

**Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting
of Basildon Rifle & Pistol Club
held on Sunday 22nd September 2019**

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Thank you all for coming today, and welcome to my first AGM as your Chairman. Unfortunately, last year, when I was elected to the position of Chairperson I was away in Germany.

2. Apologies for Absence

C. Harris, P. Waghorn, E. Bettany, M. Suckling, S. Plummer, L. Greenfield, R. Morton, J. Smith, A. Whiffin, P. Tooley, T. Abel, K. Taylor, F. Cooke and B. Chapple.

(Note: There were 30 members present at the meeting).

3. Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting

The minutes were reviewed; there were no amendments. K. Shingler asked if he could have a proposer and seconder for acceptance of the minutes.

Acceptance was proposed by A. Jarman and seconded by G. Lee and approved unanimously by those members present.

The Chairperson signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairperson's Annual Report

I do not have a technical report as I am still finding my feet as the Club's Chairman. I would though, ask the membership to give some thought about what needs to be done to keep the ranges safe as it looks like we could be here for some time yet. Some things have started to fall apart because the Club has held back on some maintenance works because it was thought we might have been relocated by now.

The Club is still maintaining contact with Inland Homes, the developer, through Paul Trower, but at the moment there is no news on any possible relocation.

One thing we need to be aware of is the new housing is creeping ever nearer to our site. Noise could become an issue as more houses get built.

Do we have anyone within the Club that could help us find an alternative site? Please ask around your section members.

Does anyone have any questions?

D. Houghton asked how much funding the Club had for the purchase of another site.

J. Robinson said R. Clark would go into that as part of the Treasurers Report but the Club would need to get a loan. The Courtauld Road site is still on the table as a possible relocation site.

6. General Secretary's Report

As a number of you already know, I am not standing for re-election this year. Unfortunately, nobody has put their name forward to take on the role of General Secretary.

I would ask those present here this afternoon to try and persuade one of your fellow shooters to put their name forward.

7. Treasurer's Annual Report

Unfortunately, the accounts produced by the auditors are rather meaningless as they have lumped various different categories of income under two headings, "Deposits" and "Rent". (See Appendix "A").

The Club's expenditure exceeded our income in the year to 31st March 2019, and if the Club had not received the rent subsidiary plus a lump sum of £43,000 from Inland Homes, the Club would have run at a loss.

R. Clark gave a slide show of where the Club's income comes from and the expenditure for the year to 31st March 2019.

The Chairperson asked if someone would propose and second acceptance of the report.

Proposed by R. Murphy, seconded by A. Jarman and approved unanimously by those members present.

8. Motions

There is one Motion to be voted on.

That an amendment be made to Constitution Statute 8.3 Auditors and Bankers.

Delete the words "The Club's appointed auditors shall be a member of an approved accountancy body" and replace with the wording "The General Committee and Trustees shall appoint a competent person to produce the Club's annual accounts".

The Chairperson asked for a proposer and seconder for the Motion.

Proposed by R. Clark, seconded by C. Stevens and approved unanimously by those members present.

9. Appointment of Auditors for 2019/2020

As a result of Agenda Item 8, this is no longer relevant.

10. Election of Officers

Nomination for Chairman: -

Nominee: John Robinson nominated by R. Clark, seconded by R. Morton.

In the absence of any other nominations, J. Robinson is hereby elected Chairman.

Nomination for Treasurer: -

Nominee: R. Clark nominated by G. Lee, seconded by R. Morton.

In the absence of any other nominations, R. Clark is hereby elected Treasurer.

Nomination for General Secretary: -

None.

Election of Section Officers

The Sections having held their own annual section meetings for the election of Section Officers, the following elected officers have been notified to the General Secretary.

Small-bore Rifle Section

Chairman: P. Gladwin; Captain: G. Lee; V/Captain: K. Lee; V/Captain: S. Walmsley

Air UIT Section

Captain: J. Walker; Vice Captain: T. Whitt; Asst. Vice: Captain J. Sanger

Practical & Full-bore Rifle Section

Captain: B. Chapple; Vice Captain: F. Cooke

Black Powder Section

Captain: S. Fletcher; Vice Captain: M. Boling; Asst. Vice Captain: N. Denchfield

Sporting Rifle Section

Awaiting notification.

Gallery Rifle Section

Captain: R. Murphy; Vice Captain: Jacobus Venter; Asst. Vice Captains: M. Howell and D. Scott.

11. Any Other Business

C. Stevens asked what had been done about replacing the grass cutter.

J. Robinson said this was still under investigation.

B. Hughes asked if copies of keys to all the cabinets and storage containers had been provided by the key holders yet.

K. Shingler said there were still some keys to be provided.

N. Denchfield asked when the hot water heater in the gents' toilets was going to be repaired or replaced.

J. Robinson said this was in hand.

B. Hughes asked if it would be possible to form a small group of members charged with looking for alternative sites for the Club.

K. Shingler offered to send out an all members e-mail.

C. Stevens questioned why the Club had to be affiliated to the NRA.

This was discussed in group session where it was established that the Club's affiliation to the NRA was essential to enable Club Members, who do not have individual NRA membership, to shoot at Bisley.

N. Denchfield proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring General Secretary for his work over the last 20 years.

12. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

I should like to thank you for giving up your time this afternoon.

The meeting closed at 16.15 hours.

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