

SVRPC AGM 27th October

Minutes (short version)

Chairman's Report

The Chairman started his report by thanking members for their continued support. He went on to say that it had been a while since the last AGM and that it was time to focus on the structure of the club going forward. Members supported the Chairman in this respect and it was agreed that in future elected members of the Trustees and Shooting Committee would serve a term of two years. However Peter R said that whilst he was prepared to continue as Treasurer if the members wished he would not be prepared to serve beyond next year's AGM. This was duly noted and Peter was thanked for his long service to the club.

Secretary's Report

Ian stated that there had been good attendance at Old Sarum ranges but Bulford had been disappointing due to numerous cancellations as a result of no military presence on Sundays. During the last 12 months we had seen a good level of new members and active membership stood at 22. Ian mentioned that whilst he would be prepared to stand again as Secretary it would only be on the basis that he dealt with the legal/regulatory aspects of the club and that other members assisted in other areas. Ian's request was duly noted.

Treasurer's Report

Peter's report dealt with number of issues that needed to be addressed if the club wanted to continue to remain financially viable. At the end of 2011 we had a surplus of £xxxx and as of 27th October this figure stood at £xxxx. The high level of cash in hand was mainly due to a number of Bulford ranges being cancelled. Additionally membership fees had stood at £180 since 2004. Peter explained that if we decide to use Bulford all day on Saturdays then the current membership would not sustain this. He calculated that the cost of hiring Bulford for the day could approach £7000 taking into account all the fees charged by the MOD and insurance. The membership agreed that to shoot at Bulford all day on a Saturday was a much better option than the half days on Sundays which frequently get cancelled. A discussion ensued about the merits of sharing Bulford with Tidworth which would be a much more viable proposition. It was agreed that the club would approach Tidworth in this respect and that the Shooting Committee would liaise with Tidworth to ensure that our interests were protected in respect of the competitions that we wished to shoot. It was agreed after a short discussion to keep the green fees at £1 per range and Ron N volunteered to collect these.

Finally there was a discussion regarding timely payment of membership fees. It was agreed that the membership fee would remain at £180 to cover the 12 month period from 1st January each year. Members should pay the full amount by 31st January or if they wished to split this into two equal payments of £90 then the first should be paid by 31st January and the second by 30th June. Members can pay by sending a cheque to the Treasurer or by BACS,

Election Of Officers

Trustees

Chairman - Lucas M

Vice Chairman – Simon D

Secretary – Ian FP

Treasurer – Peter R

RCO – Chris S

Shooting Committee

The following were elected en-bloc

1. Ken B
2. Doug M
3. Tony C
4. Tony A
5. Chris S

Volunteers

Derek K agreed to continue as new membership secretary, webmaster and armourer.

Ron N would collect green fees at ranges.

Subject to confirmation Charlie v H.

Hon Life Members

It was agreed that Den W and Mike K would be made hon life members. Den for his service to the club and Mike for his donation of guns to the club.

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Bulford ranges were again raised and it was agreed that the shooting committee would take responsibility to ensure our interests were protected.

It was agreed to keep membership fees at £180. Green fees £1.00.

It was agreed that future competitions would be shot in accordance with club rules. Times would be adhered to and strictly enforced especially at Bulford.

Rob Hs brought up the fact that the club rule book needed to be updated and it was agreed that the Trustees would do this. Hard copy to be sent to new members or for download from the club website.

There was discussion regarding training of new members and the issue of providing shooting certificates. The secretary explained that there is a procedure and form in place and that it required the training officer to ensure that the procedure that assesses new member's competency to be followed. It was agreed that the trustees would review this process and provide a robust procedure going forward that recorded and conformed with NRA guidelines, the fact that any new member had been assessed as competent to the level required in the NRA manual in order for the chairman to issue a shooter's certificate. This especially important for anyone wishing to shoot on an MoD range.

The next AGM would be following the 2013 September range.