



## BRUK AGM 2025

Minutes of BRUK AGM Meeting Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Held at Chippenham RPC.

The meeting was opened by Richard Healey who welcomed 20 members present and thanked them for coming to both the competition and staying for the AGM. Richard explained that the sponsored prizes from AirArms and H&N would be raffled at the end of the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from David Hopkins.

Richard Healey then asked that people had read the minutes of the 2024 AGM and asked that they be recorded as a true and accurate reflection of the 2024 AGM. This was proposed by Richard Collins and seconded by Tom Jacobs a vote was taken and this was unanimous. Graham Freeman (secretary) signed off the 2024 AGM copy as a true and accurate reflection of the last AGM held at Portishead.

Richard Healey asked if there were any issues raised from the last AGM no comments were raised by the floor or the committee

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2025 – Adrian Hasell

A very warm welcome to one and all to another BRUK AGM.

I know it gets said all the time but I really do not know where this year has gone.

That said 2025 has been another successful year for us as a organisation with our usual meetings being run around the country although mainly in the south, which although convenient for a lot of us means that some of you are doing the majority of the travelling, so at the risk of being boring please get your thinking caps on and find somewhere North of the border. Along with our normal venues we did however venture North to Doncaster and ran a "Air Only Competition at Camelots" and before you ask why air only this was because of the

suitability of the venue. At this point I would like to thank those of you that organised and ran what was a well attended meeting which generated a lot of local interest and new members both young and old.

Our second new venue was in Cornwall and hosted by The Duchy Shooting Association who went out of their way to make us welcome even putting up signs on the main road to direct competitors to the the range, although I later found out this was not "foolproof"

To say conditions were interesting is a understatement as those of you that attended will no doubt confirm, however despite the wind and rain some good scores where achieved and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

This meeting again brought in some new members.

Even farther afield we were represented at the European/World Championships in Finland by three stalwarts namely Richard Collins, Trevor Eling and Maurice Hassard who again under some very difficult conditions came away with some success.

I will end at this point so as not to tread on my colleagues toes who will no doubt go into more detail on some of the points I have mentioned.

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2025 – Richard Healey

Richard had nothing to report

## SECRETARYS REPORT 2025 – Graham Freeman

I hope you all have been enjoying your weekend so far. I would firstly like to thank you all for your continued support and also to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help out over the course of the year, to those of you that have been our Range officers, scorers, target changers and helped us to set up the ranges, we appreciate your help. I would also like to thank Dave for all his hard work in collating the postal results and also to all the ranges and their committees that host us throughout the year, finally a thank you to my fellow committee members for all their hard work.

This year has been a busy year with us running six shoots including our Ron Harding memorial which Ron's family kindly attended and presented the Trophies, an inaugural Air only shoot at Camelots Air Rifle Club in Blyth a great facility, who are trying to promote Benchrest shooting with the most trickiest wind conditions I think a lot of us have ever shot in. Our first ever Rim and Air shoot in Cornwall at the Duchy Shooting Association Range in Zelah. A fantastic facility with great like minded people. The weather certainly gave us a rough ride but a fantastic weekend was had by all that attended. It was also the WRABF & ERABSF European and World

Cup in Finland, BRUK sent a team who performed really well in very tricky windy conditions and came home with Medals in all disciplines so congratulations them. Qualifying for South Africa in 2027 will begin next year.

We have again had the pleasure of being able to donate some money to clubs to help them improve their Benchrest facilities. At Camelots Air Rifle Club we provided the money to make the range more accessible for all members and also disabled access.

At the Duchy Shooting Association Range in Cornwall we provided them with the funds to have 12 benches made to improve benchrest shooting.

We have also again this year supported the AirAbility Boot Camp weekend with a donation of Targets and free years memberships for the top three shooters. Some of the Committee attended to help out and was a great weekend.

We will be running our Postal Shoots again next year with the addition of a Springer class for indoor and Outdoor 25m Benchrest.

We will also be attending the British Shooting Show as an exhibitor to promote the sport of Benchrest Shooting within the UK. So if you are attending come and say hello.

# TREASURES REPORT 2025 – Richard Collins

## Profit and Loss 2024

Benchrest UK



11/10/2025

	2023	2024
<b>INCOME</b>		
Income		
Sales		
Sales - Items	305.10	1,295.16
Sales - Services	45.00	0.00
Sales - Online	15,829.57	17,418.63
Sales - Targets	3,809.52	2,145.00
Sales - Membership	228.30	440.00
Sales - Competition Entry Fees	1,148.55	1,314.46
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>21,366.04</b>	<b>22,613.25</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,366.04</b>	<b>22,613.25</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>21,366.04</b>	<b>22,613.25</b>
<b>COGS</b>		
Cost of Sales		
Product Cost		
Product Cost - Items	-6,631.34	-8,755.01
<b>Total Product Cost</b>	<b>-6,631.34</b>	<b>-8,755.01</b>
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>-6,631.34</b>	<b>-8,755.01</b>
<b>TOTAL COGS</b>	<b>-6,631.34</b>	<b>-8,755.01</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>14,734.70</b>	<b>13,858.24</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Expenses		
Range Hire	-820.00	-2,208.00
Bank Charges	0.00	-30.25
Charitable Contributions Expense	-1,700.00	-3,247.00
Commissions and Fees Expense	-393.80	-21.00
Dues and Subscriptions Expense	-176.76	-1,490.38
Insurance Expense	-567.84	-572.84
Office Expense	-228.00	-58.00
Printing Offsite Expense	-52.68	0.00
Postage Expense	-1,030.65	-1,707.11
Rent or Lease Expense	0.00	-2,002.07
Supplies Expense	-147.06	-486.00
Travel Expense	0.00	-273.94
Utilities Expense	-292.80	-701.27
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-5,409.59</b>	<b>-12,797.86</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-5,409.59</b>	<b>-12,797.86</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>9,325.11</b>	<b>1,060.38</b>

## Introduction

This report presents a summary of the financial performance for the year 2024-2025, as detailed in the Profit and Loss statement. The aim is to provide a clear overview of the club's financial position, highlight key income and expenditure areas, and outline recommendations for the upcoming year.

## Overview of Accounts

The financial year 2024-2025 saw the club maintain a stable financial footing. All transactions and balances have been managed in accordance with the club's policies, and the accounts have been prepared accurately and transparently.

## Income

The club's main sources of income this year included membership fees, shoulder to shoulder competitions, sponsorships and online target sales. These streams have contributed positively to our overall financial health and help us re-invest in the sport. The website orders are up 17% from last year and we have more unique customers; I would encourage you to order the targets from Benchrest UK as your money goes directly back into promoting our sport and bringing on new clubs and ranges.

## Expenditure

Major areas of expenditure comprised facility hire, equipment purchases, insurance, event costs, and administrative expenses. All spending was monitored closely to ensure value for money and alignment with club objectives.

Our large expenditure are the new benches for Duchy, attendance at the shooting show 2026, Finland entries and the donations to Camelot's Air gun Range to help them improve accessibility for all members.

## Profit and Loss Summary

The Profit and Loss statement for 2024-2025 shows that the club ended the year with a modest surplus of **1,060.38** on "Profit and Loss 24-25" document). This result reflects prudent financial management and the ongoing commitment of members and supporters and our dedication to support new clubs getting off the ground.

## Key Points

- All major income and expenditure items are supported by documentation and have been reviewed by the committee.
- Reserves remain at a healthy level, ensuring the club can meet future obligations.
- No significant unexpected expenses were incurred during the period.

- 5 competitions were successful and contributed positively to the year's financial results.

### Recommendations

- Monitor expenditure closely, especially in areas where costs are rising.
- Review membership fees annually to ensure they reflect the club's needs and market conditions.
- Maintain adequate reserves for unforeseen circumstances.

### Conclusion

The club remains in a sound financial position, thanks to the support and diligence of its members. I would like to thank everyone involved for their contribution to the club's financial stability over the past year. I am happy to answer any questions regarding this report or the accompanying Profit and Loss statement.

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S 2025 REPORT Sonia Carr's

Membership for 2025 has seen consistent growth, with the majority of new members joining on the Air Rifle side. The Rimfire side has also welcomed new members, many of whom have participated primarily in the Postal competitions. Additionally, some new faces have been seen at our side by side shoots. It has been particularly encouraging to observe Air Rifle shooters expanding their interests by trying their hand at Rimfire and Unlimited Air shooting as well.

### Welcoming New Members

This year has witnessed a significant influx of new members, and it is wonderful to see so many of them present with us today. Their enthusiasm and participation contribute greatly to the vibrancy of our club.

### Junior Membership

We are delighted to have four Junior members competing this weekend, which is excellent for the development of our sport. However, we hope to see even more juniors join us in the future, as they represent the next generation of shooters. Junior membership remains free when accompanied by a paying guardian, and Junior entry for all side by side shoots is set at £10 for the weekend.

### Support for AirAbility Boot Camp

In October, BRUK sponsored and supported the AirAbility Boot Camp by awarding a year's free membership to the top three shooters, further encouraging participation and skill development in the sport.

### Membership Fees

The annual cost of Benchrest UK Membership will remain at £25 for the upcoming year. This fee will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting in 2026 to ensure it continues to provide value for our members.

# Competition Secretary Report

## 1. Postal League Summary

- 50m LR & HR Rimfire: Only one competitor (Dave Hopkins). More entries needed – suggested: Adrian and others.
  - 25m LR Rimfire: Graham Whitelock leads on X-count; Tony and Harry Dalton also unbeaten.
  - 25m HR Rimfire: Graham Whitelock and Dave Hopkins unbeaten; Graham ahead on X-count.
  - 50m Air Unlimited: Two competitors (Chris Dean and Dave Hopkins). More entries needed – suggested: Graham and Tom Jacobs.
  - 25m Air 20 ft-lb: Three competitors; Jerry May likely winner.
  - 25m Air LR & HR Outdoors: Gary Stanley, Gary Johnson, Matt Davies shooting well; Jerry May likely winner.
  - 25m Air LR & HR Indoors: Same leaders; Jerry May expected winner with perfect 250x25.
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## 2. Key Points

- Participation: Numbers remain low. Encourage more competitors
  - Competition Timing: Chippenham event too late in the year. Recommend scheduling all competitions within British Summertime for better daylight.
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## Recommendations

- Promote wider participation in postal leagues.
- Adjust calendar to ensure events fall within British Summertime.
- Target recruitment for underrepresented categories (50m Rimfire, Air Unlimited).

## Election of officers

All committee members are happy to stand with Richard Collins Treasurer and Richard Healey Chairman up for re-election, this was proposed by Hayley Kenward and Seconded by Phil Cartwright and a unanimous vote. both were voted back in for another 2 year period.

## Any other Business

The committee put forward the idea of an associate membership to encourage more shooters to take part in the postal competition with a fixed cost of 10 pounds per year for the associate membership. Associate members can at any time top up to become a full member and receive the discounted rate to enter the shoulder-to-shoulder competitions. The associate membership has non voting rights. This was proposed by Richard Collins and Seconded by Tom Jacobs and a unanimous vote carried.

Dave Hopkins raised the point about committee members shooting the postal competitions and Richard Collins explained that due to work commitments, home and his own club commitments along side preparing the 5 shoulder to shoulder shoots each year, there is not enough time to add in more competitions. Adrian struggles with range time due to the distances required to travel and Graham and Sonia have lots of personal things going on at home.

Tom Jacobs proposed that a National champion for each discipline should be the competitor at the top of the rankings at the end of a season. This will reward those that perform at a consistent high level. The title of National champion should not just be awarded to the winner of the last event of the year our nationals. We need all competitions to count towards the 'National Championship' Chris seconded the idea and a unanimous vote was carried

Tom had asked if we could look into title sponsored events? We already have the Ron Harding Memorial cup which is not sponsored but is a titled event. Graham explained that AirArms and H&N and possibly speaking to Crackshot to see if they were willing to sponsor an event. Graham went on to explain that we are exhibiting at the British shooting show at the NEC next year, this weekend we have been in discussion with Falcon Scopes and further interest is being discussed with the committee. Phil was concerned that sponsors may wish to take over the event

Another point was raised for everyone that there has been several incidents this year where competitors have gone into the marking room/area when they shouldn't be as per Rule C.7. This rule needs to be enforced more to stop this happening. Any competitors entering the marking area should be disqualified.

Tom Jacobs proposed we introduce a team competition to each discipline? Teams should consist of 3 members like at the worlds/euros. Medals don't need to be awarded at each event but should be awarded at the end of the season for the top 3 overall performing teams. Placements should be calculated on the overall combined ranking points of the 3 team members. Phil Cartwright seconded this and a unanimous vote was carried.

Tom proposed that Squadding should be sorted by the rankings. For example after the first event of a year there will be some initial rankings. After the first event competitors ranked 1-10 should be on one detail. 11-20 on another and so on. This would make those that are close to each other in the rankings compete under similar conditions as much as possible. Graham explained this was difficult due to equipment sharing. After much debate the ranking system put together by Matthew Gleaves was to be worked on with Richard Castell and they would categorize shooters into divisions for shoulder to shoulder shoots and were possible everyone in div 1/2/3 would shoot alongside each other.

Sonia raised the point that on open competitions irrespective of the division of the shooter the highest scores for 1/2/3<sup>rd</sup> would still take the title for the LR/HR competitions. Further discussion is to take place on the implementation of this.

It was proposed that add a section to the website showing the current British Records for each discipline a roll of honor section.

Kevin asked if we could plan the next years shoots 6 months in advance, Graham explained that many ranges were not able to commit dates due to there own AGM's but we would endeavor to try and give members as much notice as possible to book accommodation and holiday.

Air Springers are to be added to the postal leagues

AGM Awards

Rookie of the Year – Gary Blake

Air Shooter of the Year – Josh Fowler

Most Improved Air Shooter – Neil Caddick

Rimfire Shooter of the Year – Ken Stockham

Most Improved Rimfire Shooter – Phil Cartwright

The meeting was closed by Richard Healey at 18:08