

MERRIOTT GUN CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 20th October 2015 at the Swan Inn, Merriott

Members present: Tom P, Nigel W, Bryan, Jack, Tom M, Nigel W, Toby, and Caroline.

No apologies for absence.

Tom P opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the last AGM were accepted and approved.

Committee: The current committee would remain the same -

Tom Parham - Chairman

Caroline Charles - secretary/treasurer

Dave Braidly - entertainments secretary,

Tom P nominated Nigel Witcombe to be Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Nigel J.

Tom P has no current information on Barry's condition. As far as we know, he is still in Glenside convalescent home in Salisbury. It is hoped that Barry's relatives might contact Tom at some stage.

Caroline took over as treasurer at the beginning of May when Barry became ill. Accounts for the period prior to this are unavailable. The club currently has 14 boxes of cartridges in stock, and several boxes of clays.

A new bank account was opened at Lloyds bank in Crewkerne. The signatories on the new account are Tom P, Nigel W and Caroline. 2 signatures are needed. There was a balance of £1020 in the previous account at Santander, this has now been transferred to the new account. A financial statement for the period from 1st May to the 20th October is attached.

The new system of recording sales of cartridges and clays, and attendance at shoots, is working well.

Tom has contacted NFU about the club insurance. The present policy provides public liability insurance, and the equipment is insured for £5000, but there is no employees' liability cover. Tom will speak to them again to clarify the situation and extend the cover as necessary.

It was agreed that the website is working well. Members are reminded to check the website before each shoot in case of last-minute changes or cancellations.

The price of clays and cartridges is to remain the same, £4.50 per box of 25 cartridges and £4.50 for 25 clays.

Membership fees are to remain the same at £20 for new membership and £15 for renewal. It was agreed that new members who join the club less than 6 months before the renewal date would pay a reduced rate of £2 a month.

The guest fee remains at £2.

All members are reminded to re-read the club rules from time to time.

SAFETY: All members should ensure that traps are NEVER left cocked when not in use, being moved or being reloaded.

Toby suggested putting a notice on the bins that are placed next to the traps.

Gun Safety - members using semi-automatic shotguns should return the gun to its slip when not in use.

It was agreed that we should have another Maintenance Day soon.

A new battery is needed for the automatic traps. Jack is going to supply one.

Caroline is going to get a new First Aid kit to be kept in the trailer.

There was a discussion on whether the club should buy 20g cartridges.

Members present renewed their membership and the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.