



AGM 2022

Minutes of BRUK AGM Meeting Saturday 15th October 2022. Held at Portishead Shooting Club.

The meeting was opened by Richard Collins who welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to both the competition and the meeting.

Apologies for absence. None were recorded.

Richard Collins (Treasurer) then read the minutes of the 2021 AGM and asked that they be recorded as true and accurate reflection of the 2021 agm. This was proposed by K Knowles seconded by G Whitelock a vote was taken and carried.

President's report 2022

Adrian Hasell (President) Briefly spoke about the 2021/2022 season commenting that the BRUK had seen growth in its membership especially in the Air section and was optimistic that a similar growth would take place in Rimfire as people became even more interested in the sport.

The competitions that had been held around the country were well supported and most of the people had gone away happy but as we all know you can please some of the people some of the time etc etc but some of the people none of the time but hopefully this will change in the future.

We are looking to run a similar number of competitions in the run up to the WRABF Championships in Prague in 2023 and would welcome any ideas from members about ranges that might be able to hold events.

Chairman's report 2022

As Colin Evans had resigned we do not have a chairman's report

Secretary's report 2022

An eventful year of shooting, holding 3 successful shoots and the AirAbility shoot. I would like to thank Matthew Gleaves and Graham Freeman who put lots of effort into the shoot and it was great to raise awareness of our sport, the playing field is completely level regardless of age or ability.

Sadly, Colin Evans has resigned as chairman which we will cover off in Election of officers.

Colin was fundamental in the formation of BRUK, and the committee and I wish him well, for those of you who don't know Colin has moved to the Isle of Wight. I hope he continues shooting once he gets settled and I look forward to potentially visiting the Isle of Wight to a shoot held by Colin.

Under the constitution we can co-opt members onto the committee.

One thing that I would like to mention is competitive advantage at all costs and the squadding. Time and time again this has been called into question, BRUK does not condone any form of cheating and we uphold the rules set out by WRABF. The squadding is very challenging and for any of you lucky enough to experience this given, sharing, travelling range lane limitations, Rim/Air shooters its extremely difficult.

The world championships sets a minimum of 35 lanes to hold a world championship and is shot over 2 days per discipline so LV/HV Air and LV/HV Rim would total 6 days for 3 cards at each discipline.

We have 2 days to cram this in, we are trying to be fair and equal but we can only do so much.

The world championships in Prague at the end of July/August has been entered from BRUK's perspective we have put a total of 12 shooters in per discipline, the grading system is being worked out and we will put more information out shortly.

We are also exploring the opportunity to hold the world championships in 2025 and more information will follow.

I also would like to see the subs increase by 3 pounds in 2023 to cover the increased affiliation/insurance costs to 15pounds per year.

Treasurers report 2022

BRUK are currently holding their own in these difficult times and somewhat volatile economic market. Cash at bank has continued to increase mainly due to Target sales and merchandise.

We sponsored Matthew Gleaves AirAbility Live shoot which has had some great exposure, this cost around £700 pounds in merchandise and was a great weekend.

We now have liability insurance for the 6 yearly open competitions as this was a grey area when renting ranges so this been a large expense and hopefully we shall never have to use it.

Target sales have continued to grow and I would like to thank Adrian for his sterling effort fetching/carrying and posting them out round the country.

I was also particularly happy to see fellow BRUK members coming to our defense on facebook declaring we are not amazon but a bunch of volunteers. Thank you, Guys.

The three competitions have also increased our revenue, hopefully next year we can hold a couple more competitions and prepare for the world championship in Prague.

Election of officers

After the resignation of Colin Evans from post of Chairman some months earlier the committee had

Re allocated and seconded (as per the constitution) committee members to act in different rolls, those now being Mr R Healey Chairman. Mr R Collins Treasurer. Mr G Freeman Secretary and website manager. Ms S Carr Membership Secretary co-ordinator.

A request was made to the members to ratify these changes this was proposed by Mr G Whitelock seconded by Mr C Clements whereupon a vote was taken and formerly approved.

Following this a request was made to the members for assistance to help with the co-ordination (a non committee roll) of the postal competitions.

Mr D Hopkins offered to take on this mantle and Mr G Moore offered to assist Mr Hopkins with the task. As there were no further offers this was gratefully accepted. However, Mr Moore later withdrew his offer stressing that he would still be more than willing to help with other range duties as and when required.

Any other Business

Ms K Knowles asked whether it would be a good idea to have divisions at open meetings to encourage new members and create competitiveness. Mr G Freeman confirmed that we have divisions within the Postal Competitions and agreed that this idea could be considered for open meetings.

Junior Members.

It was felt that the sport lacked junior and younger members and that we should do more to encourage new blood. It was agreed by the majority that this was a good idea but it was pointed out that juniors must be accompanied by a appropriate adult at all time and to achieve this commitment on top of everything else was problematic although the meeting felt that we should continue to promote the sport as best we could.

Membership Fees.

There was a suggestion from Richard Collins that we should raise the membership fee from £12.00 to £15.00 from January 2023. This was proposed by Ms H Kenward and seconded By Mr C Clements. Some concerns were raised that this may impact on postal only members. However, a vote was taken and the increase agreed.

Unlimited Air Class.

Mr P Cartwright asked whether we were looking to include the Unlimited Air Class in any of our competitions. After a brief positive discussion, it was felt we could certainly pursue this but members were reminded that this would include the need to obtain a FAC and we also did not want it to adversely impact on other disciplines and we would prefer members to progress to rimfire and its challenges.

25Mtr Rimfire

Mr D Hopkins asked if were going to re-introduce 25mtr rimfire competitions. Richard Collins replied by saying that it was really a case of supply and demand and that in the past there had been too few entries to run this however if enough people wanted to compete we could as long as time and the venue permitted run a 25mtr outdoor competition.

Prague 2023.

A question was asked as to whether you had to shoot both Air and Rimfire to attend the WRABF meeting in Prague. The basic answer is no but obviously if you have the skills to shoot both and qualify this could be an advantage as far as team numbers are concerned.

Number of UK competitor's members to attend Prague.

At this moment we have requested 12 per team but this is totally dependent on the number of entries the UK are allowed by the organisers.

Spectators.

There is no limit on the number of non shooters who may attend in fact if anyone wishes to come and help those that are shooting, they will be more than welcome.

Taking Firearms to Europe.

Brexit has done us NO favors but one of the most important things is to have a invitation from the organisers and any other documentation that is relevant at the time this is something that BRUK is hoping to simplify, your mode of transport could also influence this. As far as accommodation is concerned we understand the organisers are block booking hotels something that we are also looking to assist with.

Scoring of cards.

The number of scorers at any competition are limited and matched primarily to maintain consistency across the meeting which is essential in a attempt to make sure each card is marked with the same degree of accuracy something which is not easily achievable.

We are looking to run training courses in scoring along with formal training for people to become qualified range officers.

Squadding.

Mr G Moore raised his concerns over the method of organising the squadding details because he felt they were unfair and not random enough when asked to explain he suggested that names/numbers should be drawn out of a hat to decide bench positions and timings. A fairly lengthy discussion ensued where it was explained that due to severe time limitations and that BRUK competitions are run over two days whereas the World competitions are over two weeks where we have to try and accommodate people sharing equipment, moving from one range to another to compete in another discipline ie HV/LV/Rim and Air it was not practical to adopt his approach. It was pointed out that we had been in touch with the President of the WRABF who thoroughly understood the problems and found our approach perfectly acceptable and in the spirit of the event. It was also explained to the members and Mr Moore that members were given a competitor number as their applications dropped "Randomly" through the letter box this however was still not acceptable. It was at this point that it was decided to ask the membership present to vote on whether we should change our procedure or stay with the status quo. A vote was taken, and it was almost unanimously decided to adhere to the current proven squadding procedures for a two-day competition.

NB That is not to say that in the event of a far simpler and less time-consuming method being found that fulfils all our criteria we would not consider its introduction.

Elite Class

Ms K Knowles asked if consideration for additional classes be added to open competitions for example an X class and A Class based on current averages to give other shooters the ability to win based on ability, the committee said this would be given some consideration and the possibility explored. One suggestion of a medal for all just for attending is a great way to remember the event in the future and everyone comes away with a medal. Costs would be explored and more details to follow.

Accounts

Mr C Clements commented on a formal set of accounts being produced and this was recognised by Richard and next year would be presented in a formal balance sheet showing income and expenditure for the year to date.

Entry Forms

Many members offered help and assistance for the shoots to assist with RO/Changing targets/Scoring further to the scoring comments above it was agreed to add three additional boxes to the entry form to indicate if the entrant would be willing to assist with duties during the competitions, a Rota would be drawn up alongside the squadding for RO/Changing targets and Scoring, one key point is to maintain consistency and accuracy but all help is greatly received.

The meeting was closed at 18:21rs.