

MERRIOTT GUN CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 29th October 2019

Members present: Tom Parham, Nigel, Tom Martin, Bryan, Rod, Sam, Toby, David, Helen, Andy, George, Peter, Craig & Caroline.

Apologies for absence: Adam, Rupert, Tom McIver, Marcus, Jane & Allan.

Tom opened the meeting at 7.30 pm. The minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed and accepted.

The current committee will remain in place: Chairman – Tom Parham
Vice chairman – Nigel Witcombe
Sec/treasurer – Caroline Charles

Treasurer's report: The income from the sale of clay and cartridges was 50% higher than last year. This is due to the small increase in the price for clays and cartridges, and also increased attendance at several shoots. The Christmas shoot and the evening shoots were particularly well attended. A replacement trailer was purchased in March for £500. The accounts for the year are available on the website.

The club has 27 boxes of cartridges and half a pallet of clays. The insurance is due for renewal on Nov 29th. Tom does not expect any significant change in the premium.

The website is working well, and Whatsapp is very popular with the members who use it. A copy of the club rules will be laminated and kept in the trailer.

The price of clays and cartridges will remain the same, at £5 for a box of 25 cartridges and £5 for 25 clays. Membership fees will also remain unchanged.

The club expressed its gratitude to Nigel for allowing the club to shoot on his land, and arranging some excellent shoots, as well as providing storage for the trailer and equipment. Everybody enjoyed the evening shoots in the woods at Manor Farm. It was suggested that a working party could be formed in the spring, to clear the paths in the woods.

As well as Manor Farm, we also shoot at Barrington, Puckington, Clapton and Gaffer. Andy organised a charity shoot at Bower Hinton, with a club shoot on the same day. This was a great success and Andy thanked the club

members for their help. He hopes to hold another charity shoot next year, and will try and arrange a club shoot there at some point.

Sunday 3rd Nov will be a maintenance day. Two of the trap need repairing, as well as repairs to both old and new trailers. When the new trailer is up and running, Nigel will sell the old one.

David asked whether someone could join the club without holding a shotgun certificate. It was agreed that this would be possible, provided that he/she was accompanied by a certificate holder at all times.

Tom reminded all members that safety is the responsibility of everyone at a shoot. Anyone with any concerns about gun safety should raise the matter immediately. Andy Godfrey is a qualified CPSA safety officer and was nominated safety co-ordinator for the club.

Non-shooting social events – everyone enjoys catching up with other members at a shoot, but there was no interest in any other social events.

Several members were interested in holding a competition shoot. This will be arranged in the New Year.

Members thanked the committee for their work throughout the year. Memberships were renewed, and Tom closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.
