

S^t Giles Yarners RPC

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 9th June 2010.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from: - K Bentham, M Wedge, C Bearpark, W Metcalf, J Mowatt, P Rogers, C Alexander, B Kelly, A Hay, D Fry and P Fry.
- 2) The minutes of the last AGM were read out by the Chairman and accepted as a true account of that meeting.
- 3) Matters arising:-
 - a) The estimated cost for having the books professionally audited was in excess of £1000. The meeting considered this to be an unnecessary expense and a proposal from the floor to forego the audit was carried as follows, 14 in favour, and 8 against with 5 abstentions.
 - b) The records being withheld by a previous committee member were recovered via a solicitor at a cost of £50 from club funds.
 - c) Cash reserves policy to be discussed later in the meeting.
- 4) Chairman's report: - The Chairman thanked everyone for making the effort to attend and welcomed the higher than usual turnout as a sign of a healthy and prospering club. The outgoing committee members were thanked for their efforts over the past year as were the volunteers that are so willing to lend a hand whenever there is a call for help from the membership. The current success of the club is a reflection of the membership and very positive attitude everyone shows. Membership numbers are rising and our finances are in good shape. The new 'Safe Shooting Course' introduced last year has been a big success and met with approval by both the new members and the Police. We have completed the club risk assessment. RCO/Duty officer meetings have provided the means for people to raise issues and resolve any problems. The club is active in a range of competitions and continues to archive excellent results at all levels. We look forward to another successful year to come.
- 5) Secretaries Report: -Membership currently running at 81, 61 full members, 2 junior members and 10 probationary members. We have an additional 7 people with applications to join. A somewhat inclement start to the New Year made it necessary for me to close the range for almost a fortnight; the car park was in a dangerous state due to snow and ice and presented a substantial safe risk. We will look at a more satisfactory way of communicating such events if needed in the future. Complete refurbishment of the club room undertaken at the beginning of the year, the new paintwork, carpets, furniture and notice boards all combining to give the place a brighter look, a big thank you to the members that helped out and made the whole thing possible. Problems with our alarm system has meant an upgrade to some of the components was required to maintain our police response, the work was carried out by Tates Securities and we now have a more robust system in place.
- 6) Treasurer's Report:- Due to family health problems BK was unable to attend, our bank account figures were passed to the Secretary and these were presented as an interim measure with a full

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breakdown to follow. Current cash assets stand at £2808 with no bills outstanding and a further £1000 being owed to us by DURC for provision of ammunition and range running costs.

7) Appointment of Auditors: - C Rose and J Atkinson were proposed and accepted for the coming year.

9) Fixing of membership/range/visitors fees for the year: - A proposal from the outgoing committee that the current level for fees be maintained for this year was accepted by the membership.

10) Election of Chairman: - A Sutherland was the only nominee, a vote accepted the nomination.

11) Election of Secretary: - R Harrison was the only nominee, a vote accepted the nomination.

12) Election of Treasurer: - The Chairman thanked B Kelly for his efforts over the past year. S Steele was the only nominee, a vote accepted the nomination.

13) Election of Management Committee: - There were six nominations for the five positions, one of the nominations was declared void, there was a vote and the five remaining nominees were elected, 25 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

14) Consideration of recommendations by the outgoing MC for changes to the Constitution/Bye-Laws: - Some clarifying suggestions were proposed and agreed; changes will be displayed on the club notice boards in due course.

15) No Items previously informed.

16) AOB:-

a) A proposal nominating P Lambert and W Aittis for Honorary Life Membership was accepted.

b) 'Lead mining', we have a duty of care to the membership regarding removal of lead from the range, it was agreed that removal would not be done on an ad hoc basis by individual members and that twice yearly working parties would be utilised. A list would be displayed on the notice boards for any members wishing to recycle the recovered waste, any such member will be asked to donate a nominal £1 to club funds.

c) Committee to be kept informed of any intentions to open the range on a regular basis outside the advertised times so that all the membership can be kept informed.

d) Agreement to implement our proposed Cash Reserves policy and move £1000 into a separate account.

e) A long discussion on the dismissal of two long standing members of the club by a previous MC. The floor was informed that, having recovered the records mentioned earlier, the feeling amongst the current MC was that the case against both members was based on a seriously flawed

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interpretation of current firearms law. A proposal that the two cases be dealt with separately was carried with 14 in favour, 9 against and 4 abstentions.

i) In the case of AT the MC view was that though some mistakes had been made the intention was never to do any harm to the club or its members and that the punishment was way in excess of the 'crime'. A proposal was put forward; if AT were to reapply for membership we would accept the application. The proposal was carried with 16 in favour, 2 against and 9 abstentions.

ii) The case against ED was put to the floor, again with the view that although mistakes had been made the wellbeing of the club and membership were always uppermost. A proposal to accept any re application was defeated with 4 in favour, 14 against and 9 abstentions.

The meeting ended at 20:35hrs.