

MERRIOTT GUN CLUB

AGM November 30th 2023

Members present: Dave, Helen, Peter, Bryan, Steve, Tom P, Nigel, Matt, Rod, Toby, Shaun, Caroline

Apologies for absence: Graham, Emily, George, Andy, Brian H, Ben, Rob, Brian W, Tom M, Jayne.

Dave opened the meeting at 7.30. The minutes of the 2022 meeting were approved and accepted.

Dave, Nigel and Caroline will continue on the committee.

Treasurer's report – a pallet of clays has just been purchased. The previous pallet was purchased in Sept 2022. This pallet is larger and therefore expected to last well over a year. The miscellaneous expenses of £798 were for new remote triggers, and trap servicing.

The club expressed thanks to Dave for his first year as chairman, which has been very successful. Thanks also to Helen who deals with contacting the farmers to arrange the shoots.

The insurance premium is £521.60, the same as the last few years. Dave would like to increase the level of cover, particularly for theft. He and Nigel will discuss ways of making the trailer more secure when in storage.

Shooting venues:

Manor Farm: the club thanked Nigel for holding the evening shoots and occasional Sunday shoots on his farm.

Barrington: this is working well, we now have to pay the farmer £25 for each shoot.

Puckington: there have been a couple of problems there, but hopefully we can continue to shoot there.

Gaffers: This is ideal when the conditions are too wet and muddy to use the other venues. However, we can only shoot there when the glamping pods are unoccupied. There were some problems with contacting the farm, but Helen has sorted this out.

Clapton: this is working well. There is a possibility of being able to shoot at another farm nearby. Dave is going to contact the farmer to try and arrange this.

A shooting club at Dillington has invited us for a competition shoot. Dave will follow this up next summer.

Membership fees and the cost of clays & cartridges will remain the same. The guest fee will be increased to £5. Will all members please ensure that this is paid every time they bring a guest.

Andy Godfrey was not present at the meeting but is happy to continue as safety officer. Steve Helliar is interested in a safety training course and will find out when a course is available.

Members who were not present are reminded to renew their membership as soon as possible.

Dave closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.
