

PINHOE TARGET SHOOTING CLUB AGM

MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13TH 2018

Minutes taken by Lindsay Foyle, typed up by Lindsay Agates

Meeting opened at 19.30

PERSONS PRESENT

L. Foyle, S. Bates, R. Beard, D. Bate-Jones, S. Maguire, I. Roach, J. Roach, C. Burrow, J. Mock, L. Agates, J. Newton, P. Noakes, J. Mackie, D. Mackie, N. Williams, M. Taylor, A. McGarty, G. Wills, B. Cox, J. Sampson, S. Forsyth, P. Davis, N. Dudley, C. Bamford, C. Bamford.

APOLOGIES

M. Woodland, P. Eatough, R. Batten, A. Coleman, P. Carder, R. Cudmore, M. Wannell, J. Pullen.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Agreed (Date 1 yr out – amended)

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES: - none

ELECTION OF:

President – Dirk Bate-Jones

Vice Presidents – J. Newton, G. Cann, J. Pullen, S. Maguire

Trustees – J. Newton, G. Cann, J. Pullen

Honorary members – no nominations

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

No proposals received

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Simon Bates

Ladies and Gentlemen, here we are at the start of another year at Pinhoe Target Shooting Club. And so comes to an end my fifth year as your Chairman. And what a momentous year it has been.

April saw the joining of members from the Fonthill, TVR and Exeter Rifle clubs. This was a fairly mammoth task of administration with a doubling of the membership of Pinhoe. I wish to thank all those who worked so hard in both the preceding months and afterwards to ensure that this went as smoothly as it did. And thank you to you the members from all four clubs for your forbearance over this period. I am hopeful that through these past quieter summer months, issues have been cleared up and that the coming winter season can proceed with little in the way of distractions for shooters.

Particularly key over this period has been the Pinhoe Secretary, Lindsay who has ensured that as a club we kept on the right side of the law and that those joining Pinhoe were able to get a thorough induction to enable them to integrate into the club quickly. Of not insignificant challenge was the introduction of the new data protection regulations in May and the club response to those. As many will know, over the past few years, Lindsay has tried on several occasions to escape from the role but has been persuaded to stay on. However, on this occasion he is stepping down from the role and I wish to thank him on your behalf for all that he has put into this club as committee member, treasurer and secretary over many years and I wish him well in his shooting going forward and other pursuits that lie ahead for him.

I have also concluded that now would be a good time for me to stand down as your Chairman. This is in part to concentrate on some new things, although I will continue to be a member here and will look to

support the club and the new committee. However, I also felt that, in order to ensure that the committee was seen to be representative of the new larger membership, it was important that the position became vacant and open to election. It has been a role that I have enjoyed, there have certainly been a number of challenges over the last 5 years but none that we have not been able to work our way through.

It has been great to work with the other members of the committee and the wider club membership to keep the club thriving and competitive through the years.

Now that the clubs have joined the next and very significant challenge is the funding and construction of the extension to this site. There has been much work going on behind the scenes to progress this and this has been led by ETSA and the various committees with members from all four clubs. The awarding of a significant grant has enabled the project to progress and it will be the task of the new committee to take this forward in the interests of all members. However, they will not be able to do this on their own and without your support and therefore I would ask you all to consider where you can help and support the new committee and this project. Whether through time, skills or financially, all will be required at some stage if we are to see this building project completed. I have no doubt that with prudent planning, completion of the project will secure the future of target shooting in Exeter, give us the premises that will enable us to grow the sport in the region and make us a club that will be hub of the sport in the wider area.

I believe that it is important that we recognise the heritage of all 4 clubs and their significant achievements over the many years since each was formed and therefore I would ask that, as part of the work to come, the new committee looks at ways to recognise and record this in order that this is not lost to future members.

I will end by thanking you all as club members, whether long standing or recent, for your support for the club. I wish you all the best for the coming season; whatever your averages, I hope that you will continue to enjoy this sport and I wish the new committee all the best in leading this club forward.

Thank you.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Lindsay Foyle

I am also finishing my time on the Club Committee. I'm now looking forward to re-allocating the last Thursday of the month to something else.

It's been a busy year organising membership for the Exeter shooters and completing the club's amalgamation.

I can report good compliance latterly with the record of shooting folder and the ammunition count has been consistently correct.

I wish the new committee good luck in the future running of PTSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT – see attached

A. McGarty questioned expenses on repairs – R. Beard explained capitalisation – acceptance of report proposed and seconded.

C. Bamford asked whether the club will be publicising the ETSA draw?

PRONE RIFLE REPORTS

D. Mackie – As the long-range captain, it falls to me to try and tell you how the club has done over the summer months. At the start of the summer several Pinhoe members were chosen to compete against Cornwall on the St Austell range, for the Wincanton Cup, representing Devon. The members were Lindsay Agates, Jim Newton and Mike Taylor and they helped Devon win.

The students entered a university competition, travelling to Appleton. Never having shot 100 yards before they shot extremely well and came 3rd.

Several members were again chosen to represent Devon at Piddlehinton against Somerset, Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire. Although we never came away with any silver, a good time was had.

As a club we hold the Rapid Rabbit shoot in April. This being a fundraiser for the club. Lindsay Agates was top score in the Rapid Rabbit which the prize stands at £500. However, she lost by 2 points, these points losing her £250 per point! It would be good if we could get a few more members to enter. It's a very relaxed shoot with no pressure.

We now come to Bisley. This year Chris Burrow, Mike Taylor, Lindsay Agates, Robert Beard and James Gentry entered. Lindsay excelled herself as we have come to expect, coming 1st in A class at the weekend and 2nd in the week losing to another lady by just 3 points. Lindsay also shot in the County sextet and County 50m shoot, as did Robert, and the County Ladies competition, which Devon won. Both Lindsay and Robert have been promoted to X Class.

In the 50m league, as at rd 5, Pinhoe are really not doing very well and neither is the long-range team.

S. Maguire – 25yd prone – 2 teams in the Winter League – A team came 4th and B team were bottom of their division. There were 2 teams in the North Devon league and 2 people entered the North Devon individual league. Pinhoe had shooters representing Devon in the County teams. Pinhoe got through to the Kynoch semi-final but lost to Bideford. Some shooters entered the Individual Summer League. Thank you to Lindsay Agates and Jim Newton for helping with the Captain's tasks this year.

LSR REPORT – Mike Wannell – no report

20YD PISTOL REPORT – Report to AGM from 20-yard pistol captain.

Sadly, not a lot to report as we were only able to run one team in the Devon Winter League.

Had our team not lost round 6 by 3 points we would have won the league on gun score.

In the Exeter and District Summer League none of our shooters won their respective divisions.

Now, because of the merger of 4 clubs, we should hopefully be able to run 4 teams in the winter League

10M REPORT – Simon Bates

Very short report, we are a relatively small section although we have recently seen several new members, both existing shooters from previous clubs and those new to shooting.

We had 6 individuals enter the 10m winter league for air pistols. Congratulations to Mariusz who finished runner up in Division 1. The remainder of us were, on the whole, mid table.

We had several shooters who entered the Eley 10m air pistol event with one getting through to the finals in Class C being held in October.

There was a very late start to the Devon Summer League with one pistol and one rifle shooter, 5 rounds have been shot but no results have yet been posted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE CLUB:

Chairperson nominations – Mike Taylor (proposed LA, Seconded CB) and Chris Burrow (proposed RB, Seconded MT) – Mike Taylor elected

Vice Chair – Chris Burrow (proposed RB, seconded LA)

Secretary – Lindsay Agates (proposed MT, seconded RB)

Treasurer – Robert Beard (proposed MT, seconded CB)

Prone Captain indoor – Jim Newton (proposed MT, seconded RB)
Prone Captain outdoor – Debbie Mackie (proposed MT, seconded RB)
Match Secretary – Sue Maguire (proposed SB, seconded RB)
LSR Captain – Chris Burrow (proposed SB, seconded RB)
10m Air Captain – post not filled
20yd Air Captain – Roger Cudmore (proposed SB, seconded AMc)
Bench Rest Captain – Ian Roach (proposed JM, seconded RB)
Armourer – John Pullen – to confirm with John
Police Liaison Officer – Chris Burrow (proposed LA, seconded MT)
Child Protection Officer – Lindsay Agates (proposed MT, seconded RB)
Webmaster – Shaun Forsyth (proposed RB, seconded CB)
Press/Marketing Officer – post not filled

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Eatough (proposed MT, seconded LA)
George Cann (proposed RB, seconded MT)
Brian Cox (proposed SB, seconded AC)
Paul Noakes (proposed MT, seconded RB)
Nijel Dudley (proposed MT, seconded RB)
Paul Davis (proposed CB, seconded RB)
John Mock (proposed IR, seconded RC)
Nina Williams (proposed MT, seconded RB)

All posts were agreed by show of hands

AUDITORS – it is presumed that Stephanie Dennis will continue – RB will check this.

AOB - none

BUILDING PROJECT

PROJECT REPORT FOR THE AGM 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – Mike Taylor

THE STORY SO FAR....

It was becoming obvious that the future of target sports in Exeter was looking a little bleak with the University losing their range and the future of the 2 other ranges which are owned by the council were uncertain.

The option of developing the Clifton Hill range was investigated but as it would still be under the council's lease it was decided that we have discussions with Pinhoe to combine all the clubs and develop the Pinhoe site to accommodate the combined membership and all the shooting disciplines.

This would form a centre of excellence allowing all disciplines to be shot on the same evening.

Each club was balloted at an EGM and all clubs were overwhelmingly in favour of this course. A steering committee was formed, and they have met almost monthly over the past two and a half years. Planning permission was obtained last year after a delay regarding a sound survey and an archaeological survey.

An application to Sport England was looked on favourably and after 8 months we were granted £75K towards the project.

Builders have been approached and the favoured quote was at £230k + VAT which included the groundwork, shell, blockwork but not the internal fitting out.

The committee has contacted various people and a letter went out to all members twice asking if they would like to make a donation or a loan towards the project.

A total of £200K has been raised including the grant, combined club funds, gifts and pledges promised. This sum is enough to create a watertight structure and at the last committee meeting the committee approved that motion that we now get the plans drawn up to building regulations standard. This will take about 6 weeks and once this has been achieved the build can start.

The steering committee is looking at ways to reduce any costs if possible, but the reality is that having one contractor take care of it all including the health and safety aspects relieves the club and individuals of responsibility whilst reducing the build time.

Once the shell is up it will be up to the club to fit out.... This will be via our own efforts plus any extra grants we can obtain.

Notable dates along the timeline:

August 2015.... The situation regarding the future of the clubs in Exeter was discussed and a long-term plan was floated.

By Early 2016 all clubs had been ballotedand all clubs agreed to combine and support the project making Pinhoe a centre of excellence for target shooting.

May 2017 planning was approved.

April 2018 all clubs combined

May 2018 Sport England grant approved

September 2018 plans being brought up to building regs ready to commence the build.

Meeting close 20.33