

SALISBURY VINTAGE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11th October 2014

The Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls

Members Present

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Apologies

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Chairman's Report

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for attending, and reported that he had decided to dispense with his erudite and witty, but somewhat long, introductory report. In its place he asked members to consider the idea of a social event at Christmas, but that this would be discussed later.

Treasurer's Report

Members were advised that the bank account changed at the end of the year. The account is currently £**** in credit. In the first 6 months of the year £**** was paid in with £**** still outstanding. The surplus was due to cancelled ranges and as a result fees were likely to remain unchanged for the moment. Members were requested to pay on time and were reminded that payments were due on 1 Jan and 30 Jun. If members wished to pay monthly this was permissible and the only requirement was to let the Treasurer know.

Secretary's report

Ian reported that membership was up to 29 (incl probationers) out of a maximum of 30. There was discussion over the minimum number of appearances to maintain an individual's membership and whether there should be a limit in order not to restrict new members from joining. The Chairman pointed out that the club was not in this position yet, that it existed for the members and if people wished to join then a waiting period was not unreasonable. Should there come a time when new members are held up from joining then a review might be required. Ian summarized the difficulties with Landmarc and reported that following his contact the situation seemed to have improved and that Landmarc had got in touch with Tony.

Forecast programme

Tony reported that ranges had been booked until Mar 2015 but that the dates Apr-Dec 2015 remained provisional as Landmarc would not confirm without a license in place for that period. Dates would be confirmed when the new license was issued in Mar. Ranges would include Warminster. The Chairman stated that the Bisley ranges had not been well attended but that those who did go had enjoyed them. In view of the difficulty in attending for the whole day session starting at 0800 he suggested booking for the afternoon only. Ranges cost £324 per day which was good value if well attended. Chris would contact members in Dec/Jan to ascertain who would like to participate. It was agreed that a full day was generally preferred. The likelihood was that longer ranges would be shot in the morning and shorter ones in the afternoon. Bulford would be used to cover 200-400^x shoots.

Christmas social

Views were sought on the idea of running a Christmas social. Members were generally supportive. It was felt that pubs were difficult due to the drinking and driving issue whilst a meal reduced the

pressure. Doug was volunteered to investigate the Airfield café on an Old Sarum day, specifically Sat 13th Dec. Idea was to eat at about 4 p.m. if possible. If this did not work then other venues would be examined.

Purchase of tables

The Chairman suggested that there should be a purchase of tables for use on the Firing Points at Bulford shoots. An example of a folding table available from Screwfix was demonstrated and was generally agreed to be suitable. It was proposed and agreed to purchase two.

Election of Officers

The committee members resigned and offered themselves for re-election. By unanimous agreement the following members were elected en bloc:

Chairman – Simon D

Vice Chairman – Richard G

Treasurer – Lucas MI

Secretary – Ian F-P

Any Other Business

Chris enquired whether a visit to the Infantry and SASC Weapons Collection at Warminster was possible. George pointed out that the layout was now historical rather than by weapon type but that it would be advisable to get the visit organized before Christmas. Cost was a £5 donation per head with a visit time of about 2 hours. After discussion Fri 21 Nov was put forward as the preferred date. Chris will speak to Charlie McKeown at the Collection. Doug suggested that another potential visit for 2015 was the Aviation Museum at Old Sarum.

Charlie reported that the Old Sarum range had been in bad order when taken over that morning and that this should be reported. The Chairman suggested that the range administrator should be contacted and the matter reported to him rather than contacting the last user.

Tony raised a number of issues. Firstly he requested a second point of contact for range issues as he was often out of the country. Lucas volunteered to take this on. Tony also stated that he was happy to do an RCO course. He also pointed out that he had recently received a questionnaire from the NRA concerning home loading. After general discussion the Chairman recommended that any members receiving the questionnaire should complete it but that there might well come a point when the club would be wise to run its own informal courses. For the moment members were advised to be aware of the issue.

Rob H enquired whether, in view of the website, there was still a need for the newsletter. After discussion it was agreed that this was still wanted and the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Rob for undertaking the task.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1655.