

## Torfaen Smallbore Rifle Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Thursday 12th June 2014

### Those Present

Mr. W. Dallimore (WJD)	Chair
Mr. R. Warnes (RW)	Treasurer
Mr. R. Hilborne (RH)	Captain
Mr. C. Potter (CP)	
Mr. M. Crook (MC)	
Mr. S. Tarr (ST)	Vice Chairman
Mr. F. Young (FY)	
Mr. C. Lee (CL)	
Mr. N. Upshall (NU)	
Mr. M. Jamie (MJ)	

Meeting commenced at 7:35

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Mrs. M. Dallimore, T. Wakefield, C. Howard, M Watkins, B Pentland, and Mr. S Cook.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The word hammered had two m's these were accepted. Proposed by ST and seconded by CP

Secretaries Report

- Mrs Dallimore is still in this position and dealing with the police inquiries. It was reported that the NSRA required member's dates of birth.

Treasurer's Report

- RW reported that there was no statement of finances owing to the theft of his laptop. Data had not been backed up. We still have over £11k in the bank and are receiving little interest on this. Ammunition prices were going to rise this year in line with the amount the club had to purchase stock.
- The club shoot was a success with 86 entries, thanks were given to the efforts of Barry Jones and MJ wives is selling tickets and food they had generated £300. The WRSA needed to be thanked for providing some consumables.
- The cost of membership and ammunition was queried in the light of the substantial balance in the bank, but the general feeling was that this money should not be used to subsidise the club general costs. CL said that money needed to be spent on the guns in use during beginner's night.
- NU was thanked for all the work he had done on the range ceiling and floor. This was seconded by the chairman.
- There had been some savings on postage since this was only due on National Leagues.

- A paper report on the club finances for the year would be prepared and submitted and verified.

The acceptance of report was proposed by ST and seconded by CP.

#### Rifle Captain's Report

- RH covered his report which is attached. There had been problems with the range flooding, and due to the loss of members C&D teams had been combined.
- He suggested that the presentation night should be moved to Green Meadow. Also he should have an understudy, since he might well be leaving the club to move abroad in the future.
- The club website has been used for posting scores.
- This year's performance was better than last years, but people still need to nominate themselves for the teams, and cards should be shot in advance.
- WJD thanked RH for his work during the year

The acceptance of report was proposed by ST and seconded by MJ.

#### Chairman's Report

- The Chairman apologised for missing the Christmas and club presentation nights. SC was thanked for arranging the Celtic Manor venue.
- We still need new members and the range had been assessed for use by disabled shooters and development for schools in the next two weeks. A laser rifle may be purchased.
- The council may spend money on the stand to stop vandalism. The damage to the concrete through water leakage has been inspected and is thought to be O.K.
- NU was thanked again for his efforts on the range maintenance
- The club website was a success, it is generating interest in the club, and ST was thanked for his efforts with the website. Thanks were also given to RW those who managed the electronic targets, and helped at the club shoot. Thanks to those involved in the Lowerparc activities were also given.

#### Election of Officers

- Margaret Dallimore will continue as secretary unless someone wants to take the post over.
- Vice Chairman  
Steve Tarr... Proposed by RH and seconded by MC

- Captain  
Robin Hilbourne... Proposed by CP and seconded by ST
- Committee members  
Mick Crook Proposed by ST and seconded by RW  
  
Chris Lee Proposed by MC and seconded by RH  
  
Neil Upshall proposed by RW and seconded by CP

#### Junior Winter Competition.

- ST proposed a competition to start in September, it was agreed that it should not be handicapped. Tuesday night might not be a good night and MC and CL were actioned to look at a way ahead for the committee.

#### Club Website

- Google will identify the club site. Chairman said that £80 could be spent through a contact of CL who could host the website.

#### Committee Meetings

- These will be held every quarter to vet new members, and other things. RW and ST would set these up.

#### Promoting Membership of the WSRA

- Our status as a “Lower Club” in the WSRA meetings could be improved if more of our members were in the WSRA. The cost is £12 and Margaret D issues membership forms, club members were encouraged to join to help promote the club.
- Club membership was declared as 36 although some of these do not shoot and do not have Firearm Certificates. It was stated that the levels of club membership should be seen as more important than club finances. Membership costs were seen as low relative to a golf club, but the balance sheet reserves might be required if we have to find another range.

The meeting was then closed at 8.50

F. Young  
Pp Margaret Dallimore