

## LOTHIAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Myreside Pavilion at 7.30 on 19th May 1994

Present.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 39 members.  
Mr C I H Thomson was in the chair.

### 1. Chairman's Statement

The Chairman referred to two points he had made on this occasion in the previous year. The first concerned the Game Fair at Gosford at which this Association had been asked by the NSRA to help run an air weapons range. About a dozen local helpers were to be required over the three days. That was achieved, and the event was a successful one. However, he was concerned that little had been achieved in the way of publicity for either the Association and its activities or the sport in general, although the NSRA appeared to make a not inconsiderable amount of money out of it. As a result, Bill Hermiston thought that we could do a similar job ourselves on a smaller scale at the local country fairs in the area, with a prime objective of publicising the sport of target shooting, and hopefully attracting new recruits to local clubs. He has been asked, and has agreed, to commence a project with this aim.

His second point concerned the Scottish meeting at Lauder in 1992. Then, the local organisation was a joint arrangement with the Border clubs, with Lothian contributing about 90% of the effort. That meeting was a success, and as the NSRA are still currently looking for a site for next year's meeting, the Executive Committee, after consultation with Ian Stevenson of Lauder, has again volunteered to host the meeting, on the same basis as before. The NSRA have welcomed this initiative, but wish to wait until the meeting at Tain before making an announcement as other areas may still come forward: they do not want the meeting to keep returning to the same place too often.

Finally, he said that despite what might appear to be inactivity on the search for a site for an outdoor range, the hunt is still on. John Buchanan is now the chairman of the subcommittee.

### 2. Apologies.

Mrs A Hamilton and Miss S Bell on behalf of Edinburgh University Rifle Club.

### 3. Minutes.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read, and were duly approved. Proposer D A M McIntosh, seconder C Drysdale.

### 4. Matters arising.

Coaching courses: The Chairman in his role as County Coach said that he was too tied up at work to contemplate running any courses this year, but John Buchanan was doing a course in Fife jointly with a coach there, and there may be scope for running a reciprocal joint one in Lothian later this year.

### 5. Financial Statement

Copies of the Accounts were distributed.

The Treasurer thanked the Clubs for adopting the new system of supplying him with one summary sheet detailing the monies due to him - this had made his job much easier.

He pointed out one anomaly in the accounts - the unspecified item for £163 entered in the Range Account should be for World Cup entries. He also noted that we were carrying a lot of cash reserves (more than £5000) in a Bank of Scotland Treasurer's account. As interest rates were poor just now, he is actively looking at other accounts in which to keep the bulk of our cash at more favourable rates.

There were no questions and the accounts were adopted, proposer C Drysdale, seconder S A Guild.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for doing a hard job. He has simplified the system and made it easier to do. He also mentioned that the Guild & Guild Shoulder-to-shoulder League had not been sponsored directly by that firm last season, but they had in fact donated the entire legal work involved in the negotiations for the Cousland range site, which came to a sum well in excess of the £100 they have donated in past years. The Chairman concluded by saying that Guild & Guild have already provided £100 to sponsor the League next season.

6. Captain's Report.

The County Captain, R A Sellar, gave his report.

He enumerated the many successes achieved by the various County teams in the last year. These included:

BSA Cup	4th	(top Scottish team - the Alexander Trophy)
County Cup	3rd	(top Scottish team - the ICI Shield)
Ladies Long-Range	2nd	(were 1st prior to a challenge)
County 3P	3rd	This team was admonished for not doing better
Bisley 3P	1st	
Lanarkshire County Challenge	1st	(Claymore Trophy)
Cities & Boroughs	1st	

The Postal League team results were:

Main team	3rd	Div 2	(Highest Scottish team)
Main Reserve team	1st	Div 3	
Ladies team	1st	Div 2	
Ladies Reserves team	1st	Div 3	
Junior team	4th	Div 1	
Junior Reserves team	3rd	Div 1	
3P	1st	Div 1	

In addition he congratulated several individual shooters from Lothian who had distinguished themselves during the last year, in particular C W C Ogle for winning the Aggregate at Blairgowrie, W A Murray for winning the Bisley Aggregate, Mrs S J McIntosh for winning the British 3x20 Championship at Bisley, the EU Alumni team for winning the Club 3P championship at Bisley. Also W A Murray won the 3P at the Mini-Games, and Mrs McIntosh the Women's Prone event. C W C Ogle won the SSRA's Prone Grand Prix series, and he himself won the 3P series.

He also congratulated W A Murray, Dr P Littlechild and Mrs S J McIntosh for winning their way through a gruelling series of trials to become part of Scotland's team at the Commonwealth Games in Canada in August: he wished them every success. In the SSRA's Air Rifle championships at Inverclyde, he had to record that he had won the Scottish Confined Championship. A Scott (George Watson's) won the SSRA's indoor Junior championship, but J Boyes (also George Watson's) won the NSRA's Junior indoor Championship for the Dragon Bowl.

Finally he thanked D McIntosh for all the help he had provided in his role as County Teams Organiser.

#### 7. Election of Office Bearers.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr J R Buchanan) nominated C I H Thomson as Chairman and that was seconded by C W C Ogle. There being no other nominations, Mr Thomson was duly elected.

As there had been one nomination for an *ex-officio* post on the Committee, the Chairman proposed to accept an *en bloc* nomination of the existing members for the remaining *ex-officio* posts, excluding that of Shoulder-to-shoulder League Secretary which would be filled by Mr A G E Allan, whose nomination had been received prior to the meeting and the present incumbent was not standing for re-election.

The following were duly elected (proposer A G E Allan, seconder S A Guild):

Vice-Chairman	J R Buchanan
Secretary	W F Hamilton
Treasurer	I Bryson
County Captain	R A Sellar
Postal League Secretary	J R Buchanan
Air Weapons Secretary	Miss S Stewart
Individual League Secretary	D King
Competitions Secretary	D Duff
NSRA Representative	C W C Ogle
County Teams organiser	D A M McIntosh
Awards Convenor	D Duff

There had been two prior nominations for the elected posts, *viz.* C Broughton and J W Hermiston, and these individuals were thus automatically elected. As there were altogether six places vacant (three unfilled from last year, and the three for this), the Chairman asked the meeting for further nominations. None were forthcoming, and the four remaining posts were left vacant. The Chairman deplored the lack of interest from clubs in participating in the running of the Association, and wished that there was more enthusiasm. He announced that if anyone felt too shy to be nominated they could be co-opted, and could approach him after the meeting. [Note: D Proudfoot did so, and was duly co-opted.]

#### 8. Any Other Business.

P May (Balerno & Currie) made an observation to the effect that the problem of getting volunteers may be due to a lack of attendance at the AGM, and potential nominees are not present. He suggested that a survey be carried out to try to find out why there were so few volunteers. The Chairman agreed that this suggestion would be considered.

9. Presentation of Prizes

Mr Norman Brown was invited to present the prizes in recognition his long years of service to the Association. After this duty had been completed, he was then presented with an engraved glass bowl to commemorate those years. In accepting the bowl, Norman said that it had come as a complete surprise, and that the 40 years (plus) had been most enjoyable. The best of them had been while he had been running the 50 yard league at Meadowbank and he said he had appreciated very much all the help he had been given from the rest of the Committee and other volunteers during that time.

Photographs were taken of Norman with his bowl, and also of him and Jim Macvicar with the one he was presented with last year. These would be sent for publication in *The Rifleman*.

The meeting closed at 8.27 with a vote of thanks to the chair, proposed by S A Guild and seconded by W F Hamilton. In his remarks Mr Guild also deplored the lack of volunteers for the Committee, and especially encouraged younger members to make themselves available, as the current incumbents were not getting any younger and would not last for ever.

C. J. H. Norman Chairman  
W. F. Hamilton Secretary  
18/5/75 Date