

SVRPC AGM MINUTES
19 DECEMBER 2015

Apologies received from: Simon D, Clive J, Richard M, Ken B, Simon H

Members present: Lucas M, Ian F-P, Tony C, Rob H, Chris S, Ronald N, Richard G, Doug M, John W

Opening Remarks

Attendance to the AGM was extremely poor, with only 9 of our 30 members present. Agreed that next AGM would be in the summer months, possibly June, in the hope that attendance would be improved. Concerns raised that some members were only interested in 'shooting and going', with no real input into the club.

Election of Officers

All existing officers were re-elected, with the exception that Charlie will cease to be responsible for training: Doug M will take on this responsibility. Tony C will continue in his role booking ranges and liaising with Landmarc, however due to work commitments would ask that another member would consider taking over this role.

Treasurer's Report

We have 30 members therefore a current annual income of £xxxx We currently have approx £xxxx in bank, compared with £xxxx this time last year, though this is partly because we are awaiting invoices for some ranges. There will be no need to increase subs, so they will remain at £180 per annum, which can be split £90 in January, £90 in June. Lucas mentioned that obtaining subs from a few members continues to be a frustration.

Membership Review

Agreed that we amend the club constitution: that there should be a minimum number of range attendances for members, given that there is a demand for places in the club and some members turn up rarely. This will be set at 5 attendances per annum, to commence from 2016. Failure to make this number of attendances will result in dismissal from the club, though clearly regard will be had for mitigating circumstances, such as ill health.

Range

Tony reported ongoing problems with landmarc:

Landmarc claim not to have a record of our range licence - Tony is awaiting reply. Tony stated the importance of bringing up to date information to the ranges.

A problem in Tony's absence is the lack of a first aider. First aiders need an entry level qualification: the NRA and military have agreed a St Johns qualification is satisfactory. Suggested a group training session and Richard will find out about availability/pricing of courses. John W stated that he does have a first aid qualification.

It was mentioned that attendance to Bulford ranges was low. Tony will be booking Saturdays at Bulford, as there is more likely to be a military presence on Saturdays. 2 members expressed that they would be more likely to attend if the ranges were on a Saturday.

Believed that extra lanes can be booked at last minute.

Sarts training has been pulled by military.

Dougie stated that we are in control of Bulford ranges, ie we are not fixed to shooting from firing point: we can shoot anything at any range as long as we are within muzzle velocity of that range. However, it was discussed that there is an issue with RCOs no longer being authorised for muzzle loading: they would need a separate qualification issued by muzzle loaders association. Discussed use of Netheravon range, however this is not possible due to difficult access.

AOB

Discussed whether there would be interest amongst any members in buying some land for use for clay pigeon shooting / possible development of a range.