles when moving them from the case to the firing point (b) one shooter was observed holding a loaded rifle (albeit pointing to the ceiling) on the firing line whilst a marker was positioned at the target. This behaviour needs to be challenged **in the moment** and not saved to be raised at meetings.

LDC Review/Update (RG) an email discussion is in progress. There are currently no plans to meet up due to availability. RG will prompt for responses to the proposals laid out in his group email.

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- Fixture booklets. All team captains to seek opinion from their teams on how useful they find the paper booklets and whether they would be happy to instead refer to the fixture info on the website, with the ability to download & print a PDF version stored on the website. This would be a cost saving and avoid wastage of unwanted booklets.
- The wording of the letter of thanks to Mrs Powers was approved. **Action: N Williams to get address from C Fulford.**
- The Ladies Competition trophy base has not been located. The proposal to source a replacement by P Clingan was approved.
- Advertising posters to attract new League members were proposed and approved in the meeting for 100 x A4 posters at £82 plus a small design cost. A generic SAGL email address should be used & the new Instagram page added. Suggestions for venues/locations to pin them up, in the Stratford area, will be sought in the next meeting.
- S Ray offered to provide advice to the League on the topic of SEO (Search Engine Optimisation) & potential website enhancements to attract more interest in the League.
- The new Instagram page, **Sagl177**, is attracting interest & there has been particular interest in short videos. The meeting was asked to encourage friends & family to follow the page to broaden it's visibility. A new WhatsApp group will be set up for team captains to post photos & short videos (optimum under 10 secs) after each league match or competition. It was suggested that the Website, Facebook page & Instagram page should be linked to encourage more people to see more information on their platform of choice.
- MEB target causing concern to visiting shooters, needing servicing. **Action: WC to speak to Andy Morris**

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th November at Binton

Meeting ended 9.04pm.

Nick Williams