



Minutes of the E.G.M of Sunday 21st April 2019, in ETL Clubroom

Meeting opened 13:15

In Attendance: 12 members present including officers & committee members (. : 11 voting members):

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| Cleve Bull (com) | Jason Cheeseman (Treasurer) |
| Pete Lloyd | Martyn Farrow (com) |
| Trev Townsend (com) | Harry Farrow |
| John New (Mem.Sec.) | Gary Keogh (Chairman) |
| Jim Lethby (com) | Brett Wilkinson |
| George Long (com) | Barry Taylor |

Absent Apologies Received: Sean Barnes, Jeff Watts, Paul Ross, Les Allam & John Keary.

Meeting Opened: 13:15 with Gary Keogh in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting: after members viewing the minutes it was proposed that:
The minutes of E.G.M. 9th December 2018 are agreed as true.

Proposed MF. Seconded CB. ~ PASSED 10 for, 1 abstain.

Matters Arising: None

Chairman's opening remarks/report: After an eventful year clouded by matters raised at last EGM we can now move on in a positive way. New machinery has been bought and 12 members trained as First Aiders, there are benches around the woods and the on the pistol range which now has improved access; and, of course, we now have a toilet block almost ready for use.

I thank all those involved in getting this far with the installation and look forward to a good coming year

Secretary's Report: The Secretary, Paul Ross was absent so no report was offered.

Treasurer's Report: After a year with a lot of expenditure, as mentioned by the Chairman the financial year ending 28 February this year our final balance stood at £9322.73.

Our current balance is £10260.59, but we have outstanding payments to be made of just over £700.00 mainly for petty cash claims involved in the installation of the toilets, the exact final cost has yet to be finalised but it is well within the budget set (£5K), probably around half that. However, our balance at this point is a bit down on what was expected as the membership is down, it has been falling year on year, and the cost of the first aid training has come from this year's accounts.

The changeover to online banking is complete but waiting the outcome of this meeting to complete the ID forms allowing officers access.

Membership Secretary's Report: As mentioned, membership has been falling, but that's what happens with clubs; I'm not unduly worried as I'm sure it will pick up again. Last year we had 63 members and the year before we had 73 and we had 75 the year before that (2016).

Currently we only have 39 members. We've had 10 family members who did not attend much; the kids have probably wanted to shoot but now got it out of the system and are unlikely to rejoin; but we've had 2 new members this year already.

The 'Troubles' have only cost us 3 members that I know of and I expect another 8 to rejoin, but they're just late in doing so. Maybe some have not rejoined as they object to the price hike if they've not attended work parties? But, last year the 63 members brought in a total of £2848. I had 23 enquiries from the website last year from which we gained 7 new members; so, I feel that is paying for itself.

Competition Secretary's Report: As we do not currently have a Comp. Sec. there is no report.

On a Point of Order the election of Officers & Committee shall be taken after Agenda Item 1

Agenda Item 1: ~ Should the Comps Sec be an 'Officer' Position?

Following debate, the following proposal was made:

That we keep the position of Comps. Sec. as an Officer of this club.

Proposed JN. Seconded HF. ~ PASSED unanimously.

Election of Officers: There being no new nominations for the positions of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, & Membership Secretary, the incumbent officers were all prepared to stand for re-election.

Chairman ~ Gary Keogh ~ *Proposed CB. Seconded MF. ~ PASSED unanimously.*

Secretary ~ Paul Ross ~ *Proposed GK. Seconded GL. ~ PASSED unanimously.*

Treasurer ~ Jason Cheeseman ~ *Proposed JL. Seconded HF. ~ PASSED unanimously.*

Membership Secretary ~ John New ~ *Proposed JL. Seconded PL. ~ PASSED unanimously.*

Harry Farrow was nominated for Comp Sec. which he accepted.

Competition Secretary ~ Harry Farrow ~ *Proposed JN. Seconded GK. ~ PASSED unanimously.*

N.B. Harry Farrow was previous co-opted to committee as 'Webmaster'. Now, as Comps. Sec., he is now on committee and has agreed to continue with the position of Webmaster.

Election of Committee: Peter Lloyd was nominated for committee but he did not accept. There being no other nominations the incumbent committee members were all prepared to stand for re-election, therefore the following stood for election on-mass.

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| Cleve Bull, | George Long, | Martyn Farrow, | Jim Lethby |
| Trevor Townsend, | John Keary | Sean Barnes | Jeff Watts |

Proposed JN. Seconded GK ~ PASSED unanimously.

N.B. Officers are automatically on committee therefore the committee has a total of 13 which is in compliance with S.R.10.

Agenda Item 2: ~ 25th Anniversary of ETL. ~ Suggestions:

A long discussion ensued on what and when with now positive conclusion but most likely be an 'open' family & friends' day with some form of free 'open' celebratory competition on a date to be decided; a buffet shall be provided.

We celebrate our 25th anniversary with an open day and competition on a budget of £150 at a date to be set.

Proposed GK. Seconded TT. ~ PASSED unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: ~ Work party sign in times.

Attendance at work parties should be recorded for membership credit no later than 10:30 ~ discuss:

Long debate with members showing displeasure at those that turn up late at work parties, hang around while for a short time and leave thus getting credit without actually working. Various ideas as to how to stop this practice but a no later date was obviously considered impractical.

JN stated that the Work Party Signing in sheet had provision for times in and out and read the appropriate rule that says to get credit a member must work for approximately 3 hours.

[at this point the voice recording stopped so the remainder id from sparse notes]

Without a formal proposal it was agreed to enforce O.R.42(a): (a)

On the first Saturday of each month (March to December inclusive) there shall be an 'Official Work Party' of approximately 3 hours. (Depending on requirements these dates may change.) It is a condition of membership to attend a minimum of three official work parties per year.

Those not completing the 'Work Party Signing In Sheet' correctly will NOT be credited. Should a member appear 'slacking' those present should immediately reprimand them!

Agenda Item 4: ~ **Defibrillator** ~ discuss buying one between ETLFTC and ETL Gun Club.

Following the recent First Aid courses where members where shown and operated a defibrillator; they ARE idiot-proof and the merits of ETL having one were undisputed, only the matter of cost needed

exploration.

ETL Gun Club have indicated they will pay half the costs and HF had done some research: Using the supplier recommended by Tutor Care (the first aid instructor) the cost is around £875 with running costs of under £50.00 per year. This was felt completely acceptable and a proposal for a budget was being formulated when Barry Taylor made a statement that stopped the proposal being made.

He offered to personally pay for a defibrillator!

This silenced the room as he handed over the money!

A loud round of applause and a vote of thanks was immediately proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed. [Barry ~ THANK YOU.]

The committee will go ahead with the purchase and negotiate with ETL gun Club for their share of maintenance.

Any Other Business:

1) Memorial plaques ~ It was proposed that we shall place plastic memorial plaques on the new rest benches around the site.

Proposed GK. Seconded JC. ~ PASSED unanimously.

Anyone with suggestions should speak to the chairman. Names suggested at the meeting were: Dave Fox, Clive Stubbs and Don Hawthorne.

2) Blue Light & Cadet comps. ~ in the absence of Paul Ross whose idea this is, no further details emerged other than the date is fixed at Sunday 28th July.

3) Pellet varieties, increase choice of pellets for sale. ~ This was debated in full and decided that no change was needed.

4) Compressor: ~ The purchase of a compressor to top up cylinders was discussed and the idea rejected for many reasons including safety, maintenance and insurance.

[The above 4 items are not strictly AGM business but negated the need for a committee meeting after the AGM]

5) Clive Stubbs Shield: ~ The 'Clive Stubbs Shield' for 2018 was won by Paul Ross who was not in attendance. He will be presented with it at a later date.

Members are reminded to enter this year; open to all in springer and PCP class ~ see Paul Ross for further details.

6) Clarity of membership fees and surcharges & credits for work parties: ~ It is felt by many that the invoicing for membership renew is unclear and some do not like the word 'surcharge'. After discussion it was proposed that the wording is revised to reflect the following but has no material change to the prices:

Current adult membership is £105.00 with no compulsion to attend monthly 'Official Work Parties'. For each of the 'Official Work Party' attended, a £10.00 credit will be earned against next year's membership fee up to a maximum of £60.00. [e.g. a member attending 6 WP's will only pay £45 next year]. Family membership will be £120.00 then as above subject to existing Family Membership caveats. Junior membership remains unchanged.

This is not really a matter for AGM so the exact wording of amendments to rules shall be accepted subject to draft minutes of this meeting being accepted by committee.

Proposed GK. Seconded HF. ~ PASSED unanimously.

Meeting Closed at 14:53

Further to AOB Item 6, the following rule changes have now been agreed by committee: [changes in blue]

O.R.(2) All members are required:

(c) to support the club by attending regularly and attending on Saturday mornings to upkeep the ground; and on 'Official Work Parties' throughout the year.

O.R.(8) Membership Fees & Guest range fees are decided by A.G.M. and are:

(a) Full Adult Membership £75.00 p.a. [from March 2020 £105.00]

(b) Family Membership £90.00 p.a. [from March 2020 £120.00]

O.R.(42) Members are requested to attend on Saturday mornings, to assist in the upkeep of the clubhouse and grounds, however:

- (a) On the first Saturday of each month (March to December inclusive) there shall be an 'Official Work Party' of approximately 3 hours. (Depending on requirements these dates may change.) For each of the 'Official Work Party' attended, a £10.00 credit will be earned against next year's membership fee up to a maximum of £60.00.
 - (i) Officers will be credited with 3 work party attendances.
 - (b) To claim this credit members must 'Sign In' and 'Sign Out' correctly on the appropriate form. Failure to do so or failure work for approximate 3 hours may result in the credit not being give.
 - (c) The above OR42(a)(b) does not apply to junior members.
 - (d) Where there are two adults in a "Family Membership" only the 'Primary Adult' may claim the above credits OR42(a)(b)
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