

LOTHIAN SMALL-BORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 110th Annual General Meeting of the Lothian Small-Bore Shooting Association, held at the Balerno and Currie range on 14th May 2015, at 7:45pm.

Chair: J R Buchanan

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Mr W F Hamilton, Mr K Karle, Mr. B Atkinson and Mr. A Paterson.

2. Minutes of the 109th AGM on 15th May 2014.
The Secretary identified that Brian Atkinson's name had been misspelt.

Adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM was proposed by I H Thomson and seconded by D McConnell.

3. Matters arising from Minutes of the 109th AGM on 15th May 2014.
Ian Thomson confirmed that no further action has been taken on pursuing an outdoor range. John Buchanan said that despite receiving a free entry into the Commonwealth Cities match, a full team of 15 shooters were not available and therefore Edinburgh had to withdraw.

4. Chairman's and NSRA Representative's Reports.
Mr. Buchanan's reports (items 4 & 5) are combined as one.

John Buchanan said that he had attended two NSRA representatives' meeting during the last year. He explained that the NSRA ran a re-scoring exercise for locally and centrally scored cards this past season and found a wide variation of accuracy and evidence of poor practice, including unsigned and un-witnessed cards. The NSRA is proposing to run a similar exercise next season.

At the last NSRA meeting there was a discussion on promotion and demotion of shooters within teams. Ian Thomson gave some background information about why changes to the rules were being considered. Mr. Buchanan said that an announcement regarding any rule changes would be reported in The Rifleman.

5. See item 4

6. Treasurer's Report
Carl Broughton presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015. He highlighted that entries for the World Cup competition were down this season but individual league entries were up. Overall the income was slightly less than last year, but expenditure on trophies and engraving was down (due to a lack of Awards Convener) so the profit was slightly higher at £214.70.

The Association finished the year with £8,183.70 in the bank.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by J Scott and seconded by S Mackenzie.

7. County Captain's Report.

Mr Atkinson was not present at the meeting but sent in a report which is appended to these minutes.

B Mr Buchanan announced that Brian Atkinson would be standing down as County Captain and thanked him for his work over the last few seasons.

8. Items of Business

Revised draft versions of the Association's constitution and byelaws had been distributed prior to the meeting along with some rule changes to the postal leagues. The Secretary explained that the documents presented were redrafted to correct some of the vocabulary and language used that was not applicable to the Association and also to reintroduce some items that were lost from the previous constitution when the new one was adopted. Changes to the Postal Leagues rules were to allow for local scoring.

8.1. Amendments to the Constitution

Adoption proposed by S Mackenzie and seconded by I Thomson.

8.2. Amendments to the Byelaws

Adoption proposed by I Thomson and seconded by J Hind.

It was proposed that the new rules should state the time required for locally scored cards to be kept. The meeting agreed that cards should be kept until the AGM in May.

8.3. Amendments to the Individual Postal League Rules

Adoption with the change detailed above was proposed by S Scott and seconded by C Mackenzie.

8.4. Amendments to the Team Postal League Rules

Adoption with the change detailed above was proposed by S Scott and seconded by C Mackenzie.

9. Election of Office Bearers.

John Buchanan restated that Brian Atkinson was standing down as County Captain and said that this left the Association with a vacancy that would need to be filled. He went on to say that the positions of Awards Convener and County Captain were critical to the functioning of the Association as management of county teams and running competitions for which trophies and prizes were awarded was an important part of what the Association did. He asked for proposals or volunteers from the floor for a County Captain and an Awards Convener but none was forthcoming.

JRB asked for a proposal to re-elect the current management committee, with the exception of the post of County Captain en bloc. These are:

Vice Chair – J R Buchanan

Secretary – C Broughton

Treasurer – C Broughton

NSRA Representative – J R Buchanan

Shoulder-to-Shoulder League Secretary – A Paterson

Team League Secretary – J R Buchanan

Individual League Secretary – D Cummings

Competitions Secretary – D Duff

Committee Member – C Watson

This was proposed by J Scott and seconded by D Duff.

Mr. Buchanan asked the meeting to go back to their clubs and ask for people to volunteer for one of the vacant positions. He also asked the secretary to write to all clubs to try to find people to come forward.

10. Other Business

Ian Thomson gave a short explanation of the developments with the Scottish Target Shooting Federation (STSF), which is soon to be the governing body for all target shooting in Scotland (smallbore, fullbore, pistol and clay). STSF should be able to access funding from Sport Scotland and it is hoped that it will develop a national shooting centre for Scotland. Mr. Thomson said that the membership of the current four associations view this as a positive change for shooting in Scotland and he hoped that it would promote grass roots shooting in addition to elite shooters.

Mr Buchanan thanked Balerno and Currie Rifle Club for the use of their clubroom for the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

Attendees:

W T Vaughan – Selkirk

F Gifford – Balerno & Currie

J Scott - Pathhead

D McConnell – Redcraig

C Mackenzie – Heriot's F.P.

D Duff - Prestonpans

S Mackenzie – Heriot's F.P.

J Hind – Pathhead

I Thomson - Watsonians

C Broughton - Masonic

J. R. Buchanan - Masonic