



RNTRC - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 8 SEPTEMBER 2007 - Minutes

Present

Henry Watson (Secretary), Jerry Tuck (Treasurer), Maurice Ayling, Ash Biggs, Robynne Brown, Tony Clark, Pete Coley, Pat Daniell, Pat Drummy, Taff Galliers, Ian Green, Tab Hunter, John Mackay, Ted Metcalfe, Pete Smith, Darren Sprules, Iain Thomson, Alison Tuck, Peter Wale, Rory White, Ken Willingale, Alan Wombell, Bob Woodside. (23)

The Hon. Secretary declared the meeting quorate and relayed the apologies of the Chairman, Brian Witts, who was unable to attend because of knee trouble. The meeting expressed its good wishes for a speedy recovery.

In accordance with article 14a of the constitution, the Secretary conducted an election for a member, not on the committee, to chair the meeting. Willing candidates were two former Secretaries, Alan Wombell and Charles Dickenson. Charles was elected Chairman of the Meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1803.

1. Apologies

Eric Adams, Tim Amy, John Baker, Nigel Ball, Eddie Brice, Eddie Buchan, Nick Carter, James Cohen, Jacky Davies, John Gardener, Les Gay, Danielle Griffin, Jeff Jenkins, Mick Jordan, Paddy Newell, Bob Petfield, Sally Roots, Phillip Rowell, John Saunders, Dave Smith, Pat Thomas, Kevin Todd, Ken Willingale, Brian Witts. (24)

2. Approval of Minutes of 2006 AGM

These had been circulated with the annual mailing before the start of the season, additional copies were available at the meeting. One amendment to add Pat Daniell under 'apologies'.

Proposed : Taff Galliers Seconded : Tab Hunter

Approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters arising from 2005 AGM Minutes

a. Action 06/01 - £15 Subscription – some are still outstanding, it is the Secretary's fault. However the Treasurer is relaxed about the matter. The matter will be followed up at the end of the season.

Action - 07/01 - Hon Sec

b. Action 06/02- Delegation of Club duties; taken later as items 4a and 10a.

c. Action 06/03 - Non-Shooting Membership; taken later as item 4c.

4. Amendments to Club Constitution

(para numbers refer to the proposed amended constitution)

a) Delegation of authority for individuals to act on behalf of the Club as its 'Officers' to carry out defined tasks. (para 4b).

b) Remove requirement to use 'post' as means of communication with members. (paras 7, 9, 30)

c) Non-Shooting membership. (paras 21a, 21b, 33b, 33c)

d) Establishment of Hon President and Hon Vice-Presidents. (para 35)

e) Doping, Equity and Child Protection policies (para 41)

f) Other minor textual amendments were discussed and adopted.

The detailed proposals had been circulated prior to the meeting. Questions were answered and discussion carried out on each item.

Proposed : the Secretary Seconded: the Chairman.

Each topic was voted upon separately and there were no abstentions.

All approved unanimously

Action 07/02 – Secretary to circulate new constitution with annual mailing.

5. Hon. Secretary's report.

a. Membership Total 107 of whom over 60 have declared themselves as shooting members but only 31 shot with Club in course of year.(that's why we needed the ability to change category) 14 are serving in UK forces and 1 in RCN. Two new serving members in the year – both whom have shot with the Club. Robynne Brown and Paul Brooks. Also Bridget Drummy, retired, has applied. I regret to report that Finbarr O' Sullivan has resigned on his wife's long term posting abroad. Congratulations to James Cohen on his promotion to Commander

b. Shooting Congratulations to Nigel Ball on being successful Adjutant of the winning, and record-breaking, GB Palma team in Canada.

Bisley Matches; won 13 lost 12 - against first-rate opposition. BZ to Pat Daniell on his win over 6 good Teams in the Catastrophy Match. Results sheet will be enclosed with annual mailing.

c. Ammunition Arrangements for ammunition supply are working well. But expenditure is up with increase in 'training events'. It is hoped that a substantial re-supply will take place over the winter.

d. Organisation At present the RNTRC Committee of 8 has only 2 serving members; a re-allocation of tasks to make it easier for serving personnel to take up posts is needed

e. Guest Days five have been held so far this season and a total of 31 guests (mainly young servicemen and women) have attended.

f. Rifle Loan There is a prospect that a further 3 of the RPA rifles, currently stuck in the armoury at Yeovilton will be released to be stowed and at Bisley for use by serving members.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report.

This was distributed at the meeting and will be enclosed with the annual mailing. There being only a small loss and quite a lot of rare expenditure, the Hon. Treasurer recommends no change in match fees for the 2007 season.

7. Club Involvement in 2007 Imperial Meeting

A 'short report' was given by Ken Willingale and a summary will be included in the annual mailing.

8. Approval of Reports by Club Officials

Proposed : Allan Wombell

Seconded: Pat Daniell.

Approved nem.con.

9. Election of club officials.

Present Committee:

Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Fixtures Sec
Members

Brian Witts
Henry Watson
Jeremy Tuck
Eric Adams
Pat Drummy
Paddy Newell *
John Saunders
Iain Thomson*

* = Serving)

Henry Watson demits office as Hon. Secretary; he is willing to continue to serve on the committee and take an active part in the management of the Club.

It is proposed that Iain Thomson be elected as Hon. Secretary – handover to be a mutually convenient time before the end of the year. (Post meeting note – achieved in February '08)

Proposed by Taff Galliers and Seconded by Allan Wombell that the Committee be elected as suggested.

Approved Unanimously

10. Support to Royal Navy TR Events & Training

With the exception, for the understandable reason of the Ayling Diamond wedding celebration, there was sufficient support from retired members for the RN Bisley matches. Good support by small number of members to Coaching/training events. Some members will shortly qualify as NRA Club Instructors. (PMN Pete Smith, Iain Thomson, Paddy Newell now have Club Instructor Certificates)

11. Discussion Items

a. Bullet Bosun Delegated duty. Pat Daniell, having indicated his willingness to continue as the "Bullet Bosun" for the Club it is resolved that he be authorised to receive, issue and store ammunition on behalf of the club until the end of 2008.

Proposed Henry Watson and Seconded Alison Tuck **Approved Unanimously**

b. RN&RMRA Membership Scheme As currently constituted this offers little to the TR Shooters. It is expected that further negotiation will take place.

12. Any Other Business.

Maurice Ayling warmly thanked the Club and his shooting friends for the surprise presentation of glassware to mark Margaret's and his 60th Wedding Anniversary during the Imperial Meeting.

There was some further discussion but no further formal business.

The meeting closed at 1906

Accepted as a true record

Chairman