

LOTHIAN SMALL-BORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 109th Annual General Meeting of the Lothian Small-Bore Shooting Association, held at the Balerno and Currie range on 15th May 2014, at 7:45pm.

Chair: J R Buchanan

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr W F Hamilton, Mr C Seale.

2. Minutes of the 108th AGM on 23rd May 2012.

Graeme Fraser pointed out a typing error under item 9; the end of line 2 should be "County Captain", and that the representative from the Civil Service club was Mr. J Morrison.

Adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM was proposed by Ian Thomson and seconded by Brian Aitken.

3. Matters arising from Minutes of the 108th AGM on 23rd May 2012.

Ian Thomson reported on progress with the outdoor range. He said that he had arranged for Mr. A Aitken of the NSRA to visit the site and as a result of that visit the landowner withdrew his offer, which brings that opportunity to a close.

John Buchanan said that Edinburgh had won the Commonwealth Cities match and that the NSRA competitions department has communicated that they will offer a free entry again for this season.

4. Chairman's and NSRA Representative's Reports.

Mr. Buchanan's reports (items 4 & 7) are combined as one.

John Buchanan said that he had attended only one NSRA representatives' meeting during the last year. He explained that he attended with two responsibilities; as LSSA Representative and as SSRA Observer. He said that he felt that there was not much that was relevant to Scotland discussed at the meetings and that he was not planning to attend the NSRA AGM due to timing issues.

Mr Buchanan spoke about the NSRA scoring course that was held recently and thanked Bill Hamilton for his work in organizing the event. The course was well attended over two days by members of affiliated clubs and that means that there are a significant number of qualified scorers in the region. In light of this, JRB floated the idea that perhaps the Association should request that qualified scorers only are allowed to score for the Associations locally scored competitions.

5. Treasurer's Report

Carl Broughton presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014. He highlighted that this year the Association's revenue was higher than last and a profit of £159.55 was made. Revenues were up for most competitions with a decline only in the shoulder-to-shoulder league entries and the Choose Your Own Handicap competitions.

As always, the World Cup competition was the greatest contributor to revenue and Carl thanked Bill Hamilton for his continued work on that event. Carl also remarked on the affiliation of Merchiston Castle School, which was new for this season, and that it was encouraging to have more young shooters joining the Association. Unfortunately neither Edinburgh University RC or the Alumni club affiliated this year and Carl said he would try hard to get them back on board for next season.

The Association finished the year with £7,969 in the bank.

6. County Captain's Report.

Brian Aitken reported the results for the County teams for the past season.

As noted before, the County team had won the Commonwealth Cities Competition. In the winter leagues, the Main Team finished 4th in their league, mainly held back by some low scores at the beginning of the season. The Reserves Team finished 5th and Brian explained that he had had some difficulties fielding a full team. The women and the juniors had been much more successful, both winning their respective leagues. Both teams had produced very good and very consistent scores.

Brian thanked Ian Thomson and Bill Hamilton for their support through the season.

Ian Thomson asked about entering other county competitions. JRB said that the Association used to enter the Provincial Cities and Boroughs competition, but it was probably too late to enter this year. Ian offered to enter a team in the County Sextet at the Scottish Meeting in Lauder, if there were sufficient members shooting.

7. See item 4

8. Items of Business

8.1. Amendments to the rules for the Shoulder-to-Shoulder League.

Carl presented a revised set of rules that Bill Hamilton produced to clarify the method for choosing a winner in the event of a tie, to replace the previous method of a tie-break shoot.

The meeting reviewed the proposed revisions and agreed to adopt them as written. They will be published on the Association's website.

8.2 Proposal for an additional Shoulder-Shoulder league.

Angus Paterson canvassed opinion amongst the affiliated clubs for the proposal to setup a shoulder-to-shoulder league for teams of veterans (over 55). He said that he received only seven replies and that there was insufficient support to proceed with this idea.

9. Election of Office Bearers.

Duff announced that he would not be standing again as Awards Convener. John Buchanan Thanked Dougie for all of his work over the years and said that this left the Association with a vacancy that would need to be filled as management and preparation of trophies was an important part of what the Association did and it should not be expected that one of the current executives would pick up this role. He asked for a proposal or volunteer from the floor but none was forthcoming.

JRB asked for a proposal to re-elect the current management committee, with the exception of the

post of Awards Convener, en bloc. This was proposed by Angus Paterson and seconded by Ian Thomson. The management committee for 2014-15 is therefore as follows:

Chair - Vacant
Vice Chair - J R Buchanan
Secretary - C Broughton
Treasurer - C Broughton
County Captain – B Atkinson
Shoulder-to-Shoulder League Secretary – A Paterson
Team Postal League Secretary – J Buchanan
Awards Secretary - Vacant
Individual League Secretary - D Cummings
Management Committee member – C Watson

10. Other Business

None

The Secretary thanked Balerno and Currie Rifle Club for the use of their club room for the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

Attendees:

G Fraser – Civil Service	R Thomson - Watsonians
C Watson – Balerno & Currie	P May – Balerno & Currie
W T Vaughan – Selkirk	B Atkinson – E U Alumni
F Gifford – Balerno & Currie	J Hind – Pathhead
J Scott - Pathhead	I Thomson - Watsonians
D McConnell – Redcraig	A Paterson - Prestonpans
C Watson – Heriot'	C Broughton - Masonic
D Duff - Prestonpans	J. R. Buchanan - Masonic