

Grampian Air Rifle Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2019

Date: 20th November 2019

Venue: Denwood Range

1 Approve Minutes from 2018 AGM

- 1.1 The 2018 AGM Minutes were accepted.

2 Chairman's Introduction

- 2.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

- 2.2 Membership

The GARC membership remains below the membership limit of 120, at circa 80. It has not been necessary to activate the criteria of minimum attendance for renewal of membership.

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

- 2.4 Club continues to look for suitable land for HFT course(s). 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.

3 Secretary's Report

- 3.1 The four planned GARC Committee meetings were held and MoM are posted on the GARC notice board at Denwood.

- 3.2 Except for Chris Noble, the committee members stayed in post. Chris resigned as Safety Officer due to personal obligations. In his absence at the AGM Chris was thanked for the support and effort he had given in the role. While Bill continued with inductions at Denwood, GARC requires a Safety Officer.

- 3.3 A letter from Police Scotland letter dated 10 Oct was received by GARC on use of air weapon by unlicensed people at clubs and competitions. This letter was circulated by email to all members for whom we have valid email addresses. A copy of the letter was also available beside the sign-in book at Denwood and Waulkmill for those without email.

- 3.4 The primary method of 'push' communication with GARC members is by email – please ensure your renewal application form has the correct email address. GARC also has its own website and forum that are also used to communicate information about the club.

- 3.5 There have been no issues with the running of GARC

- 3.6 The Constitution has been reviewed and addressed in minute 5.

4 Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 The Treasurer gave details of income (£5627.20), outgoings (£2607.41) and monies in the bank (14743.31). Nobody had asked to review the accounts.
- 4.2 The Chairman advised the lease for Denwood expires in 2021-22. While renewal of the lease is expected, no indications have been given likely increase in rent; the impact on members pay to shoot at Denwood is similarly unknown.

5 Changes to Constitution

- 5.1 The GARC Secretary explained the Committee had reviewed the Constitution to ensure it reflects how the Club is run and how it wants it to be.
- 5.2 The proposed changes were read out at the AGM and acceptance requested by those in attendance.
- 5.3 Aside being asked to check a reference in the voting section all changes were accepted.

6 Changes to Club Rules

- 6.1 None were proposed

7 Competition Report

- 7.1 Two UKAHFT competitions were held at Waulkmill. These had positive feedback and thanks is given to all members who helped make them a success.
- 7.2 After Chris Ward's election as the 'Informal' Competitions Coordinator at the last AGM, there have been more informal competitions this year than previous years. Competitions have been held at Denwood and Waulkmill, including Bri Munro running a ten round 10m pistol competition. A presentation was made to the top three in the pistol competition.
- 7.3 It was agreed to get involved in the intra-club 'Alba' shoot, more information to be obtained.
- 7.4 The Waulkmill Liaison Officer (Paul Bates) highlighted there are two UKAHFT compliant HFT courses at Waulkmill and that the cost has been reduced from £10 to £5 per day. Paul invited suggestions that will encourage more people to shoot at Waulkmill.

8 Safety Officer's Report

With Chris Noble not in attendance and having resigned earlier in the year Bill Howie gave an update.

- 8.1 There have been no injuries.
- 8.2 Bill reported an increasing number of interventions on gun handling. The AGM attendees were reminded safety is the duty and responsibility of everyone, not just the GARC Committee members.
- 8.3 To avoid the unacceptable 'sweeping' (guns being pointed at people while moving about), rifles and pistols shall be carried to the shooting point in a case/slip and be pointed down range at all times.

- 8.4 Safe gun handling is taken seriously. Anyone one not open to being challenged will be asked to discuss it with two committee members. Depending on the discussion, further disciplinary action may be taken, with the ultimate sanction of rescinding the membership being a possibility.

9 Election of the GARC Committee

- 9.1 The Committee were asked to give a brief description of the roles so possible nominees would be aware of what they were taking on.
- 9.2 As per the GARC constitution, all committee members resigned their posts.
- 9.3 As there were no volunteers to take over Bill Howie's position there was a debate about how best to handle the roles. Tony Parslow will take over as a Key Holder and Chris Ward will get the Club phone. It was suggested the cleaning was contracted out; however, the decision was to call a halt to shooting for a period once a month (when it is GARC rota) during which all members would 'muck in' to do the cleaning.
- 9.4 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 Ward
Waulkmill Rep	Paul Bates
Webmaster	Brian Munro
'Informal' Competition Co-ordinator	Chris Ward

10 AOB

- 10.1 Russ Douglas asked about a handrail at the 10m firing point to assist disabled shooters to shoot pistols while standing. Discussions have been held with the Denwood Chairman and a request is to be sent to him by email.
- 10.2 A presentation was made to the top three (1st – SteveP, 2nd – Russ and 3rd – Bri) in the pistol competition. A thanks given to Bri Munro for organising and running.