

Annual General Meeting, 2015

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club held at The Old Sergeants' Mess, Bisley Camp On 9th July at 8.20pm

Members Present: J. Hull, J. Watson, E. Cannings, J. Webster, S. Pattinson, S. Belither, S. Merton – Jones, B. Bullard, P. Mayne, R. Pizer, G. Scott (Uppingham School RSM), K. Gladding, (Uppingham School Shooting Master), A. Ringer, P. Hinchliffe, J. Dickson, D. Mathieson, H. Ives

Apologies: C Belk, W Cazalet, H Doyne-Ditmas, J Humphrey, A Williams, Dominic Symington, B. Yates

Before the meeting began, D. Mathieson reported the passing of Colin Thomas, John Sellick, and Peter Warren. This was acknowledged with a moment of silence.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The only amendment needed was that J. Humphrey was present, but excluded from the members present of the minutes of the 2014 AGM. The minutes were proposed by E. Cannings and seconded by S. Belither, and carried.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer reported that the club is only just in a surplus. This is of our own making, as we were late to invoice the school for last year's barbeque tickets. We also need to chase the payments of standing orders. Overall, the accounts are in good health. Next year will see more honorary members requesting Imperial subsidie. The treasurer's report was proposed by E. Cannings and seconded by P. Mayne, and carried.

3. CLUB REPORT

The school report was delivered by K. Gladding who reported that they have seen a marked increase in the use of the Simon Pattinson Range this year. The school were victorious in the Northants and Leicester postal shoot, of which Federi Gayo was top shot. It was also reported that they have had great difficulty with Beckingham Range this year, which has been inaccessible. The school has been grateful for the use of the Oundle full-bore range on Tuesdays of the summer term, and the club's thanks to Oundle were noted. Even though this year's Easter Camp at Bisley was well attended, an issue has arisen over the scrapping of the 300 mil rule for cadets, which may cause an end to shooting the Easter Camp. More staff are now also needed for Cadet supervision, which may also pose a problem. (At this stage E. Cannings queried as to whom Beckingham Range is being used for, if not for cadets – the only feedback currently given is that the ranges are given over to a 'higher priority booking'. The Schools' Week had a difficult start as the cadets struggled, but was greatly improved over the course of the week. There is also only one leaver from the team this year. 1 school cadet is to stay to shoot the Imperial, and as the school is a home office approved club, it will be possible to continue full – bore training in a civilian capacity should the issues arising from the cadet world become unmanageable.

For the Club Report, J. Hull reported that C Watson and G Morris represented Wales in the Commonwealth Games, coming 12th and 13th in the individual event. The club also had 5 members in the top 100 of the Grand Aggregate and 6-7 in the in the top 200.

J. Watson reported that a new volunteer is needed to help compile the club report. Responsibility for different sections of the report are also to be allotted as follows: H. Walker to write the school report, J. Hull to write the Captain's Annual Report, J. Webster to update all tours, statistics and wins. It is kindly asked that these be done within 2 months of the event and then sent to J. Watson.

4. AUTUMN SHOOT

D. Mathieson proposed the creation of an Autumn Shoot, with the aim of immediately involving the most recent school leavers with the U.V.R.C. A date is yet to be set for this, but E.Cannings suggested that the Ages Match be a potential date. This must be arranged as soon as possible to ideally include the School too, in which case K.Gladding must enter it for the school calendar.

5. 2016 MATCH AGAINST THE SCHOOL

This year's match against the school was held in January, due to the proximity in timing with the O.U Dinner. The proposed time of year for the 2016 match is February. H.Walker is to liaise with K.Gladding as to a specific date for the match.

6. LAPSED MEMBERS

There are no lapsed members. There are however 22 owing subscriptions. H.Ives to compile list of members for honorary status.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2015 – 16

H.Ives is to step down from Hon. Secretary after 3 years. H. Ives proposed B. Yates as new secretary, seconded by C.Watson.

All other posts were re – elected en-bloc, proposed by D. Mathieson, seconded by S.Belither.

A new elected member was selected as J.Dickson, proposed by S.Belither and seconded by A.Ringer.

8. AWARDS

President's Tankard:	Oliver Howard - Vyse
Donegall Badge:	Harriet Walker
Club Championship Trophy:	A. Ringer
Watson Rose Bowl:	Alistair Mason
Simon Pattinson Trophy:	Jonathan Hull
Ferrend Cup:	Theo Barclay

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the meeting was closed at 20:45