

ISLE OF MAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT

Richard Drinkwater (President)
Harry Creevy (Laxey)
Nigel Christian (Castletown)
Barry Jones (Sulby)
Colin Watson (Kirk Michael)
Perryn Watson (Kirk Michael)
David Humphrey (IOMSC Douglas)
John Wood (Laxey)
Ashley Gardner (Port St Mary)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
Andy Traynor (IOMSC Sandsiders)
Lorrie Thomson
Stewart Watterson

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated in advance of this meeting and were approved as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- i. Stewart Watterson to speak to Ben Kelly regarding the Shooting Federation – this will be carried forward to the next meeting.
- ii. Incorporation of the Isle of Man Shooting Club as a Limited Liability Company – Andy had not mentioned this further, but this will be dealt with by the Shooting Club. **Action: David Humphrey to report back once this has been done.**
- iii. Affiliation fees – Lorrie Thomson reported that some club fees are still outstanding. Ashley Gardner confirmed that PSM is one of those outstanding, but this will be rectified as soon as possible, as Sue Keown is now the Treasurer for PSM.
- iv. Golden Jubilee Competition at PSM – this competition for Juniors was well-supported, with all entries bar one being from PSM.
- v. The juniors night at PSM is doing well and new adult shooters coming to the club on a Tuesday evening are also coming along well.

- vi. Open Shoot – the numbers for this competition, with only 11 attending at St Johns and 9 at PSM. No members from Castletown attended either venue.
- vii. Training – the subject of the reintroduction of proficiency levels was raised, with the question being asked as to who would organise this and how would it be done. Barry Jones confirmed that information on the NSRA Junior Proficiency Scheme was available on the NSRA website. Ashley Gardner said he would put the idea of a trial of this forward at PSM, and if it was successful, perhaps it could be rolled out to other clubs.
- viii. Rotating meetings – it was suggested that rotating the venue of the Association meetings might encourage more people to attend. However, following discussion, it was agreed that there may be limited benefit to this and the meeting should stay at St Johns for the time being.
- ix. The format of the Annual Dinner was discussed. Options include either a barbecue or a hog roast. One quote for a hog roast has been received and this was very expensive. Barry Jones had spoken to the person who operates the Kirk Michael Chippy and their minimum fee would be £520, which is again rather expensive. This needs to be investigated further, with more options being considered.
- x. Child Protection Training – Michael Duncalf was to arrange this. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.
- xi. Electronic Targets – Michael Duncalf has been in discussions with Sius regarding software to allow the use of electronic targets for indoor competitions. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence was received this month.

5. Competitions

- i. The two most recent have been the NSRA Golden Jubilee and the Open Shoot. David Humphrey informed the meeting that some of the cards need to be re-gauged, but as Brian Fozzard has the gauges and is currently away, the re-gauge will have to await his return. Barry Jones confirmed that he has a set of gauges and will supply these to David.
- ii. Entries for the JB Ritchie and G. Jones Competitions have been received.
- iii. Competitions and league matches are all going well.

6. Shooting Council Report

The next meeting is due later in January so there is nothing to report at this time.

7. Squad Development

There has been no change, despite the recent announcement that certain shooting disciplines will be dropped from the Olympic Schedule for Tokyo 2020. In terms of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the schedule remains unchanged. The Double Trap event will remain for 2018, but will go after that. Harry Creevy has spoken to Tim Kneale, the Island's Olympic Double Trap shooter, and he has a plan in place going forward. With regard to Prone, Rachel Glover is the only Manx shooter to have obtained qualifying scores so far. Harry Creevy is meeting with Trevor Taubman and

representatives from other sports and they will be going on a venue visit to the Gold Coast. Harry confirmed that numbers are needed as soon as possible. Shooting only has four competitors so far – 3 Clay and 1 Rifle. There appears to be a problem within the sport that no men are achieving the MQS of 618. It would be good to see more people competing at this level. Unfortunately, Ben Kelly has had to withdraw his name due to family/work commitments. Andy Potter and Michael Duncalf have shown an interest, but need to achieve the MQS.

8. Any Other Business

- i. Ashley Gardner reported that Stewart Watterson had approached him regarding Stewart and Richard meeting with the Clubs. Ashley has passed this request on to Gary Knight but nothing has been arranged yet. Richard will liaise with Stewart to arrange a meeting within the next month or so.
- ii. Colin Watson informed the meeting that he would be leaving the Island at the end of the month, as he has accepted a job in Scotland. However, he confirmed that he would continue in the role of Press Officer, and would work remotely, so press coverage for the sport would not be affected. Colin said that it would be most helpful if clubs could provide some “human interest” information when submitting the weekly scores, at this would raise the coverage above the level of simply stating who won each match. Colin confirmed that the article about Alex and Josh Trafford would be in next week’s Isle of Man Examiner.
- iii. Perryn Watson confirmed that the re-vamped website was live, and the weekly scores were being posted. Perryn said that all comments/suggestions for any improvements to the website would be gratefully received.
- iv. Barry Jones asked if the Disc Shoot would be taking place this year. The general consensus was that as this event had always been organised by Lorrie Thomson in the past, it was unlikely to take place, as Lorrie’s personal/work commitments.
- v. Harry Creevy raised the subject of the Triennial Firearms Certificate Renewals, which are due this year, and the new Application/Renewal Form which would be going before the next sitting of Tynwald in less than two weeks’ time. Harry confirmed that this significantly revised form was effectively being pushed through with little or no consultation, and there could be data protection and other issues with regard to some of the information requested. It was agreed that Tynwald should be made aware of the concerns of the shooting community. Harry agreed he would contact Stewart Watterson in order to put something together to present to Tynwald.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2 February 2017 at 19:30 at the Sinclair Range, St Johns.