

North Walsham Rifle and Pistol Club 86th AGM

Held at North Walsham Community Centre - Thursday 25th April 2019

Apologies

Apologies were received from Messrs Blundell, Malcolm Fisher, Martin, Dan Porter, Tony Heaps, Ros & Simon Wilson

Elected Committee members Present:

Chairman – Olly Crysell, **Vice Chairman** – Jim Baker, **Hon Sec** – Colin Abbs
Rifle Captain – Geoff Snell, , **Pistol Captain** – Mark Ellis, **Police Liaison** – Tony Barnard, **Development Officer** – Mike Kirkham,
Membership Secretary - Colin Ross, **Junior Representative** - Freya Giles
Treasurer - Fabian Halstead

Welcome

The Hon Secretary Colin Abbs “Thank you all for coming. May I remind you that non-members are welcome to listen in but can not take an active part in the meeting and only full members can vote. Please raise your hand if you wish to speak and stand and state your name for the minutes when invited to”

Election of Meeting Chairman

The members were asked to elect a meeting chairman. Olly Crysell was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected by a show of hands.

Olly Crysell agreed to perform the task for the next 12 months and welcomed all present to the meeting and declared it open at 8.00.

He advised that minutes of 85th AGM had been circulated by the Club Secretary to all members and asked if there were any issues members wished to discuss. There were no issues raised from the last AGM minutes and they were duly accepted. Proposed and seconded.

Chairmans Report

Welcome to our 86th AGM thank you all for attending.

May I thank the committee on your behalf for all their hard work and time they have put in over the past year for the club, it has been a busy year, and also thanks to all those that have helped on work parties for your contribution and time.

Well here we are, a new clubhouse a milestone in the clubs history. Many never believed it would happen, there were many hiccups along the way but we got there. Many were involved in bringing this project to conclusion however without the persistence and determination of Mike Kirkham it would never have got off the ground, a big thank you to Mike.

Others were equally as persistent and determined , too many to thank individually, although I must name some:

- Colin Abbs for all the time and hard work in completing the firing point.
- Mike Seago for giving his valuable time free to fit the kitchen units
- Alistair Gunns for giving his time free to fit the water heating system
- Jeff, Mark and the team for fitting the toilet systems
- Geoff Snell who persevered with the generator

My thanks to all of you who in one way or another assisted in this project and gave their valuable time, and a special thank you to the committee who pulled out all the stops when needed.

Now we have a new building lets look after it. Please do not litter it with items that you do not need at home, if you think you have something that might be useful let us know and we will confirm if we need it.

House keeping is still a failing. Keep the building tidy, the toilets clean and empty the bins. Do not let them sit there overflowing, burn the rubbish on site or take it home and place it in your rubbish bin. The Club is not on a refuse collection route. We do not employ a cleaner therefore we are asking for volunteers for cleaning, if you wish to offer your services please let the committee know, if we have lots of volunteers we will arrange a rota system.

Looking to the future over the next year, we hope to complete the Gallery project, toilet and extension and lay the foundations and erect a storage facility.

There is also need to address noise attenuation from the range. Richard Drake kindly carried out a noise survey for the club and has advised on possible actions we can take. My thanks to him.

Initial plans are to plant vegetation and sound proof the gallery roof and firing points. We also hope that plans can be drawn up that will permit us to purchase the land being held on our behalf at the earliest opportunity.

Once we have use of the land we can then consider further projects such as obtaining mains power, a car park extension, and building an indoor 10m air pistol/rifle range are possibilities for the future.

Please keep your your eye on the notice boards and emails as additional work days will be implemented for some tasks.

Remember it is your club, you now have facilities that many will envy, look after it, support it, be proud of it and lets build on what we have achieved.

Charles Cain

Thanked the chair for his report and said he would like to propose that Mike Kirkham be made an honorary member of the club.

The chair asked for a show of hands from the members for the proposal which was carried unanimously

Hon Secretary Report

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has helped the club this year. I think the new clubhouse is a great asset to the club and the Pistol Range restroom is progressing well.

As some of you are aware there have been some problems for the NSRA with the target printers. These are still ongoing and PL12 targets are still not available. If this affects you please feel free to write to the NSRA and complain and not blame your committee.

Treasurers Report

Income and Expenditure Statement is attached to this report.

Fabian commented as follows;

1. Subs were up by 20%: £22311 vs £18523. Adult subs raised by 18% so there was no drop off in membership.
2. Expenditure up by 16%: £15011 vs £12995 However £3360 of this was spent on the new car park, so actual expenditure on day to day running was broadly flat.
3. End of year balance at the bank £29500, was £7308 less than last year. The reason for the decline is that we spent a further £17340 on the development project which was only partly recovered from our surplus of £10033.

Auditor Comments

I have audited the accounts and all is well. Had I been at the AGM I would have wanted to speak in praise of the job that Fabian has done with the accounts and would like to make the following comments.

“ I am sorry that it is not possible for me to attend this AGM

Having audited the accounts being presented I feel that the Club should acknowledge the superb efforts of our treasurer Fabian Halstead in a year of exceptional financial activity .

In simple terms his accounts reflect dealing with income of close to £100000 and expenditure in excess of £106000

This has all been achieved with appropriate record keeping including identifying subscription payments from our many members.

To manage all this with accuracy is a considerable achievement and I hope that members will join with me in congratulating him on his efforts on our behalf"

Malcolm Fisher

Rifle Captain Report

Geoff Snell advised that it has been a busy year on Thursday nights, We have seen around 2 new members per week seeking membership. The membership has grown, we want to keep them as members and it runs well.

Competition wise we are now back for our 1st new season after the rebuild and will seek more interest in the target rifle side.

Pistol Captain Report

It has been a good year on range 3. Many thanks to all that have helped. With noise levels we are working to reduce the levels and have cut back on rapid fire.

We need more younger members and are happy to open range 3 up to all our existing members

Air Gun Report

No report

Junior Representative

No report

Development Officer Report

We finally completed the new clubhouse build, which started post demolition and site clearance on 5th March and the basic build was completed in July 2018.

Our Budget

£74000	Sport England
£15000	NNDC
£25000	Club Funding

£114000

The total build cost came in at £109627 after architects, demolition, NNDC building control and Building inspector fees had been paid. The building cost also included £20000 VAT.

Most of the fitting out was completed by club members, thanks to all those who gave up their time.

The question of emergency lighting has been ongoing since last November and NNDC has refused to sign off the Building Regs until a solution has been found.

We have spent a lot of time looking at solutions that would not be as effective as NNDC required.

The latest solution is now acceptable to NNDC and many thanks to Jim Baker for his help in producing the existing system.
We await the final sign off letter from NNDC.

Membership overall continues to grow as does the number of younger members, and all the work that Zero Point and Shooting Captains are doing will help us to grow and develop as a Dynamic and forward thinking Target Rifle Club

We will have a formal opening in the near future to thank the projects funders, those who have been involved, and develop some worthwhile local PR as a result.

The Field

I thought it would be useful to recap and update where we are with the field purchase.

We have had discussions with Olly, Colin Abbs, local accountants, and Fabian our Treasurer.

Until the land is paid for in full we have no access to the land, that means in essence that at the current rate of progress putting 5K on one side in the accounts it will be April 2027 before we can move forward.

The key Question is how can we fund that purchase more quickly?

This will allow us to move forward as club with a number of projects as part of our 5 year Sports Development plan 2019-2023

Options explored have been limited to commercial lending, forming a Limited Co to buy the field, but all our land is held by our trustees, and it would be expensive to undertake.

Several of our members have suggested raising short term loans from members to enable the finance to be raised to buy the land.

Nothing has yet been agreed by the committee and we are seeking your thoughts and ideas at this stage.

Possible Funding Solution

Club Funds Forecast

Current Account	£14500
Gen Fund	£ 5000
Field Purchase	<u>£10000</u>
 Total	 £29000
 Subs for 2019	 £20000 min
	£49000
 Less Expenses	 £15000
 Current Funds	 £34000

This would allow the Club to pay out £25000 and we could seek £25000 from club members

Process

We could seek say £5000 from 5 members, or lower amounts if needed.

This would be repaid over 5 years at £5000 per annum .(the same amount we would be putting on one side for 2027)

It would benefit the club and also those who kindly help us out would pay little or no Subs over that time depending on the amounts in lieu of interest payments.

Your thoughts would be most welcome

If this is worth progressing we will need to put firm details together and get it agreed at an EGM

The committee will also need as we plan ahead to think about its other future capital expenditure areas : range three refurbishment, mains electricity, indoor airgun range to name but a few!

Membership response

Many positive responses were made from the floor which included looking at interest payments to those offering to make loans and suggestions that the committee should

go ahead with producing a scheme and suitable documentation and agree it at committee level.

Subscriptions

The club committee proposed that we should increase the existing subs by £5

Adult £100-£105

Adult probationary £55-£60

Junior Full £30-£35

There was a counter proposal from the floor to increase by £10 rather than five. At a show of hands, with 27 were in favour of the club proposal with 10 for the proposal from the floor. The clubs proposal was carried.

Proposal to change the constitution

A proposal for a new membership group social membership was outlined in draft format and details contained in the paper attached to the AGM data.

The AGM proposal reads

“The management committee is proposing a new group of membership “SOCIAL MEMBER” and that the clubs constitution be amended as follows:

Paragraph 2 to read:

There shall be five member groups

Insert:

(5) Social members are persons who are non shooters that support club activities. This group will not have access to club or members firearms or airguns. They are permitted to attend AGM/EGMs but have no voting rights and are not permitted to propose or second any candidates for elections and will be subject to a reduced subscription

Your committee recommends that you accept this proposal

The proposal was discussed agreed and seconded with a suggested subscription of £15

Any Other business

The chairman raised the issues of trustees. All our land assets are held by 2 trustees so that if the club ceased to exist the assets would go to a suitable charity. We have one elderly trustee on the current deeds plus Colin Abbs, it would be nice to seek new blood . If anyone is interested contact the committee for more information.

The issue of numbers of existing full members using the 3 ranges on a THURSDAY NIGHT was raised again. After much discussion it was agreed to restrict attendance to those new members who need to use club equipment.

Radio Communication between the ranges . It was raised that batteries on the radios were not working causing communication issues. The point was made that if members do not switch off the radios when they leave, then they don't last as long as they should.

Tony Clarke Zeropoint

Raised the issue of fullbore. Has access to facilities at Bisley and is an NRA instructor, happy for people to use the club name and ensure we have NRA affiliation, he will put a proposal to the club.

Election of Committee Members

Both Olly Crysell and Jim Baker advised that they were both standing down at NEXT years AGM, and have said that they will work to ensure an individual is ready to take over in 12m time and will find someone to shadow them in the interim.

In the clubs constitution we MUST have a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the club to exist.

Freya Giles role as Junior Representative was taken over by Tony Clarke, David Blundells role as Assistant Secretary was taken over by Mike Seago, Colin Abbs role as Secretary is also vacant and Richard Drake offered to do the role, Colin advised that he would be happy to stand as Competition Secretary to assist Richard.

All other committee members were happy to continue in role and all the new committee were all proposed and seconded.

A copy of the new committee with contact details is attached

Presentation of trophies then followed with Olly Crysell presenting certificates to the winners for All the Air Gun Competitions.

40 Yard Springer Competition

3rd Bill Hudson

2nd Geoff Challis

1st Victor Leonard

40 Yard PCP Competition

3rd Mason Gostling
2nd Christine Hudson
1st Bill Hudson

10 Meter Air Rifle

3rd Jack Wones
2nd Ian Bunting
1st David Blundell

10 Meter Air Pistol

3rd Jack Wones
2nd Sean Leate
1st Robert Larke

20 Yard Vintage Springer

3rd Andy Goodhand
2nd Leonara Oakley
1st Colin Abbs

The meeting closed at 9.40 and members were allowed to renew their memberships