



# Isle of Wight Target Shooting Association

Meeting date: **Monday, February 9, 2015**    **Started: 7:30 PM**    **Ended: 9:30 PM**

Location: Camphill Social Club

Purpose/Notes: Committee Meeting

Chaired by: Dom Cowen

Minutes rec. by: Dom Cowen

## Attendance:

Present: David Atkin, Dom Cowen, Mike England, Ian Savill

Regrets: Anthony Elgar, Mike Jolliff, Frank Jones, Martyn Potter, Jason Smy, Denise Wilson

Absent: Ted Allen, Sally Lee, Steve Lee, Bob Morris, Jemma Toms, Roy Wade

Late:

## Guests:

Anne Bessant (present), Luke Ratsey (absent), Matt Reed (absent), Tony Riggs (absent), Richard Wilson (regrets)

## Meeting Documents:

(no documents)

## Meeting Minutes:

### 1. Committee Business

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#### 1.1. Apologies of Absence

Dom Cowen

Apologies of absence

Apologies of absence were received from Mike Jolliff, Denise Wilson, Jason Smy, Antony Elgar, Frank Jones, Martyn Potter.

**Status:** Completed

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#### 1.2. Agree the Minutes from the last meeting

Dom Cowen

Agree the minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as correct, as there were only two members present this evening that were present at the last one.

**Resolution #:** Minutes agreed as correct

**Moved by:** Ian Savill

**Seconded by:** Mike England

**Status:** Carried

**Vote:** 4 for 0 against

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### 2. Matters Arising

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#### 2.1. Trophies and Engraving

Anne Bessant

In order to try and reduce costs and possibly improve quality of some medals. Are we really getting the best deal for our money?

Look at sourcing trophies and medals from another source in order to possibly get something of either a higher quality for the same price or even a better price over-all, from an online source.

Some places to look online are:

<http://www.victorytrophies.co.uk/>

<http://www.onlinetrophies.co.uk/>

<http://www.bw-trophies.com/>

<http://www.trophiesandmedals.com/>



<http://www.thetrophystore.co.uk/>

<http://www.trophies247.co.uk>

### **From meeting of 16/09/2013**

The whole issue of medals, their quality and engraving was debated. It was suggested by Antony Elgar that maybe we could look at other alternatives to engraving the backs of the medals. One alternative was to replace it with a sticker like Jersey do. Dom Cowen also asked Anne Bessant to explore other online sources for medals and plaques just to make sure that we are getting the best deal that we can for our money.

Anne Bessant would investigate and report back at the next committee meeting.

### **From meeting of 4/28/2014**

It was reported back by Ann that we are getting a good deal at present. It was suggested by Dom Cowen as to whether we could investigate the use of stickers on the back of medals as an alternative to engraving, as this would allow us to add a bit more to the back, and still save some money on the engraving costs.

Ann said that Andy Toms has asked for a sample of a medal so that he can try and see if they will fit in the laser machine and can be engraved ok. Anne said that she was going to get some samples over to him, but she didn't have his contact details. Dom Cowen said that he would give Ann his email address, so that she could contact him regarding this matter. It was agreed that the trophies would still be engraved at the usual place, as they are used to doing them.

It was agreed that we would now complete this agenda item, and Ann would report back at the next meeting as to how Andy got on with it.

**Status:** Completed

## **2.2. Liaison with Local Police**

David Atkin

David Atkin asked about the Liaison with Keith Woods as discussed at the last meeting. Dom Cowen said that he hadn't had a chance to get in contact with Keith Woods in order to discuss this, so David Atkin said that he would try to arrange this with Keith when he spoke to him next.

### **From meeting of 20/01/2014**

This item was brought up in the Any Other Business

### **From meeting of 10/7/2014**

David was not present at last meeting, so deferred until next meeting.

Dave Atkins (DA) would like some feedback from the club secretaries, as to how the firearms certificate renewal process is currently affecting club members. He is concerned that the process is taking too long and leaving people for a period of time with no Firearm certificate, as there is a gap between the expiry time of the current certificate, and the date that the new certificate is received. This is obviously unacceptable, as the police are forcing people to be in a situation whereby they are holding firearms illegally, through no fault of their own. DA was also concerned that last year, there was a statement issued by the Association of Chief Police Officers that they were sponsoring 'Operation Solitaire', which was designed to reduce the vulnerability of individuals with legitimate access to firearms to use them illegally, but nothing has been heard since then. Dom Cowen (DC) suggested that DA should contact Keith Woods (KW) with regards to all of the matters mentioned here and see what he can tell us about it, and what they are trying to do in order to sort out the FAC renewal problems. DC also said that he would send an email out to the club secretaries, to try and find out the club's member's experiences for recent renewals.

DA will let us know the outcome with KW at the next meeting.

**Status:** Deferred: 4/13/2015

## **2.3. Date for the 2015 AGM**

Dom Cowen

We need to agree a date for the 2015 AGM, as this needs to be booked in January 2015.

Dom Cowen is to book the Riverside Centre for Monday 19th May 2015 and confirm this at the next meeting.

Dom Cowen has requested a booking at the Riverside Centre for Monday 18th May from 19:00 for the AGM, but this has yet to be confirmed by the Riverside centre. DC said that he would email everyone, once the booking has been confirmed.

Dave Atkin also noted that the date on the Agenda above was showing as Tuesday 19th May, and not for the 18th. DC said that it was a typo, and that the meeting had been agreed as the 18th May.

**Status:** Completed



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## 2.4. Guest Speaker for AGM

Dom Cowen

Any suggestions on who we could have as a guest speaker at the AGM?

DC said that we were still looking for a guest speaker. It was noted that Vanessa Churchman had been suggested at the last meeting, and that DC had asked everyone to go away from the last meeting and think about it. Dave Atkin suggested that we could ask a former member of the Isle of Wight Sports Council, Susie Sheldon. Everyone seemed to think it was a good idea, so DA was given the task of approaching her first, to see if she would act as guest speaker. DC asked if he could get confirmation back from the Riverside first, before we asked Susie Sheldon. Once the confirmation has been received, let DA know, and he will ask Susie.

**Status:** Parked

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## 2.5. Lightweight Sporting Rifle Secretary Vacancy

Dom Cowen

Tony Riggs will be stepping down from this role in December 2014. This gives us a couple of months to find a replacement for him. Can all club reps please ask their Sporting Rifle sections for a volunteer to take this on? If no-one is forthcoming, then the job will not get done.

### From meeting of 10/7/2014

Dom Cowen told everyone that Tony Riggs would now stay on until December, but that he would be standing down then. He then asked if all club reps could physically ask members in their clubs to see if any one would be interested in taking this role over, as if no one volunteers for it, then there would be no one to run it.

Ann Bessant advised that Tony Riggs said that he would finish doing the current season, before quitting from the role. The matter was also discussed, and it was deemed to still be urgent, as we need someone to take over from Tony ASAP. DC said that it was the biggest league with the most participants, but no one has yet come forward to run it. DC suggested that we need to put a poster up in each club and try to get the point across that this is really important, and that if no one volunteers for it, then it is possible that the league will not run over the summer. Although this is not the desired outcome, this may be the only way to get someone to volunteer for this role.

**Status:** Deferred: 4/13/2015

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## 3. New Business

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### 3.1. NSRA Affiliation Form Details

Dom Cowen

All committee members who would like to be covered, for insurance purposes need to add their details to the form.

DC presented the filled in forms to the committee members present in order to get them to fill in the required sections. The sections for NSRA witnesses, and official committee member names and signatures were also added to the document.

The section regarding the amount of insurance cover was discussed, and everyone present was happy to go with the default amount of £2,500 cover for IWTSAs trophies. This amount could be extended, but an additional premium cost would be involved, which was deemed unnecessary. The Exemption Certificate part was raised by DC and he suggested that it could be of benefit to the committee members that were on it, as this could really help out clubs by allowing those named individuals the ability to transfer and hold ammunition where needed, especially from Bisley. And if the need ever arose, then .22 rifles for competitions/events too. DC was happy that if no-one else saw the benefit of it, then he was willing to go on it by himself and pay the extra £20 for it, but as everyone could see the benefit of having it, it was decided that the Association would pay for it as part of the Affiliation fee.

DC said that over the next week, he would get the missing addresses, and signatures from the people that couldn't make the meeting tonight for the application, and when complete, give it to Denise to send off with our affiliation payment.

**Status:** Completed

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### 3.2. Money Raising Ideas for Island Games Team

Dom Cowen

Fund Raising for the Island Games Shooting Team

DC briefly gave a quick history of what we were raising funds for, and some of the ideas that were floating around.



DC just wanted to confirm with Ian Saville Shanklin that it was okay to do the ammunition raffle. DC said that we need to start this ASAP, otherwise it will be too late to raise the money.

It was decided after a number of ideas, that the best way to do it would be to charge £1 per ticket, and that members could buy as many tickets as they wanted in order to enter the raffle. Once they had purchased the number of tickets, the details would be email over to DC, and he would then print each ticket out, and out them into a draw. The winner will be drawn at random, and will received 500 rounds of either Lapua Centre X or another equivalent like RWS Special Match if available. This competition would be open to all club members including non FAC members, as long as the club would be willing to store the block of ammunition for them. DC also asked whether Shanklin could provide the ammo, and IS said that it would be ok. DC said that IWTSA could provide the money upfront to purchase the ammo first if required, but that a nominated person from the appropriate disciplines would be responsible for collecting the money and number of entries, and then emailing them to DC. This needs to be done ASAP.

**Status:** Completed

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### 3.3. IWTSA Shoots

David Atkin

What are we doing regarding the IWTSA shoots this year?

DA raised the point of what we were doing regarding the IWTSA shoots this year. DC informed him that we were planning on running them all this year, because they were not run last year due to the association not having valid insurance cover. DC also asked Ian Saville to confirm what we are doing with regards to last years trophies. IS stated that he was going to use the scores from last summer's league scores for some of the competitions, and award the trophies like that.

DC asked IS to book in all of the outdoor comps for this year, as the range is fairly busy this year. We all discussed which days would be best, and then decided that we would try to have them on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, as this was an existing prone night, and we may get more people shooting it this way. It was agreed that the previous Saturday and Sunday days, did not work at all, and attendance was really low on some occasions. DC said that he would email IS a list of 'no go' dates, where other events are due to take place in these periods, like Bisley, and the Island Games.

**Status:** Completed

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### 3.4. IWTSA Dates

Dom Cowen

Create a calendar if IWTSA shoots this year.

DA asked if we could create a calendar if IWTSA shoots this year and publicise them. DC agreed that this must be done, and asked for DA and IS to email him all dates for shoots, and DC would then create and distribute the calendar to all shooters.

**Status:** Completed

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### 3.5. Newtown Range

David Atkin

DA said that if anyone would like to shoot full-bore rifle out at Newtown, then Newport meet out there once a month, (with the exception of January) and anyone is welcome to go along and shoot with them, who is not a member of Newport, but prior notice/booking is required through Newport club. The cost would be £10 each for the hire of the lane, and he recommended that it is best to come in pairs. This is so that the butt and firing point details can be split easily. However, only a maximum of 3 shoots can be completed in a year for the £10 fee. Any more than this, and Newport would expect you to become a member. Newtown range offers 200m and 300m firing points, and they have 10 firing points available. Disciplines covered are service rifle, F-Class and standard NRA events.

**Status:** Completed

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### 3.6. Updates

Anthony Elgar

AE had provided DC with an update of what is happening here:

#### **Air Leagues**

Air leagues are progressing well with only a very small number of drop outs or late cards. An extension granted to a Shanklin shooter, due to a car accident, will expire next week.

I will soon be going out to the club for the Summer season entries.

#### **Island Games**

Progress in getting competitors paperwork is slow but getting there. We should be able to meet the targets.



Competitors are putting in additional practice and coaching. It will soon be time to do some outdoor training.

Jersey may have to drop th Ladies 3P team event as the entries do not currently meet the minimum requirements. No decision can be made until games minus 1 month.

### Scoring

A scorers mentor session for 1 or 2 club scorers from each of the islands clubs will be on Saturday 14 March (10.00 to 12.30) and another on Sunday 15 march (13.30 to 16.00). Only need to go to one. I need to know in advance whom will be attending an on which day Email please so I can send out the scorers guide..

The object is to get all each clubs scorers to the same standard and using the same standards and techniques. This will also be your first update step towards becoming a qualified scorer.

AE provided the update above, and a number of people asked about the dates and times of the scoring course. DC will get in contact with AE and ask him to email all people, letting them know of the dates.

**Status:** Completed

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## 4. Committee Business

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### 4.1. Any Other Business

Dom Cowen

Any other business from the committee

No more business to discuss

**Status:** Completed

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### 4.2. Book Next Meeting

Dom Cowen

Book Next Committee meeting

The next committee meeting was booked for April 13th at the Camphill Social Club.

**Status:** Completed

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Total time scheduled: 98 min

Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:

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