



## **The 2022 GBFCA AGM**

**Diggle ranges, Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> May**

We convened the 2022 AGM at the PSSA Clubhouse after shooting had finished for the day.

### **Chairman's Address**

Our Chairman, Les Holgate called the meeting to order and gave a brief address in which he covered several aspects of the Association's business.

Regarding the European Championships, Les indicated that we had already received some very significant sponsorship from major operators in the gun industry; specifically Vihtavouri and Victrix who had kindly agreed to put up three rifles worth £15,000 Les emphasized the importance of the Euros to our finances and urged everyone present to support the event, even if only attending the trade tent.

Les mentioned the new NRA cancellation policy which meant we would have to much more proactive in getting entries out as far in advance as possible to avoid incurring charges for any unused targets.

Les rounded off by saying that he was stepping down from the Committee at the same time as ending his Chairman's role after fulfilling his four year tenure, he thanked everyone for all their help in running the GBFCA and the matches.

### **Presentation of Accounts**

Our Treasurer, Gary Costello presented the accounts. Gary confirmed that we hold healthy bank balances in both our general and GB team funds and supplied detailed explanatory notes against all the major items in the accounts.

Gary confirmed that the Association would be able to meet our long-standing commitment to make a contribution towards funding the GB Teams at the next World Championships, the amount being £48,000 for two teams of 16 qualified members.

Gary reiterated the possible impact of the NRA's new target booking cancellation policy on our funds, he indicated that the NRA would be unlikely to treat the Association any differently to other

range users. Gary emphasized the importance of maintaining a good cash flow and having invoices for all relevant items in the accounts. There were no questions from the members present.

### **Election of Committee**

There were two vacancies created by Les and Paul Sandie standing down. These vacancies had been notified to the membership, volunteers were asked to propose themselves and initially three members came forward which would have necessitated an election. One candidate subsequently withdrew leaving the two remaining candidates to be elected unopposed; Lance Vinall and Mike Harris.

The other members of the Committee had previously indicated their willingness to continue and were elected en bloc with no dissent from the membership.

There was a question as to whether the Membership at the AGM should decide on the appointment of Officers, but this was rebutted with reference to the Constitution, leaving the Committee to decide on apportioning the Officers roles at their earliest convenience.

### **Any other Business**

A question was raised regarding the possibility of members being able to make a block booking of match entries at the start of the year. This was discussed briefly, though it was suggested that it would be such a significant outlay that many members would find it prohibitively expensive. A modified suggestion was made for staggered entries at certain points in the year. It was agreed that the Committee would look into the suggestions in more detail.

A proposal was made for giving thanks to the Committee in some tangible way in the form of a reward for their work on behalf of the membership. The gesture was appreciated as well intended, but there did not seem to be significant support for the proposal.

It was suggested that the Association should consider providing a free target on the Friday prior to matches held at Bisley. The rationale was that at present, the charge could be considered fairly steep at £25, for members who only wish to fire a minimal number of rounds to confirm zero settings. It was felt that providing a free target for such members would be a welcome move. It was suggested that the target users would need to be policed by an RO to ensure it was not being abused and that a time limit should be applied, 15 minutes was suggested and or a nominal fee of perhaps £5 should be applied. The matter was left for the Committee to discuss.

The matter of lead being viewed as a potential hazard on ranges was raised, it was reported that the NRA intend to make a considered response to a paper from the Health & Safety Executive when they have had time to fully review the paper. Members were urged to await the NRA's response before giving their views when requested.

There was a question as to whether the Association would refresh plans to tour Italy or Spain to compete in F-class matches there. It was indicated that there were currently no such plans.

There being no other questions or business the AGM was concluded.