



UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB

The AGM of the U.V.R.C. was held at
The North London Rifle Club, Bisley
on Thursday 18th July 2024, 19:41

Attendees:

Ant Ringer; Chris Watson; James Watson; Sam Hunting; Henry Reynolds; John Webster; Nick Hinchliffe; Reg Curtis; Simon Belither; Ben Bullard; Alastair White; Kev Gladding; Rupert Fitzsimmons; The Uppingham School Team.

1. Apologies

Jeanie and Simon Pattinson, Stephen Merton-Jones, Gaz Morris, Emma Cannings, Dominic Symington, Simon Osmund, Jonathan Hull, Richard Boston, Chris Belk, Philip Taylor, Nigel Griffiths, Christopher Jewitt, Jo Dickson, Michael Horrell, Harriett Walker, and Robin Pizer send their apologies.

It was regrettably announced that Thomas 'Kit' Swinfen passed away recently at the age of 91.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

The meeting minutes from 13th July 2023 were summarised by Sam Hunting with the following overdue actions from 2022 completed: Jo Dickson was awarded with a Donegall Badge and Alastair White was awarded a Presidents Tankard. Abi Howe and Hugo Turnbull-Hall were both absent and so are still owed a President's tankard for their scores in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by James Watson. Last year's accounts showed a significant loss, but this was due to donating £3,000 to the School. Discounting that transaction showed a surplus of £219. James Watson commented that there was no need to increase fees and also gave special thanks to Jeremy Mumby for another year of providing his accounting services to the club – his 20th year of doing so. Approval of the report was proposed by Simon Belither and seconded by Chris Watson.

4. Captain's Report

The Captain's report was given by Reg Curtis, who started by congratulating Chris Watson for winning the King's prize last year. Congratulations were also given to Ant Ringer for winning St. George's. The school were congratulated for coming 3rd in the Ashburton Fours last year and for fielding a team of eight this year. Unfortunately they didn't secure a top leaderboard position this year. Michael Horrell and John Webster were praised for their performances in Match Rifle where they both finished in the top ten, and for Michael's 1200x aggregate score particularly. In the 2023 Veterans' Match, the UVRC's A, B, and C teams achieved 6th, 13th, and 12th place respectively. As a club, four members got through to the 2023 King's Final and six made the top 200 of the Grand Aggregate.

5. Election of Officers

President

Ant Ringer announced that after three years in the role, his time as President had drawn to a close and gave his thanks to the club. He shall stand down as of January 1st 2025. Reg Curtis was nominated as successor to the Club President; proposed by Ant Ringer; seconded by James Watson.

Captain

Simon Osmund (absent) was proposed by James Watson; seconded by Ant Ringer.

Treasurer

James Watson noted that he had been treasurer for "twenty-something years now" and was looking for volunteers to replace him. Sam Hunting volunteered, however was still early in his tenure as Membership secretary and wanted to continue for another year.

Membership Secretary

Sam Hunting was proposed by Chris Watson; seconded by John Webster. Sam suggested that next year he change role to become Treasurer, and Alastair White becomes Membership Secretary.

Club Secretary

Ben Bullard had agreed to continue as club secretary (managing the Firearms matters with the police).

Committee Members

Chris Watson was re-nominated (Emma has stood down). Alastair White was proposed as a new member by Kev Gladding; seconded by James Watson.

Under-25s Captain

Sam Hunting noted that the current Under-25s captain (Oliver Howard-Vyse) had not been in contact with the club for multiple years and so should be replaced. Sam proposed Alastair White; seconded by James Watson.

6. School Report

No reports or speeches were offered by the School.

7. Awards

Club Championship

Ant Ringer won the Club Championship in 2023 and has brought the engraving up to date (at his expense as a gift to the club).

Donegall Badge (*Highest score of the Veterans Match, not having previously won one*)

Awarded to Alastair White, with a score of 45.1. (Also belatedly noting Jo Dickson won in 2022).

Pattinson Trophy (*Highest score of the Veterans Match with a team-based handicap (A+0, B+1, C+2, etc.)*)

Chris Watson, with a score of 50.5 (A Team) in the Vet's match.

Presidents Tankard

Shen Jaixin

Watson Bowl (*Most improved shooter from the School*)

Ibrahim Mansuri

Ferrand Cup (*Best team player from the School*)

Rufus Taylor

8. Any other business

A final thanks was given to the club officials for their continued efforts in keeping the club running.

The meeting was brought to a close at 19:58