



Essex County Small-bore Rifle & Pistol Association

President P. Scanlan

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Minutes of A.G.M Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Held at Hatfield Peveril Village Hall, Maldon Road, CM3 2HW

Meeting started at 20:00.

Participating:-

Basildon: Chris Stevens, Frank Cullen, Neil Suckling, Peter Gladwin & John Haverty.

Colchester: Robin Hackshall, Sevena Fearn, Martyn Payne, Adrian Pamment, Stephen Spindler, David Smith, Joe Smith & Tim Oldham.

Chelmsford 1944: Martin Beckwith-Brown & Graham Batson.

Romford: Chris Ingram, Geoff Webb & Mike Greenslade.

Apologies for Absence:-

Annabelle Davies (*Col*) & Phil Scanlan (*Rom*).

Chairman's Opening Remarks:- (*Chris Stevens*)

CS Welcomed everybody back after the Covid lockdowns prevented us from meeting in person.

CS said that at the weekend *Basildon* lost their longstanding member and Ex-Essex Chairman *Norman Garner*.

CS gave a brief history of Norman's history in Essex.

CS also read out a list of the following Essex shooters whom we also lost - *Colin Almond, Colin Bell, Ian Brittain, Mick Kelly, Roy Snow, Mark Suckling & Ray Talbot*. – There was a one minute clap for those we lost.

CS thanked *Annabelle Davies & Mike Greenslade* for getting the winter comps up & running as there were concerns that shooters would not return to the various leagues.

CS also thanked the *Club Team Captains* for their hard work relating to our competitions.

Minutes of the AGM 23rd March 2021:- (*Chris Ingram*)

CI said that you have all have a copy and should have read them, we won't be reading them out like in previous years, are there any questions or issues regarding these minutes?

GW said that he was omitted from election of officers section under general committee. *CI* Thanked him for his observation.

Minutes read out: Proposed: *D. Smith*

Seconded: *G. Webb*

Vote: All in favour carried unanimously, no objections or abstentions.

Matters Arising:-

CI said that he did have a chat with LWSR Secretary (*Patrick Hickie*) about his position due to poor performance. Patrick did step down due to medical reasons & a replacement to be found.

County Captains Report:- (*Robin Hackshall*)

A brief: synopsis of his report & questions taken.

RH said that he hasn't included detailed scores, email *RH* for more information.

RH highlighted that we won the *Marks Shield*, run as a postal by Hertfordshire, this year to be run by Kent at Tunbridge Wells RC.

Inter Counties running well with only a handful of cards remain outstanding.

Queen Alex we won as a postal, due to go back to its usual format in 2022.

BSA & County Cups we have the stickers and will be run at an Essex range, yet to be decided.

RH did say that during the winter season we had 4 cards disqualified for dating irregularities & issues! – *Shooters please check that your witness's have done their job correctly. Thank You.*

RH's final remarks were that he is now in his 20th year as County Captain, this will be his final year so please next year a replacement must be found, someone younger to take over the role, as long as you can run a spread sheet and be able to manage people it's a fun role.

RH did say can all shooters please shoot their cards as far in advance as they can and get them posted off in good time please.

CS asked any questions regarding *RH's* report?

GW asked – do we have any Q/A medals yet? *RH* answered, no yet not.

DS asked about the cancelation of the Scottish meeting. *RH* said that all he knows is there is a building development being built in the danger area.

CS asked about the date of the Six Counties. *RH* answered **24th April**, one team of 8 only.

Ladies Captain Report:-(*Sevena Fearn*)

As the *Invicta* was run as a postal we managed to field a team, our ladies came in 2nd place.

SF asked, if you know of any lady shooters to please point them in her direction to build up our ladies team.

CS ask the floor for any Questions, there were none.

LWSR Report:

Patrick has stood down and to date no one has taken on the role so there is no report.

CI said that we do need someone to take on the role so please step up and make the difference to this discipline.

Air League Organiser's Report:-(*Mike Greenslade*)

MG said that the winter leagues for 21/22 we achieved about half of the normal entries but we had to start some time. Entries for the summer leagues are back to three quarters of normal, so it's slowly getting back to normal even though a lot of the older shooters are staying away.

CS asked the floor for any Questions? There were none.

Prone Competition's Secretary's Report:-(*Annabelle Davies*)

SF said that *AD* did not produce a report as there was very little content.

SF said that the Individual comp entries were high and had to question Basildon's BACs payment and that the National Service Leagues were currently running well.

SF added that if anyone has any Essex Trophies to please return them at the Colchester open & Essex open.

CS asked about a prize giving, *SF* answered that yes there is a backlog of medals to be presented. This issue will be addressed at the Essex open **15th May at Romford R&PC** with a presentation during the prize giving.

Secretary's Report:-(*Chris Ingram*)

The Bisley National Championships are returning with dates of **13th to 20th August 2022**.

Entry forms are out in various formats. We will be celebrating the Centenary meeting, special events are planned.

The 1922 match, 50 metre rapid fire & Bisley Aggregate Champions match, the "I Shot a 100" glass also returns. There will be a **Queens Platinum Jubilee** match.

Geoff Doe is coming out of retirement to manage the meeting. All volunteers are welcomed.

CI added that the committee has approved a special commemorative Polo Shirt (purple) for the meeting. *Prices to be confirmed*. We in Essex do fully support the meeting.

Please check the latest "On Target" for issues concerning Firearms licensing and the lead ban. The shooting Council do recommend contacting your MP regarding the lead ban.

Hon Sec of *Mersea Island British Rifle Club*, **David Mills** will be achieving 50 years in this position. *Terence Smith* has contacted *CI* to present a NSRA certificate to recognise his achievement.

CI thanked **Tim Oldham** for his service of 40 years on the Essex Committee.

Geoff Webb will be starting a Long Arm Pistol League. Thank you Geoff.

We do require LWSR & Benchrest Secretary's, without these positions filled there won't be leagues for these disciplines. We do need more committee members as we are down to five now, please feel free to join us.

DS did ask *GW* if his league supports Long Barrelled Pistols as long arm & barrel are different? *GW* said yes.

CS asked for any more questions for Chris? There were none

Treasurer's Report:-(*Sevena Fearn*).

SF thanked *Annabelle Davies & Mike Greenslade* as they contributed as primary incomes via their leagues.

We had no affiliation fees last year but Romford & Little Clacton did pay early.

SF gave a detailed breakdown of income & expenditure, of note Essex open made £212.50, NSRA fees were £205 & the flowers for *Gill Lee* were £36.48.

A new set of medals will be ordered next year.

SF said she has just noticed the incorrect date on her document.

GW asked shouldn't the auditor have picked up the date, *SF* said that she missed that as well.

GW asked shouldn't the auditor sign the accounts off? *SF* said yes, that's on a separate sheet in her records.

CS asked: Any questions for our Treasurer? There were none.

CS asked for someone to propose that we accept the Treasures report?

Proposed by *Mike Greenslade & Seconded by Adrian Pamment*, all in favour carried unanimously, no objections or abstentions.

The New Constitution:-

CS explained that the Constitution was in the process of being update by Bernie & Norman, then Bernie passed away and the committee lost access to all documents of Bernie's.

We did find a copy on an old hard disk which forms our current Constitution.

The committee was already thinking of updating the Constitution when Covid hit and delayed the process.

GW asked about a copy that it should have gone out earlier. *CS* said that a copy was emailed out with the Agenda a month before this meeting.

GW's proposal of an amendment was read out. There was a brief discussion regarding Secretary's / Captain's / Competition's Secretary's and their individual roles and their defined roles.
Proposed by *Geoff Webb*. Seconded by *Tim Oldham*. All in favour carried unanimously, no objections or abstentions.

The second was more of an observation from *Martin Beckwith-Brown*, which resulted in a discussion with no amendments.

CS asked for a proposer that we accept our new Constitution?

Geoff Webb proposed as amended. Seconded by *Martyn Payne*. All in favour carried unanimously, no objections or abstentions.

Election of Officers:-

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by	Result
President	Phil Scanlan	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
Chairman	Chris Stevens	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
Secretary	Christopher Ingram	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
Treasurer	Mrs Sevena Fearn	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
Prone Competition's Secretary	Mrs Annabelle Davies	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
County Captain	Robin Hackshall	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
Ladies Captain	Mrs Sevena Fearn	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
NSRA Representative	Christopher Ingram	Geoff Webb	Neil Suckling	Unanimous
County Air League Organiser	Mike Greenslade	Robin Hackshall	Sevena Fearn	Unanimous
Lightweight Sporting Rifle League Organiser	Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A
Long Arm Pistol League Organiser	Geoff Webb	Robin Hackshall	Sevena Fearn	Unanimous
Benchrest League Organiser	Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A
General Committee	Martyn Payne John Haverty	Adrian Pamment Peter Gladwin	Dave Smith Neil Suckling	Unanimous Unanimous

CS said that both *Tim Oldham* & *Geoff Webb* have stood down as committee members. We are down to just five committee members now. **CS** proposed a block vote for Officers. We agreed to do away with the Vice Chairman role to comply with the new Constitution.

CS asked if anyone was interested in joining the committee?

Martyn Payne of *Colchester R&PC* joined the committee, Proposer *Adrian Pamment*, Seconder *Dave Smith*.

John Haverty of *Basildon R&PC* joined the committee, proposer *Peter Gladwin*, Seconder *Neil Suckling*.

All in favour carried unanimously, no objections or abstentions.

New position of **Long Arm Pistol League Organiser** – *Geoff Webb* stood but said that he did not want to be on the committee.

County Air League Organiser – *Mike Greenslade*.

Both the above positions were proposed by *Robin Hackshall* and seconded by *Sevena Fearn*. All in favour carried unanimously, no objections or abstentions.

Air Discipline Trophy Presentation:- (*Mike Greenslade*)

Mike read out his statement and made one presentation.

Junior 10m Air Rifle Champion for 2019 – C. Whitlock of Basildon R&PC.

SH2 10m Rifle Champion for 2019 – M. Spurden of Basildon D.S.C.

10m Air Rifle Champion for 2019 – N. Avis of Little Clacton.

10m Air Pistol Champion for 2019 – G. Batson of Chelmsford 44.

Any Other Business:-

CS asked the floor for AOB. There were no comments.

Chris Stevens Presented *Tim Oldham* with a *White Essex Medal* for his 40 years Long Service to the association and Thanked him for his Service.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and hoped to see them next year.

The meeting ended at **21:15**.