

Grampian Air Rifle Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018

Date: 21st November 2018

Venue: Denwood Range

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting, explaining, due to a Denwood committee meeting, the GARC Secretary would be chairing the AGM.

The meeting opened with a minute's silence for Bill Benson who had died earlier in the year.

1.1. Membership

The GARC membership was below 100 this year. It has not been necessary to activate the agreed process of minimum attendance for renewal of membership.

The principle and procedure of minimum attendance for renewal of membership will be retained.

1.2. The 2019 annual membership fee was proposed and agreed to remain the same as 2018.

1.3. Suitable land has not been identified. Due to the ongoing uncertainties of Waulkmill the members were asked to keep looking for any potential land that could be suitable for GARC usage. Criteria being:

- Minimum 6 acres, preferably 8
- Have Shooting Rights
- Be free of covenants that are restrictive
- Suitable for all GARC activities, not just HFT.

1.4. Waulkmill

1.4.1. Only four people have expressed interest in an open day for GARC members at Waulkmill. This number does not justify providing a bus from Aberdeen. The Waulkmill Rep (Paul Bates) has offered to show any GARC member round Waulkmill; just contact him to arrange a mutual date/time.

1.4.2. Waulkmill may be stopping clay shooting after Xmas, this may mean GARC gets access each Sunday

1.4.3. While it is possible to shoot at Waulkmill, with permission of the land owner, on non-GARC days, GARC members must ensure they have suitable insurance as they will not be covered by the GARC insurance

- 1.4.4. The possibility of refurbishing the club-house at Waulkmill was raised. This is the property of the landowner, not GARC. A request will be put to the landowner to see if he or GARC could undertake some refurbishment. It was noted however that Waulkmill remains on the property market, so there is no security of continued shooting there.

2. Treasurer's Report

- 2.1. The Treasurer gave background information to each of the line items in the attached financial statement.
- 2.2. It was noted nobody had asked to review the accounts. This offer remains open for any member to review them.
- 2.3. Money in the bank continues to rise (circa +£3000). It was agreed any annual surplus of money will be held by the Club for the purposes of procuring land for a shooting ground when the opportunity arises.

3. Safety Officer's Report

The Safety Officer offered his apologies for not attending the AGM. He advised there had been no safety incidents in the last year.

- 3.1. Twelve persons waiting for induction, with a wait of three months. It was asked by a member why the wait? Recognising (i) while waiting for induction potential members can still attend GARC shoots as a visitor, and (ii) liquidity of GARC is not dependent on increased membership; it was agreed the date of the next induction will be reviewed if the numbers waiting continues to increase.

4. Election of the GARC Committee

As per the GARC constitution, all the committee members resigned their posts. The attendees at the AGM proposed, seconded and elected the following committee members:

Chairman	Mike Simmonds
Vice Chairman	Nick Rankin
Secretary	Steve Ludlow
Treasurer	Dale Harris
Safety Officer	Chris Noble
Waulkmill Rep	Paul Bates
Webmaster	Brian Munro
'Informal' Competition Co-ordinator	Chris Ward
(without portfolio)	Bill Howie

5. AOB

- 5.1. GARC compressor – a member asked where it was. It is held by Dale Harris. The procedure for getting bottles filled remains the same - give the bottle to Dale Harris one week and get it back at the next event. At a cost of £2 per fill.
- 5.2. 'Informal' competitions were discussed. Because of previous experience Chris Ward was asked and he agreed to be the Co-ordinator. 'Informal' as this will not include official HFT competitions. The aim is to run these 'informal' competitions each month on the 4th Wednesday. Events will be run at Waulkmill, but on an unscheduled, adhoc basis.
- 5.3. A member asked if there was any technical support provided by GARC or the Committee. It was said every member can offer a point of view on technical and equipment side of airgun shooting. It is the GARC community that can give advice/opinion, rather than a Committee member's responsibility.
- 5.4. Apart from the 'Sales' section on the GARC website, members sometimes put equipment up for sale at Denwood. To provide a focus for sellers and buyers, the first Wednesday of each month has been nominated.

6. Post Meeting Note

The Aberdeen Full Bore Gun Club will start using the Denwood facility. Denwood have indicated this will not impact on the GARC shooting evenings or negative effect the facilities we use.