

**MERRIOTT GUN CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

Thursday 1st November at Merriott Social Club

Members present: Tom P, Nigel, Brian H, Bryan, George McP, Rod, Marcus, Jane, Peter, Andy, Ben, David, Adam, Craig & Caroline.

Apologies for absence: Helen, Toby, Brian O, & Graham.

Tom opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were agreed.

The committee will stay the same: Chairman – Tom Parham
Vice-chairman – Nigel Witcombe
Sec/treasurer – Caroline Charles.

The club insurance is due for renewal. The premium will be the same as the last 2 years.

Treasurer's report – the club sustained a small loss over the year, due to the purchase of the remote triggers, and a reduction in membership fees as a result of the pro-rata system.

The current stock of cartridges is 13 boxes. Tom will be purchasing more in the next few weeks. Brian H asked whether we could purchase them any cheaper, Tom buys them as cheaply as possible.

It was agreed that the club would charge a little more for clays and cartridges.

The price will now be

£5 per box of 25 cartridges

£5 for 25 clays.

Membership fees will remain the same. The pro-rata system is working well - if a new member joins part-way through the year, he/she will only have to pay a percentage of the joining fee. This is fairer than paying the full fee and then having to renew a few months later.

Brian H asked whether membership fees could be paid online direct to the club's bank account. However, the current method of collecting fees works well and is less complicated.

The trailer will need replacing soon. Members are asked to let Tom or Nigel know if they hear of a suitable replacement.

Caroline raised the point that on a couple of occasions, she has been asked by a club member for the contact details of another member. In view of the current rules on Data Protection, members are asked to let Caroline know whether or not they are willing for their details to be passed on. It was

stressed that this would only be within the club membership, and details would never be passed to anyone outside the club. All members at the meeting were agreeable, all others are asked to let Caroline know as soon as possible.

The new remote triggers are proving a great success, both when shooting and when setting up/packing away. They were an expensive purchase, so all members are asked to make sure they are packed away in the box at the end of the shoot.

One new battery is needed for the automatic traps. Brian H will look for batteries at his local scrapyards.

The club website is working very well. Members are reminded to check for last-minute changes of location or cancellations before setting out to a shoot.

The club is still looking for new shooting locations.

All members were impressed with the high standards of safety at the shoots.

Andy G thanked the committee for everything they do for the club.

Tom closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.