

LOTHIAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting, held at Myreside Pavilion on 14th May 1998.

Present. See separate sheet

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Mr N Brown, Mrs M Brown, Mr D King, Mr J Gray, Miss B Burnside, Mrs A Hamilton, Mr C I H Thomson, Mr G Fraser, Mr D Proudfoot, Mr R Allan, Miss P Littlechild, Mr D MacIntosh, Mrs S MacIntosh

2. **Adoption of Previous Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

Adoption of the minutes	Proposed	C W C Ogle
	Seconded	S Dunlop

3. **Matters Arising**

- 3.1 Outdoor Range. The association is still negotiating with the West Edinburgh Pistol Club (WEPC) regarding a joint development of the range site at Eddleston. The committee believe that the site represents the best opportunity for an outdoor range and are now looking at ways to raise the capital to improve the site. Inquiries are being made into the possibility of a Scottish Sports Council lottery grant and any fund raising ideas from members of the association would be appreciated.

The WEPC are continuing with improvements to the site, with top soil on order, anyone willing to volunteer their help should contact a member of the committee.

The association is looking for a volunteer to act as the chairperson of the range development sub-committee.

- 3.2 Captain's Report 1997. Mr McDonald had raised a complaint at the 1997 AGM saying that credit was not being given to all shooters who had represented the county. Mr Buchanan read the letter of response he had received from Mrs McIntosh (former captain). In summary Mrs McIntosh suggested that clubs and individuals need to provide the association with full details of performance and achievement in events outside the county. Anything to report should be sent to the captain or the secretary, this would also allow its inclusion in the newsletter.

4. **Financial Statement.**

Miss Bell presented the accounts in an un-audited form; she explained that this was due to the fact that a full set of bank statements had not been received following the death of Mr Bryson (the former treasurer).

Miss Bell raised several main points:

- 4.1 Competition entries were down: the association provides a variety of competitions - clubs and individuals should support these as best they can.
- 4.2 Association clothing, the initial set up charge was highlighted and it was emphasised that this was a one of charge. There are still some items of clothing available.

- 4.3 Tent hire, because of the expense incurred hiring a tent at the Scottish meeting the association has decided only to have a Lothian's tent at Lauder. This decision has been made because there is a higher percentage of association members attending the Lauder meeting and making use of the facility.
- 4.4 Multiple accounts. The range development account has been merged with the main association account. This will improve the amount of interest received.

Miss Bell asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr Buchanan reminded the AGM that the accounts were un-audited and asked for approval in their current state.

Proposed Mr C W C Ogle Seconded Mr C Broughton

5. Captain's Report

NSRA Leagues. The captain read the county teams results (details available from the vice-captain). The county league teams had not been as successful this year, partly due to their promotion to division one. He thanked everyone who had shot in the teams and gave a rallying call to all future team members. He went on to stress the need to raise the standard for each round by 5-10 points, that would be only 1/2 to 1 point per person.

The National meeting, attendance at Bisley by association members had been poor in the previous year and this had caused problems forming county teams. The captain emphasised the benefits of shooting in the open and hoped that more association members would attend next year. He added that results from Bisley should be published nearer the meeting, and suggested their inclusion in the newsletter.

Summer Competitions. Results from last year's summer competitions were read out (details available from the vice-captain). The Provincial Cities and Boroughs for the next year has already been shot. The captain thanked everyone who had taken shot in the teams.

The Captain closed his report by wishing Bill Gibbon a speedy recovery following his surgery. Mr Buchanan thanked the Captain.

6. Election of Office Bearers

The Vice-President, Mr Buchanan, explained that Mr Thomson had agreed to stand for one final year, and added that Mr Thomson was doing sterling work with the outdoor range. Mr Buchanan nominated Mr Thomson for President; this was seconded by Mr C Drysdale. There being no other nominations, Mr Thomson was duly elected as President of the Association. Mr Coates nominated Mr Buchanan as vice chairman; this was seconded by Mr Ogle, there being no other nominations Mr Buchanan was elected.

The Vice-Chairman intimated that he would accept an *en bloc* nomination for the remaining committee posts. Mr Buchanan read a list of those currently standing, and asked for nominations from the floor.

There being no other nominations, the following were duly elected:

Treasurer	Miss S Bell
Captain	C W C Ogle
Secretary	A M Coates

Postal League Secretary
Air Weapons Secretary
Individual League Secretary
Shoulder to shoulder League Secretary
Competitions Secretary
NSRA Representative
Awards Convenor

J R Buchanan
Miss S Stewart
D King
R A Sellar
D Duff
C W C Ogle
D Duff

Proposed by Mr W Grant Seconded by Miss P Littlechild

Mr Buchanan pointed out that at last years AGM the position of County vice-captain had not been filled; following the AGM Mr Jackson had been co-opted to the post. Mr Buchanan proposed Mr Jackson for the position; this was seconded by Mr Ogle. There being no other nominations Mr Jackson was elected vice-captain.

The retiring ordinary committee members this year were Mr Hermiston and Mr Broughton, both had indicated that they would be willing to stand again and were therefore re-elected. Mr Buchanan explained that the sad death of Mr Bryson had left a further ordinary committee member position needing to be filled. A nomination received from Mr T Brown was accepted. Mr Brown was elected to fill the two remaining years of Mr Bryson's term.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Mr Drysdale reported that Musselburgh Rifle Club was offering a quantity of material that could be used to develop the outdoor range at Eddleston. Railway sleepers and wood from the old firing point at Musselburgh would have to be moved by members of the association but it was being offered as a donation. As yet the National Trust have imposed no date by which the site must be cleared.

7.2 Mr Wilkie asked if the association had a budget for the development of an outdoor range. Mr Buchanan gave details of the 50/50 funding available from a Scottish Sports Council Lottery Grant. Mr Wilkie again pointed out that some form of fundraising and / or sponsorship would have to be undertaken to raise capital for range development. Mr Buchanan agreed and added that the West Edinburgh pistol Club had already contributed £8,000 to development of the site. If the association were to establish a partnership with the WEPC we would be expected to contribute at least the same amount and pay an equal share of the site lease.

Mr Hind asked what the WEPC were intending on using the range for, Mr Buchanan replied that it would be gallery rifle and black powder. The site has an 18-year lease.

8. Presentation of prizes.

Bill Grant was asked if he would present the prizes, which he agreed to do.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.15pm with a vote of thanks to the chair.

C. J. H. Thomas Chairman
W. J. H. Marshall Secretary
17.5.97 Date

Lothian Smallbore Shooting Association
Year Ended 31 March 1998

Income	1998	1997	Expenditure	1998	1997
Admission Fees	230.00	305.00	Postage & Stationery	203.01	141.35
			Poze Money	41.00	0.00
Competition Entries			Engraving	226.45	266.78
Postal	198.00	234.00	Range Hire	30.00	0.00
Shoulder to Shoulder	30.00	95.00	Presentation	72.75	0.00
CYOH	42.00	46.00	County Team	159.25	299.51
Individual Air	44.00	54.00	NSRA	215.00	214.00
Individual Postal	186.00	188.00	Entry Fees	34.00	65.75
Individual Champs	119.00	27.00	Score Cards	0.00	38.75
World Cup	370.00	246.00	World Cup	653.55	146.88
Coaching	271.41	0.00	Cladding	342.57	0.00
Donations	0.00	101.00	Ornaments	0.00	150.00
Air Weapons	0.00	2,000.00	Bank Charges	0.00	75.00
Tent Income - Scottish	0.00	64.00	Tent Hire - Scottish	0.00	150.00
Interest	206.64	139.66			
Total	1,817.05	3,509.16	Total	1470.62	1660.74
			Surplus for year	337.43	1939.42
	1,817.05	3,509.16		1817.05	3509.16
Cash:					
	1998	1997			
Cash B/F	6,938.48	4,096.07			
Surplus for year	337.43	1,939.42			
	7,275.92	6,035.49			

(Not said at meeting but meant to:- Thanks to Angus Jackson without whom even the little that I managed to do right would probably not have been done!!!)

County results from last year :-

Indoor

Provincial Cities and Boroughs	?
Commonwealth Cities	1st of 4
BSA Cup	19th of 25
County Women's	4th of 13
Outdoor	
County Cup	10th of 20
County Long Range Women's	5th of 18
County 3-P	1st of 6. British record.
Scottish County Sextette	4th on count-back

I've run through the individual results of the Scottish & Bisley meetings in the newsletter so I'll spare you those. Suffice it to say that along with all the good results of the usual suspects it was good to see such excellent results from the contingent from Watsons. We can but hope that it is but the start of long and successful shooting careers.

There were many other fine performances through out the summer from Lothian shooters - too many to mention here. These should really be published in newsletters nearer the time to keep people aware of what is going on. After the smoke had cleared it is good to note that Sue Bell, Martin Sinclair & Donald McIntosh had made it into the GB squads. Also there were 9 Lothian shooters representing Scotland or Ireland at the 2nd Shooting Championships in Malaysia. Sue, Martin, Donald, Lynda, Shirley, Trish, Beverley, Ronnie and myself. Unfortunately Shirley won the only medal but hopefully there will be better luck in September at the Commonwealth Games for which Shirley, Sue, Trish, Martin and Ronnie have been nominated to the Scottish Games Council. Hopefully yours truly will also be there.

This years Indoor results have not been too good.

Main Team	6th div 1
Women's team	4th Div 1
3-P	2nd Div 1
Air rifle	3rd Div 1
Junior	5th Div 1
Main Reserves	3rd Div 3
Womens Res	6th Div 1
Junior Res	1st Div 2

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Attendance Register

Annual General Meeting 14 May 1998

Name (please print)	Signature	Club Represented
D DUFF	[Signature]	ROBERTSON
J R BUCHANAN	[Signature]	MASONIC
G N SHERMAN	[Signature]	MASONIC
Roy M. GIBSON	[Signature]	CANON UNIVERSITY
A M COOPER	[Signature]	MASONIC
S MILLAR	[Signature]	MASONIC
J H HIND	[Signature]	P & C
J W SCOTT	[Signature]	PSHH
M COOPER	[Signature]	GEORGE WATSON COL PG
A Kelly	[Signature]	"
Gordon Cox	[Signature]	"
R GILROY	[Signature]	LRT RIFLE CLUB
J FORBES	[Signature]	LRT RIFLE CLUB
J SATTLE	[Signature]	LRT RIFLE CLUB
J CLIFTON	[Signature]	LRT "
A JACKSON	[Signature]	P.A. ALUMNI
C THOMSON	[Signature]	DIXIE BULLDOGS
W F HAMILTON	[Signature]	MASONIC
SMITH CAMPBELL	[Signature]	MASONIC
W J STAN	[Signature]	GALENS & CULLIE
J B WILKIE	[Signature]	GAS F.P.
C DRAGON	[Signature]	MASONIC
A S HORN	[Signature]	GALGIES CLUB
C RAYNE	[Signature]	MASONIC
J F BIRSE	[Signature]	HERIOT (F.P.)
BANK LITTLE	[Signature]	EU PLUM
PURMAN	[Signature]	P.A. ALUMNI

