



## Castle F.T.A.R.C AGM Meeting 22nd October 2017

### Minutes

**Meeting opened by Colin Jones @ 09:05**

**Apologies: S.Cope, A.Parsons, N.Murphy, M.Amos, M.Brown, S.Page.**

**Minutes of the last AGM proposed and seconded by J Amos**

#### **Attendees**

Chairman  
Secretary  
Assistant Secretary  
Treasurer  
Development Officer  
Club Liaison Officer  
Range Officer  
34 Club members

Colin opened this years AGM and thanked all members for 'Cracking' shoots and a successful clean up day at Castle this year. Colin went on to say how important it is for the club to host shoots as it creates important funds for the clubs financial wellbeing and future. He also shared his wish to step down from his position of chairman.

#### **Treasurer Report**

The treasurer reported that the club opening balance was £5137.57 with a closing balance of £7519.93. after rent has been paid. Paul said he is still getting the old £1 coin from members and reminded everyone that it is no longer legal tender.

#### **Competition Secretary Report**

John reiterated how busy a year it has been at Castle with our regular open shoots: Cyril Julian & Portcullis, the Summer & Winter league shoots and the GP Masters and showdown weekend. External events have raised £1100 for the club. Next year will not be as busy. Congratulations to Andrew Gillott who is this years Euros number 1 and number 10 in this years worlds in Wales.

Congratulations to Mark Henson who won this years Showdown Plate & a WFTF Masters badge.

This years Open Sight Challenge at Castle has been a success and will become a competition, with a trophy starting next year.



## **Election Of Committee**

**Chairman** – John Amos (proposed by Colin Jones seconded by Andy Purseglove)

**Vice Chairman** – Andy Purseglove (proposed by Jeff Walker seconded by John Amos)

**Treasurer** – Paul Flinders (unchanged)

**Secretary** – Sam Walker (proposed by Andy Purseglove seconded by Paul Flinders)

**Assistant Secretary** – Andy Purseglove (proposed by Dave Bull seconded by Jeff Walker)

**Competition Secretary** – John Amos & Andy Purseglove (unchanged)

**Development Officer** – Mark Henson (unchanged)

**Club Liaison Officer** – Peter Rowley (unchanged)

**Range Officer** – Damion Wing (unchanged)

**Score Manager** – Mark Amos (unchanged)

## **Agenda Items**

### **Members fees (John Amos)**

It was proposed that fees for current members are increased to £20 and for new members the first year is increased to £50. This is in view of the expected HS2 project, which could lead to Castle needing a new shooting ground. Discussion was held highlighting the possibility that the raise could put new members off joining. A brief comparison was made with the cost other clubs have set. It was highlighted that Castle unlike other clubs has a course out 7 days a week that is available to all members. The tax threshold was identified as being £50K.

Following a show of hands the increase in fees was passed.

All fees are to be paid in person, the receipt for payment will be the membership card. If you do not have a membership card then no payment has been received.

Committee members will be issued with white cards, all other club members will be issued with yellow cards.

All members fees are due on 5<sup>th</sup> November and to be paid on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017, with no exceptions. This is due to the added information we need to submit to the insurance company.

### **Number of shoots held at Castle (Colin Jones)**

Discussion was held around the number of shoots held at Castle this year. It was acknowledged that this year has been very busy and the timing of the shoots meant they were all close together. This has been an extra ordinary year however, it has been to the benefit of the club. In view of the anticipated HS2, funds will be needed for new grounds/ moving our facilities/replacing our facilities.

Concerns were identified in relation to the number of shoots that were missed due to the outside competitions. Members were reassured that the opportunity for having a club shoot at the opposite end of the woods exist. To ensure everyone's safety all courses must be set



out and in place before the day of the advertised shoot. All Castle members are encouraged to take part in the setting out of courses.

### **Portcullis grading (John Amos)**

Some of this years competitors requested clarity around how the grading system worked. Unfortunately new shooters fell foul of being placed in UA with no explanation. An apology was given followed by discussion exploring how to ensure future events are clearer. The conclusion being:

Portcullis is a club shoot not a BFTA shoot. When setting the course out members are to ensure the shoot does NOT meet BFTA standards. When declaring your grade, if you have a BFTA grade use it, if not use your club grade. If you have both your BFTA grade will over ride your Castle grade.

### **Toilets (Sam walker)**

Following a very busy year the toilets at Castle have warranted more attention. Both male and female toilets have been serviced and cleaned. It was proposed that the toilets be cleaned professionally prior to all external shoots. This was agreed with the option of buying in an additional toilet for well attended events.

### **Trophies (Sam Walker)**

With many unclaimed trophies being thrown away at the clean up day, opinion was sought on what future trophies would be desirable. Many members voiced a preference for something with a field target theme. Anthony Johnson suggested stainless steel plates that can be cut to represent FT targets. Designs to be submitted to Anthony for pricing and viability.

### **Kneeling Rolls (John Amos)**

Castle are to adopt the BFTA rule in relation to equipment used for kneeling shots. Bags are no longer permitted to use when taking a kneeling shot. Please refer to BFTA rule 10 for more detailed information.

Castle will provide 4 x kneeling rolls and mats for those who wish to use them on a kneeling lane. Andrew Gillott to source.

### **Can disposal (Dave Bull)**

It is unsafe to put cans into the incinerator and not sustainable to store at the grounds. All members were asked to take an empty can home with them for safe disposal. Alternatively place empty cans in a bag as Dave Bull has offered to take a bag full for safe disposal.

### **Website content and design (Martin Pitt)**

An update on the new website was sought. Limited input has been received from members in relation to the new website. Can all members consider what they would like to be included and support Mark Henson by giving him their ideas.



**Saturday Canteen usage (Paul Flinders)**

It was requested that the people who benefit from the club on a Saturday wipe down the worktops in the canteen before they leave. A sign will be displayed.

**Saturday shooting fees (Andrew Gillott)**

A request was made for the honesty box to be returned for the visitors to Castle on a Saturday. It has always been in place that visitors to the grounds on a Saturday pay £2 to shoot however, with no honesty box available it has ceased to happen.

A box with a sign to be put into the canteen encouraging this practice to continue.

Members were also reminded that every shooter must sign in when attending the grounds and it is the responsibility of the castle members to police this.

Any member of Castle can request and purchase a set of keys to the canteen.

Meeting closed at 09.38hrs