

Castle F.T.A.R.C AGM 2019

Sunday 20th October

Minutes

Meeting opened by John Amos at 09:05

Apologies: Mark Henson, Mark Amos, Steve Cope, Colin Jones, Chris Large & Andy Purseglove

Minutes of the last AGM proposed by J. Amos and seconded by S. Walker.

Attendees

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Range Officer

Competition Secretary

26 Club members

Chairman's Report

John opened the meeting by recognising that a lot more members are now involved in the day to day running of the club. Special mentions were made to Jeff & Sam Walker for organising the fun day in the summer, Karl Morris who has supported the club with our ongoing gas fitting needs, Richard Goucher fitted a new roof to the canteen with the help of Terry Lancaster, Arthur Parsons, Dean Broughton and others. The building was finished with a lick of paint by Arthur and Terry. Malcolm Reeve continues to offer his support with the maintenance of the targets, spraying before each shoot.

Treasurer's Report

We haven't taken as much this year due to less competition shoots being held at Castle.

Paul reported that the club is solvent and we have a balance of £9,798.91 after the rent for this year is taken out. Paul also requested that should anyone buy badges from the club please ensure you write it in the signing in book, this acts as a receipt. When people leave notes on loose bits of paper they tend to go

missing. John gave a reminder that the balance in the bank will provide the club with funds should we need to relocate.

Competition Secretary's Report

John confirmed that external shoots have been limited this year to one Summer and one Winter League shoot. Both shoots ran well. The open sight challenge is becoming more and more popular, the silhouettes haven't been so popular this year. The main FT course and Pistol course continues to do well. The Cyril Julian shoot was a success with Nick Murphy taking the title. The Portcullis shoot was a success with a NEFTA visitor taking the title, Mark Stenton. Another thank you was given to all who helped to put the courses out over the year.

Election of Committee

Changes to the committee are as follows: Mark Henson has revoked his role as Development Officer. A thank you was given to Mark for his continued support over the years in his role. John proposed Sam Walker and this was seconded by Barry Chapman.

All club members in attendance had a show of hands for the Development Officer position with Sam Walker being successful by unanimous vote. John also offered an apology for not advertising the development officer role when it became available, if anyone had wanted to step in and do the role it would have had to have been a proposal at this meeting to then receive a vote.

John reminded people that the club liaison officer role is in place so that all club members can bring their thoughts to the committees' attention through this role. As some of the committee are often away shooting regionally Pete will be able to contact other committee members on their behalf as needed.

The committee for the 2019 – 2020 season stands as:

Chairman – John Amos (unchanged)

Vice Chairman – Andy Purseglove (unchanged)

Treasurer – Paul Flinders (unchanged)

Secretary – Sam Walker (unchanged)

Assistant Secretary – Andy Purseglove (unchanged)

Competition Secretary – John Amos & Andy Purseglove (unchanged)

Development Officer – Sam Walker (attained through club members vote)

Club Liaison Officer – Peter Rowley (unchanged)

Range Officer – Pete Rowley & Jeff Walker (unchanged)
Score Manager – Mark Amos (unchanged)
Auditor – Colin Jones (unchanged)

Agenda items

1 Amendments to club rules, constitution and byelaws – proposed by John Amos, seconded by Jeff Walker

I propose an amendment to rule 7 within the current Rules, Constitution and Byelaws, Version 5.1, 2018 which can be found on the Castle FTARC website.

Rule 7 deals with the constitution of the Management Committee. It states currently that:

“7.1 The Management Committee shall consist of not less than five members and no more than eleven. Those positions being: Chairman; Vice Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Club Captain; Development Officer; A Vice Chairman shall be elected and will serve two years in that post and subsequently as Chairman for the following two years under normal circumstances.”

Firstly, the list of Management Committee members needs to be amended to reflect the existing Committee structure. It should be changed to;

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Scores Manager, Range Officer, Development Officer and Auditor.

Some of the above will actually be two posts to provide sufficient support to the club's activities. For example, we currently have two Competition Secretaries and two Range Officers.

Secondly, the latter part of section 7.1 which begins *A Vice Chairman.....* should be amended to;

“The club's Chairman will remain in post provided that he or she satisfies the terms and conditions identified in the current Rules, Constitution and Byelaws,

and wishes to remain as Chairman. Should the club's members deem it desirable or necessary for the Chairman of the club to step down from the role, this should be presented as a proposal from a club member at the annual AGM, seconded by another and subsequently put to the vote. If this is the case and the majority of members present at the AGM deem that the Chairman should be replaced, the Vice-Chairman will immediately step up the role of Chairman and another vote for a new Vice-Chairman will take place at the same time.”

It was also agreed to include Auditor as a recognised committee role and this is included above in the list of Management Committee roles.

All proposed changes were accepted by the members via a unanimous show of hands.

2 Member involvement – John Amos

More of the club's members need to become involved in supporting the club's activities. We have a large number of members, yet only a handful of these routinely do active work to help out. Therefore, I propose here and now that members who wish to help put their names forward do so and agree to support the club in the following areas. There are 4 broad categories in total, these are;

Paint can disposal, Target maintenance and repair, Canteen maintenance, Path clearance.

Paint can disposal,

This simply requires a number of members to sign-up to removing the empty paint cans from the club's grounds and disposing of them properly, either in their own refuse bins or at a suitable recycling facility.

It was confirmed that the cans can be disposed of in our own domestic waste in line with your local council recycling guidelines.

People offering to help are: Colin Jones, Barry Chapman, Paul Flinders, Arthur Parsons, Dave Bull, Malcolm Reeve, Rob Scott, Dean Broughton, Paul Tunstall, Steve Oscroft, Dave Lindley, Vinny Rowe, Martin Pitt.

Target maintenance and repair (includes keeping the store tidy),

We already have a few members who do this work, the system just needs to be formalised and additional helpers are needed. There should be an area in the steel container set aside for damaged targets, and a separate area in the container for repaired and maintained targets that are ready for immediate use. A key will be provided for those who take on this role and regularly do active work towards this objective.

People offering to help are: Barry Chapman, Malcolm Reeve, Arthur Parsons, Steve Oscroft, Jeff Walker,

Canteen maintenance,

Again, some members do this already but more support is required to keep the canteen clean and tidy at all times. A key will be provided for those who take on this role and regularly do active work towards this objective.

People offering to help are: Arthur Parsons, Paul Flinders, Terry Lancaster, Dean Broughton, Dave Bull,

Path clearance,

Our paths need to be kept clear throughout the year to allow club members and visitors to safely move around the site. During Spring and Summer this is especially important. Volunteers are needed to carry out this work from time-to-time.

People offering to help are: Arthur Parsons, Mark Rodgers, Barry Chapman, Steve Oscroft, Jeff Walker,

3 HS2 update - John Amos

We know that over the past few months the number of visits has intensified. The general feel is that they know the plug may be pulled and so the aim is to complete as many surveys as they can. With no up to date local knowledge available Dean Broughton shared that a recent news cast suggested financially the plans may not be viable however, this is speculation. The land owner fed

back to John that there is the potential that even if HS2 goes ahead there is a high chance of the club being able to continue using the site.

AOB

Membership: Sam Walker brought to the meetings attention that membership for 2020 is now open. To renew for existing members is £20. New members £50. The cut off date for renewal is 1st December. Our insurance is due on 5th December hence the deadline. Your current membership covers you until 31st December 2019. All members must complete a new details form and include the fee paid in the signing in book. We are also Taking money for BFTA cards at £3.50 each. Sam plans to email this information out to all members along with a membership form to ease completion.

Moving targets: Paul Flinders voiced concern that some of the targets at set distances on the plinking range are being moved. Following discussion, it was agreed that when the plinking range is extended, tubes can be concreted into the ground for targets to sit in. The tubes will enable the targets to be easily removed for repair but the distances can remain constant, providing members with a 'setting up' lane with distances from 10yds – 55 yds. Mark Rodgers offered support with welding the distances on to the tubes so they are more permanent. John confirmed that the extension has been agreed with the land owner and a call for help will be made next Summer to complete.

Portcullis shoot: Arthur Parsons asked if the shoot could be graded. John shared that because the shoot isn't set out to BFTA standards this affects its suitability to be graded. John also shared that with different gradings across the region this wasn't possible. Should the grading become consistent across local club, MFTA & NEFTA then we could consider grading the shoot.

Meeting closed at 9.25am