



LOTHIAN SMALL-BORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 106th Annual General Meeting of the Lothian Small-Bore Shooting Association, held at the Balerno and Currie range on 26th May 2011.

Chair: J R Buchanan

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs. A. M Hamilton, Mr A Patterson, Mr S MacKenzie, Mr N Georgeson, Mr W Vaughan .

2. Minutes of the 105th AGM on 11th June 2010.

Adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM was proposed by W F Hamilton and seconded by J Hind.

3. Matters arising from Minutes of the 105th AGM on 11th June 2010.

J R Buchanan reported that the 2010 Commonwealth Cities match has been shot, but the team was unsuccessful and did not win. The 2011 Commonwealth Cities match has been shot and we are waiting for the competition to close and for the final results.

4. Chairman's Report

The chairman's report was short. Mr Buchanan said that there would be no Cities and Boroughs match this year due to a very low number of entries.

Mr Buchanan thanked Mr Hamilton for his service to the Association, which, at times he has run almost single handed. Mr Hamilton has said that he wishes to relinquish the County Captain position. Mr Buchanan said that Mr Hamilton had been an extremely good County Captain and would be very much missed. However, he hopes that a volunteer would come forward at the election of office bearers to take on this job.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer distributed copies of the accounts and highlighted that as yet these had not been inspected. He reported that the previous years accounts had been inspected and passed by Mr C R G Paul of Masonic RC.

This year the Association has made a small loss. Partly due to reduced numbers of entries for the individual competitions and partly due to increased spending on trophy engraving. The reduced individual entries were attributed to the snowy weather experienced at the time when entries were due.

Miss Burnside asked if the closing date could be brought forward to coincide with team entries. It was pointed out that entries could be made early and the Treasurer confirmed that he was willing to accept very early entries.

Mr Hamilton asked whether entry fees should be increased to help reduce a future deficit and the meeting agreed to increase the entry fee for the World Cup competition by 50p to £5.00.

Mr Hamilton asked if an interest bearing account could be opened to keep most of the £7000 balance in. In this way it would earn some money. The Treasurer said that he would investigate the options.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr Duff and seconded by Miss Burnside.

6. County Captain's Report.

There were insufficient members at either the Scottish or Bisley meetings to make up a County Sextette.

The main county team shot in division 3 last season, for the first time in living memory, and ended up fourth. Congratulations to Alasdair Horne for having the highest team average of 99.5. The main reserves shot in division 5 and finished fourth. The best average was achieved by Chris Watson of Heriot's with 97.0. In the County Knock Out the team exited in round two, as usual.

The women's team were in division 1 where they gave good account of themselves and finished third. Beverley Burnside had the best average of 98.5. For the first time in many years a women's B team was formed. Unfortunately they failed to win any matches. Top average was Helen Jones of Edinburgh University with 95.9.

The Junior team was placed in division 2 and finished third. Jonty Barron of George Watson's had the best average of 97.0. The Junior B team was inexperienced and their scores were erratic. They finished fifth in their division with Callum Seale of Watsonians topping the averages with 94.9. The 3P team finished third in division 1, one place up from last season. Martin Sinclair had the best average of 283.3.

Three shooters qualify for a County Award this season. They are: J Hind of Pathhead, A Hay of Redcraig and G Buchan of Heriot Watt. The County Medal goes to Miss B Burnside.

In the annual matches, the county teams came 5th in the BSA Cup, 5th in the Women's Indoor Match, 2nd in the Commonwealth Cities and 3rd in the SSRA Inter-Region shoot.

The County Captain thanked everyone who participated in all of the teams last season. He also expressed his gratitude to the NSRA for their flexibility during the snowy weather during the winter, which had made shooting cards on time impossible. Mr Hamilton asked whether the meeting would agree to him sending a letter of thanks to the NSRA and the meeting assented. Mr Hamilton then went on to explain that he is standing down as County Captain as he is doing too many shooting administration jobs, a situation that is not good for him neither is it good for the Association as the workload should be spread out more. He warned that if no one was proposed at the election of office bearers then without a County Captain there would be no County team shooting next season.

Mr Buchanan reiterated his thanks to Mr Hamilton for all of his work as County Captain.

1. NSRA Representative.

Mr Buchanan said that he had attended two meetings this year, in his capacity as NSRA rep. He reported that the NSRA was letting out part of their building to the police for a fee of £60,000 p.a. He also said that NSRA staffing is likely to be reduced. Mr Aitken has handed in his notice but his current status seems unclear as he is still organising the Scottish and Bisley meetings this year.

2. Items of Business

None were received

3. Election of Office Bearers.

J R Buchanan asked for nominations and for volunteers to put themselves forward for the open positions of President (Chair), Secretary or Treasurer and County Captain. The following office bearers were proposed unopposed:

Chair - No nominations

Vice Chair - J R Buchanan, proposed by J Scott, seconded by D Cummings

Secretary - C Broughton, proposed by J Buchanan, seconded by Miss B Burnside

Treasurer - C Broughton, proposed by W F Hamilton, seconded by D Proudfoot

County Captain - No nominations

The following were nominated on block by J R Buchanan and seconded by J Hind

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League Secretary - W F Hamilton,

Team Postal League Secretary - W F Hamilton,

Awards Secretary - D Duff,

NSRA Rep. - J R Buchanan,

Individual League Secretary - D Cummings.

4. Other Business

Mr D Cummings announced that the Dalkeith Rifle Club will be wound up, with any remaining members joining Prestonpans.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm and was followed by the Prizegiving. Mr Buchanan thanked the Balerno and Currie Rifle Club for the use of their club house for the meeting.

Attendees:

D Cummings - Dalkeith

C Watson - Heriot's FP

A Parlett - Pathhead

E Brown - Selkirk

C Cummings - Dalkeith

N Fraser - Edinburgh Civil Service

D Duff - Prestonpans

J Scott - Pathhead

C Broughton - Masonic

F Gifford - Balerno & Currie

Miss B Burnside - Watsonians

D Proudfoot - Edinburgh Civil Service

D McConnell - Redcraig

K Karle - Balerno & Currie

J Hind - Pathhead

J. R. Buchanan - Masonic

W. F. Hamilton - Watsonians