



SURREY COUNTY SMALL- BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the above Association held
At Surrey Rifle Association Club House Bisley at 8pm on 24th March 2022.

Minutes

Attendance

Geoff Doe (Worplesdon) was in the Chair

Present: G Rees (Carshalton), P Jones (Bookham), L Jones (Bookham), A Leech (Wimbledon Park), S Bradbury (Worplesdon), T Hammond (Bookham), D Brigden (32/61st), I Pettett (Wandsworth), Peter Horwell (Ewhurst), Sue Horwell (Ewhurst), Wesley Barker (Leatherhead), J Millar, S Postlethwaite (Bookham)

1 Apologies for absence

M Newman (Surbiton), Ian Potts (Surbiton), J Leech (Wimbledon Park), M Mercer (Addiscombe), S Howe (Lingfield & Dormansland), Anthony Willis (Long Ashton), B Compton (Carshalton), T Bedwell (Bletchingley)

2 To approve the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of previous AGM were e mailed out and consensus on being a true record.

Proposed by: T Hammond (Bookham)

Seconded: L Jones (Bookham)

3 Matters arising from Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

None

4 To receive the reports of the Chairman, Officers and Discipline Captains

Chairman, Rife Captain, Ladies Captain and Benchrest Captain presented their reports. Other captains had nothing to report.

5 To receive the Statement of Accounts and Scrutineer's Report

Copies of the Accounts had been circulated with the minutes

The Accounts, as tabled at the Meeting, had been signed off by our Scrutineer as circulated. The accounts, as presented, were approved by the Meeting

Proposer: A Leech (Wimbledon Park)

Seconded: D Brigden (32/61st)

6 To elect office Bearers and Committee

The President passed the chairmanship of the meeting to the Chairman, Mr Peter Jones, Re-election of President. Geoff Doe re- elected as President. Motion was carried unanimously.

Re-election of Vice Presidents. Alistair Buchan, Peter Hicks, Stephanie Postlethwaite, were duly re-elected. Chairmanship reverted to the President.

All other officers and Members of the Committee were willing to stand for re-election. It was Therefore, proposed that they be re-elected by means of a block vote.

Proposed: S Bradbury (Worplesdon) Seconded: S Postlethwaite (Bookham)
motion carried unanimously

No nominations received for the vacant positions:

- Awards Officer
- Vice-Captain
- Coaching co-ordinator
- Junior Captain
- Air Pistol Captain

These vacancies will be managed by the Committee and suitably qualified individuals may be co-opted as needed. Clubs were encouraged to canvass their members for volunteers to take on the vacant positions.

- Rifle Open Meeting organiser: P Duxbury has taken on this role.

7 To elect an Independent Scrutineer

A motion proposed by T Hammond (Bookham) and seconded by J Millar that Jon Leech be confirmed as independent examiner for the forthcoming year.
Carried unanimously

8 Any motions received

None

9 Any Other Business

- Discussed vacant positions and posting job descriptions on website to see if we get anyone. Most urgent is Awards officer.
- Discussed new website and that it is a work in progress. Chairman's report explained the need for change of website and competition process. Previous results will be added.
- Comp handbook – Teams back to 5 members. Final shooting dates set by D Goodfellow (chief stats) and back to pre-covid fortnightly dates. Committee to review a couple of rules for clarity following changes during lockdown due to covid.
- Thank you to Sue and Peter Horwell for taking on the benchrest at short notice. They are making progress and doing a good job.
- G Doe is running the Bisley centenary meeting this year and would like help in May to sort out the century range for the targets. Dates are 9-12th May and 16-18th May. Please contact Geoff if you can help on any days. Will also need volunteers to help with the meeting and packing up on the final day.

Meeting ended at 20.40hrs

G Rees
Hon Secretary 25.03.2022

Reports

Surrey County Small Bore Rifle Association AGM

Chairman's 2021 Report

2021 was another year of stop/start shooting and Covid restrictions which meant that the county didn't organise shoulder to shoulder shoots and many shooters had less opportunity or inclination to attend their clubs.

Throughout, the committee has been meeting and taking decisions to try to encourage and support shooting in the county, including free competition and reduced leagues with flexibility on shoot-by dates and the like.

Hopefully we've now turned the corner and the association is planning an almost full programme of in person and much league competition this year, subject to our having enough people available to organise and run everything.

Due to the sad demise of our much-loved Vice President Colin Powell and LSR Captain David Sprigg, and Paddy Hicks moving away and stepping back from some of her myriad responsibilities, we have had hiccups and organisational changes that are still bedding in, so please bear with us and if you can offer any help, please come and talk to anyone on the committee. I want to thank Paddy for everything she has done and continues to do and also to our President, Geoff Doe, for stepping in and finding temporary accommodation for our trophies.

I would also like to thank Jeanette Leivers for everything she has done to support the association as she steps down as Pistol Captain and I know that she will continue to support shooting in the county through the Target Shooting School and hopefully also at the Air Gun Meeting in November.

Likewise, Andy McGarty has stepped down as Webmaster after supporting us from Devon for many years. Thanks so much Andy. Harry Sutherland-Hawes has been helping with our new website and Colin Hudson had stepped in as LSR Captain. Thanks both for all your support and enthusiasm as we work through quite a period of change.

I trust all the other reports have filled you in on everything that has been going in with shooting during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the clubs and shooters for your support during these testing times. Sometimes some patience has been needed, but I hope that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and that we can return to some sort of normality soon; world events permitting.

Peter Jones
Chairman
24 March 2022

Rifle Captain annual report March 2022

A team of 12 (reduced from team 20 from 2020) was entered for Inter/County short range 2020-2021 Winter League. Team was shooting in the Division 1. Competition was reduced to 5 rounds due to COVID19 restrictions and closed clubs. Team has finished in the last 6th position due to one

shooter's lost cards in the post and no proof of posting available. Subsequently, Surrey team got demoted to Division 2 for the next season.

Currently, after Round 7 we are leading Division 2 and hoping to end the season well so we could get promoted back to Division 1.

Usually in May we would take part in Marks and Invicta Shields competition (shot by home counties - Surrey, Kent, Essex, Middlesex, Hertfordshire and hosted by different county each year. Competition is shot at all distances: 20shots @ 50m, 100yds and 25yds), but due to COVID19 it was impossible to shoot it shoulder to shoulder. 2021 hosts Hertfordshire has organized postal competition and each shooter could shoot it at their own range. Essex won the Marks Shield trophy this year with a score of 7002. Surrey came close second with a score of 6976.

Well done to Surrey Ladies Team for winning Invicta Shield with a score of 2301 and Essex second (2289).

No Bisley meeting held in 2001 again and nothing to report.

Well done to Jane Newing who reserved her place in the GB Team to travel to USA and shoot in Pershing Team after 2 rounds of trials in September and October 2021.

Lina Jones
Rifle Captain

SURREY LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT 2021-2022, FOR 2022 AGM

I had managed to enter two teams for 2020/21 Winter Inter- County Ladies leagues and hoped the new NSRA rules would help people to shoot them. However repeated lockdowns during December 2020 and still in force in March 2021 prevented any shooting. The NSRA gave new dates of May 31st, 2021, to finish only 5 rounds and the teams managed to do this. The A team came first in their division and the B team came 4th.

We have entered 2 teams (5 people in each) for the Inter- County leagues 21/22. We have shot well so far and both teams are in first position after round 7.

We had a team shoot for the 2021 Invicta competition, comprised of Lina Jones, Vera Potiakova, Alison Leech and Charlotte Doe and they won the competition with 2301 scored to second place Essex with 2289. The first three were also counted in the Surrey Mark's Shield team which came second with a score of 6976 to first place Essex who scored 7002.

Because of Covid the 2021 Dewar trials and match were fully postal. Lina Jones and Jane Newing were both in the team which was successful scoring 7845 against the USA score of 7767.

As there was again no Bisley meeting in 2021 a series of 'Grand Prix' matches were held around the country as a substitute and winners (including Jane Newing) went forward to a Grand Final at Sywell to shoot for the title of National Long Range Rifle Champion.

From these matches the top 10 Ladies were chosen for the Randle match also held at Sywell and three Surrey ladies (Lina Jones, Jane Newing and Alison Leech) shot in the winning Randle Team beating the USA and New Zealand.

Trials were also held to pick the Pershing Team (for the 2021 match' delayed until June 2022) and Surrey shooter Jane Newing was successful in being picked for the team.

Alison Leech
Ladies Captain

Benchrest Captain report

The winter competition last year was reduced to 5 rounds only. We had 2 teams shooting & finished in the middle of each division. Not a bad effort considering that Benchrest is still fairly new to Surrey.

This winter I was only able to fill one team, possibly because Covid was still a limiting factor & one range remained closed.

Unfortunately, our Team average just scraped us into Division One. In rounds 1&2 we remained in 6th Position Having shot against the top dogs. Round & we 3 moved up to 5th. Then Nick Dudley had to withdraw due to an upcoming operation & Colin Hudson agreed to take his place.

Unfortunately, this coincided with some poor scores by other team members & we dropped to 6th again. So far, we only have the results up to round 5 so we still have a chance to improve our position. I have just received results up to round 8 and we are now in 5th Place. Hopefully next year we will have more teams again.

Dave Brigden.