



Dorset

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Small-Bore Rifle and Pistol Association

N.S.R.A. Affiliation No. 2870

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Bryanston School on Friday 24th May 2019

Present

A. Coulson in the chair and 25 members as follows.

S. Winton, M. Frizzle, Mrs S. Frizzle, R. Keenan, G. Taubman, J. Wright, G. Deakin, B. Phillips, Mrs L. Coulson, Mrs P. Winton, R. Fripp, A. Squibb, M. Dennett, R. Cobb, D. Chick, N. McCann, M. Overal, P. Simpson, G. Kinder, A. Motson, A. Every, Miss E. Beech, M. Budden, N. Gilbert, & N. Reed

Apologies for Absence

A. Edwards, C. Davies, C. Trim, M. Taylor, M. Overal, M. Winton, S. Hubbard & R. Chasemore.

Mr Coulson welcomed members to the Meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th May 2018

It was proposed by B. Phillips and seconded by M. Budden that the Minutes be accepted as published. Carried

Matters arising from the Minutes

Mr Winton said he was still waiting for volunteers to take on some of the work and he would be retiring from running the leagues and competitions next year so now would be a good time for people to come forward.

Treasurers Report.

Mr Keenan presented the Audited Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2018.

M. Budden proposed that the Accounts be accepted, this was seconded by G. Kinder and carried.

Captains Reports.

Mr Overal reported on the Prone Rifle Section as follows:

No one can say shooting is boring!

This year we had to make a record number of substitutions to our inter-county teams. This caused total confusion at the NSRA with them asking for a resubmission of our teams. The changes were mainly due to ill health; does this mean we are getting older? NEVER!!!

We then had the issue with the NSRA and the defective cards, which resulted in the late issue of the inter-county cards and pressure on us all to shoot them in a shorter timescale. However, the teams managed to rise to this challenge by not only shooting the cards on time, but also getting them back to me on time. Thank you for your response to this challenge, it is appreciated.

The delay in the whole process means we are still not in receipt of the final scores; the County Reserve have to re-shoot rounds 7 & 8 again and the County 20 are likely to have to reshoot rounds 9 & 10 following the loss of the cards in the post. This means we cannot currently award the highest average medal. This will be issued as soon as we have the final results.

I will issue the final results as they become available and they will also be posted on the County Web site dorset-sbrpa.org

A big thanks to Dave Chick for re-establishing the Dorset County shooting web site, where all county scores are posted as well as offering the latest news and equipment for sale.

At the Wessex cup shoot in July 4th 2018 Hampshire beat Dorset with a score of 3844 against our 3816, Devon scored 3784 and Somerset 3753. I look forward to our revenge on 13th July this year.

The Double Dewar shoot held on the 5th July 2018 only attracted 24 entries, which is disappointing. Rob Keenan won A class with score of 768, B class was won by Adrian Squibb with 381 and Ben Herrington won class C with a score of 373. Philippa Hardy won the ladies scoring 741, Mike Frizzle won the vets with a score of 765 and the seniors with 778.6. Please note this year the Double Dewar will be on the 14th July.

On 18th September the Singapore cup was contested with only 22 entries. Rob Keenan won the cup with a score of 774 and the aggregate scoring 2130.

The Dorset winter team results were closely fought with Witchampton A winning Div 1 with 16 points and the highest gun score, Div 2 was won by Parkstone who had the 4th highest gun score but managed to win 7 rounds scoring 14 points, Div 3 was won by Wimborne who again had 14 points and the highest gun score – by 1 point.

The winter league individual league results were again very close with the following winners:

Div 1 – Mike Frizzle	Div 2 – Steve Ireson	Div 3 – Evangelina Beech	Div 4 – Alex Every
Div 5 – John Henderson	Div 6 – Russell Cobb	Div 7 – Tom Kinder	Div 8 – Paul Buttlng
Div 9 – Pete Rendall	Div 10 – Nik Ireland	Div 11 – Tony Hunter	Div 12 – Paul Wise
Div 13 – O Neye			

The 2019 English match was shot on 19th May. Rob Keenan won A class with a score of 582, Mike Taylor won B class with 572, Malcolm Budden won class C with 560. Bethany Stephenson won class D with a score of 559. In a closely contested result, Weymouth won the Fred Battson trophy with a score of 2274, beating Fight Refuelling' score of 2269 and Ringwood scored 2204.

The short range Championship shoulder to shoulder final has been rescheduled for Friday evening 19th July at the Hern range.

Due to the no availability of the Piddle Hinton Range in September we will unfortunately not be able to shoot for the Singapore cup this year, which is disappointing

On a sad note Terry Hunt and Spencer Keith both passed away this year.

I would like to express my thanks to all shooters who travel to Scotland (where Mike Frizzle was selected as a reserve for England last year), Isle of Man, Jersey, Bisley and other shoots to wave the Dorset flag.

We also we all need to extend our thanks to the scorers, back room helpers, caterer's and committee members who enable us to enjoy a full calendar of shooting events and I want to add my personal thanks to Mike Frizzle for his help and guidance as Vice Captain.

It is easy to see that prone rifle shooting is suffering a decline generally across the country and Dorset is following the trend, with Ferndown club closure being the latest casualty. We have to be open to

ideas to encourage more entrants to shoot and especially at Piddle Hinton as we are currently only just breaking even with regards to costs and the number of shooters attending. We would welcome any comments either personally or via email for ideas to improve the situation so please don't be shy!

Mr Phillips reported on the Air/LSR/Pistol/Benchrest Activities as follows:

Winter Leagues 2018/19

Although the ten metre ISSF disciplines are still the largest entry these mainly come from outside of Dorset, only 20% are from within the County, primarily from Dorchester and Hurn. Both LSR and Benchrest have now overtaken the 10 Metre disciplines as the main interest within the County.

The Winter Leagues received 215 entries for Air Pistol/Rifle, LSR/Gallery rifle received 86, 20 yd Pistol received 15 and Benchrest 52. A total of 368 entries. About 43% of the entries are from Dorset.

Winter 2018/19 Inter County Leagues

The County Air Pistol team took second place in division 2, winning 7 and losing 3 of the 10 rounds. We could possibly won the division if not for NCR's in the last two rounds.

We could not raise a County Air Rifle team in the 2018/19 season.

Summer 2019 Leagues

Air Pistol/Rifle received 213 entries, LSR/Gallery rifle receive 83, 20 yd Pistol 27 and Benchrest 66. Giving a total of 389, about 40% of the entries are from Dorset.

NSRA Representative's Report.

I have attended two meetings in the past year – last July and this March. I regret that due to personal circumstances I couldn't get the one last November, but I have included items identified in the minutes of that meeting in this report.

In case you are not aware of it, I should perhaps begin by reporting the death of Ken Nash, who died shortly before the March meeting this year. Ken was chairman of the NSRA Board of Management and had contributed greatly to the NSRA over the years, often with behind the scenes liaisons with the police and Home Office, and of course he was a familiar face at Bisley meetings.

In last year's report I commented on the limited progress made on our resolution 2 years ago for the category of "shooting member" to be reinstated. In January 2018, workshops were held at Bisley over a weekend to look at membership and competitions, amongst other matter. At the meeting last July we had a report on progress. A Business Development Group has been established to look at building membership and other matters. As a result of the workshops a Communications Officer has been appointed to try to improve communications with members, clubs and counties. More importantly discussions regarding current membership structure have taken place at Board of Management level and various models have been established from a financial perspective. The main issue is to try to ensure that whatever they do it is important that the total income from membership in its broadest sense does not decrease.

We are not alone and many clubs cannot field teams to NSRA competitions because not enough of their members are not NSRA members.

It was in fact pointed out at the March meeting that shooting is one of the few sports where individuals are not required to "belong" to the National Association. In most sports if you join a club part of your membership fee automatically goes to the association, and the reality is that if we want the NSRA to continue we have to be prepared to pay for it!

The other topic which came up in November as a proposed rule change and was voted on in March, was the issue of qualification for county teams. This was a proposal from Suffolk, supported by

Herefordshire, Surrey and Middlesex, which proposed that individuals could elect to shoot for either the county of their primary residence or the county in which their primary club was situated. I voted in favour of that proposal, which regrettably I think was defeated. The counties with large numbers of shooters don't understand the problem, and in fact some actively talked it down on the basis it would potentially weaken their teams!!

The issue regarding the Bisley meeting continues to be a problem. I think there were about 530 competitors last year, a sharp decline on 2017, but there was a strong US force over that year for the Pershing Trophy. The NRA charges in my opinion an exorbitant rent for the use of the range and the meeting always makes a significant loss that cannot continue indefinitely. The Scottish Open is of course this year celebrating its centenary and a lot of effort and support has gone into that and I hope it is successful.

You are probably aware that there has been quite an issue over the validity of targets which had been incorrectly printed. The difficulty for the NSRA has been in determining just when the problem arose and I suspect goes back a little while. The situation is being resolved in order of priority, i.e. they are dealing with it in relation to the past usage and sale of the different targets affected.

The NSRA has recently updated its "Club Finder" facility on their website. When I looked at it the other day there doesn't seem to be many clubs listed for Dorset, so if you are hoping for new members you might want to take a look at that. Can I also remind you that if you are looking for developments/improvements to your facilities and looking to apply for grants, the NSRA can help significantly in putting grant applications together.

There are many other matters which get discussed but I have tried to cover the main ones from our perspective.

I am happy to continue as your representative for a further year although I should point out that I no longer am involved in active shooting so if someone else would like the job do please say so!

The Chairman thanked Messrs Coulson, Phillips and Motson for their reports and moved on to: -

Election of Office Bearers, County Captains and Executive Committee.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second	
Chairman	A.J. Coulson	S. Winton	M. Budden	Carried
Hon. Secretary	S. Winton	D. Chick	M. Budden	Carried
Hon. Treasurer	R. Keenan	M. Frizzle	G. Kinder	Carried
Prone Rifle Capt.	M. Overall	S. Winton	M. Frizzle	Carried
Air Weapons Capt.	B. Phillips	A. Coulson	M. Budden	Carried
Ladies Prone Rifle Capt.	No Nomination			
Prone Rifle Rep.	M. Frizzle	A. Coulson	S. Winton	Carried
NSRA Nominated Member	A. Motson	G. Kinder	B. Phillips	Carried

Appointment of an Auditor.

It was proposed by A. Motson and Seconded by G. Kinder that Mr G. Taubman be appointed Auditor.
Carried

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Mr Winton said that if sufficient people required it he would run a scorers course in the Autumn.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.00pm

The meeting was followed by Rifle Section Prize Giving and a buffet.