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2026 AGM Minutes & More

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

At 12.00 MIDDAY

MINUTES (SUMMARY)

The Hon Sec, D. Hunt, opened the meeting, explaining that, for ease of note-taking, an audio recorder would be used

- 1) The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2025 were unanimously accepted as accurate
- 2) Chairman's report. **Read by Lord Parker, highlighting the need for the members to use the club and support the club more.**
- 3) Hon Sec address. Attached in the email package along with a letter written by a previous Hon Sec highlighting poor attendance that was read to the members.
- 4) To receive the Financial Report for the year ended 2025/26 and the Financial Budget for 2026/2027 and review of fees. Increases to canned drinks and ammunition; these have been the same for many years, and we need an increase to bring them up to date. Increase across the whole membership. **Read by**

K.Morton, if you need actual figures then you should have been at the AGM. All the increases were unanimously accepted.

- 5) Removal of old and replacement of new Trustees. **This was handled by Lord Parker, and the documents for the new trustees were signed, witnessed, and countersigned on the day.**
- 6) Election of Club Officials. **All the nominees below were unanimously accepted.**

Nominees:

Chairman Lord Parker P 165 D.Hunt S 134 S.Bruford

Hon Secretary D.Hunt P 134 S.Bruford S 121 G.Dimmock

Treasurer K.Morton P 165 D.Hunt S 158 J.Bradford

PLO & Membership Sec D.Lunnon P 158 J.Bradford S 160
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RSO S.Bruford P 104 D.Lunnon S 165 D.Hunt

The way forward

- 7) Proposed update to current 'shooter records' by introducing RFID badge recognition and storage. **This was explained by Lord Parker, who is actively constructing the framework for this project. Using an RFID reader stuck to the members' ID card, present the badge to the reader interface on the DO desk and a 'device ', possibly a tablet PC, will display a list of that member's firearms, and you select by tapping the screen the one you are using that session.**
- 8) To review suggestions/questions from the members.

Request to AGM

1. Put Fees up to £3 New ballistic curtains. **It was decided to increase the ammunition by £1 rather than the range fee**

2. Members who wish to shoot black powder should attend on a night not on a general shooting night. **It was pointed out that a lot of probationers would not be able to see or use black powder firearms if we restricted their use to their specific Wednesday evening. Black powder shooters will be advised to use bay 2 when possible, where we have an extra ventilation fan to help with the smoke extraction. The DO is to keep an eye out for vulnerable members, those with severe asthma, and to make sure they are not both in the range at the same time.**
3. Members who wish to shoot calibre above .22 should do so during the second hour of the shooting session. e.g. 8pm + 11am. **This was deemed to be impractical due to some members requiring to leave early. Again, for shooters with sensitive hearing, foam earbuds are available in the club and can be used with their current ear protectors, and again the DO will need to keep an eye out and separate the vulnerable shooters where possible.**

All probationers should shoot during the first hour of the session. e.g. 7pm + 10am. **We try to get the more experienced shooters in first so they can then help out with the probationers when they have had their own time shooting, but members and probationers can and do turn up at any time. We just need to control the sessions as and when we need to.**

When busy, probationers should be limited to 20 or 30 bullets. **The club does already have a 3-detail rule where shooters are restricted to just 3 targets 'per session' when the club is busy. It hasn't been enforced much due to the low number of shooters, but now with more probationers it has been reintroduced. But with enough time left, there is nothing stopping someone from going back into the range**

The members present were asked if they would prefer a different time for the next AGM.

It has now been changed to 11.00 am

Date of next meeting: Sunday 26th September 2027 @ 11.00 am in the range

Notes

During conversations after the meeting, it has been suggested that the range duty officer, usually the full member on the left, should not have a probationer with them, as they should be concentrating on the range.

Only one probationer per full member. Not one full member and a probationer in two bays.

It was also suggested to have a non-shooting range duty officer who would just observe the shooters in the range; this person could be someone waiting next to shoot, then be replaced by someone leaving.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2026/2027

Full member £120 increase to £140 ↑+£20

Disabled membership £100 increase to £120 ↑+£20

Junior (12-18) £85 increase to £100 ↑+£15

Pre Junior (under 12) £40 increase to £55 ↑+£15

Family membership £200 increase to £230 ↑+£30

Note From the Hon Sec

Well, it's been a busy year, and that's good. New probationers and new members across the disciplines mean more income, also means that the full members who help out with the coaching are very busy as well, looking after the probationers, so a big thanks to the regulars, Glen, Jo, Guy, and Matt, for helping, along with the RSO, Chairman and treasurer and PLO, so as you'll see, we're a very hands-on committee.

Steve Pyke has helped out a lot recently and helped me, or did I help him, remove, clean and refit the faulty fan in the bay's extractor ducting. Also, the cleaning of the main roof extraction fan, the rewiring of the ruddy thing that the electricians managed to bugger up in the building and the installation of the new bench in bay 1.

We replaced the ballistic curtain this year as part of the ongoing upgrade, but sadly it's falling way short of its predicted lifespan and

even with patching and moving it's likely to fail far sooner than expected, and it certainly didn't come up to the manufacturer's hype. My error, but we live and learn, so next time hopefully it will be better suited to our needs.

The club electrics have been upgraded with a new consumer unit, along with the old meter being replaced and moved to a more accessible outdoor box, and then finally replaced with a SMART meter; the meter movement and the roadwork were carried out by the National Grid and the replacement meter by EDF was done free of charge. We just paid for the new consumer unit and wiring. This all needed to be done so we could safely read the meter and add a second fused spur for the new alarm system that was installed, at the insistence of the police, but while the installer was here we had the fire alarm panel overhauled and all the old alarm sensors replaced and new ones fitted so we comply with the newer requirements.

We've managed to 'help out' a couple of former members that, through ill health, have decided to sell off their firearms. We bought a CZ 452 and a heavy-barreled Ruger 10/22 from Grahame Gorley, and a Rossi 38 underlever from Barry Widger. All 3 firearms are popular, so it was a good all-round plan.

All of this has happened and is still happening in the background and on days when the club is closed, so it wouldn't interrupt our shooting days. However.

I'll just read this out. Read attendance letter from 2018. This is for FAC holders where we are their primary club. So doesn't affect the non-FAC holders or those where we're not their primary club.

The issue with members using the club for their own ends and not using the club for the benefit of the club has been going on for years. Unfortunately, there's not much we can do if someone turns up at the end of the year or at the beginning of the next and just shoots the required three times, as per the current rule in the constitution, 24 (g), and we don't see them again for another 12 months. What I ask is, why be a member of a club you don't come to? Why keep firearms at home that you don't use, or use in the manner that you have informed firearms licensing that you do? I.E., target shooting at the TDSA. Is it

just so you can keep firearms at home? We can't tell if a member who has land to shoot on keeps records, but we do. And you must comply with the rules of the club. We could be requested by the police to provide the members' shooting records at any time.

However, for those of you with a FAC and this being your primary club, if you haven't shot here for +12 months, then this will be reported to Avon and Somerset police. I've been talking with the other members of the committee, and this is the final year that we will be sending out membership renewals to all members. We'll be taking a look at the individual shooting history, and for those that we feel haven't used the club sufficiently, or at all, we'll be sending out a re-application form. You will need to re-apply for membership, stating exactly why you want or need to be a member of this club; all applications will be reviewed by the committee. It was discussed that we should increase the range fee again, but I felt that this would just punish the loyal regulars and not have any impact on the 'cheeky ones' at all. So, this is the main reason for the hype up in the membership fees; if you want to take advantage of the club, then it's going to cost more. Sadly, it also affects the regulars, but we don't have a win-win scenario. But maybe we increase the number of mandatory shoots or introduce an incentive where regular shooters get a reduction, or non-regulars just get the annual increase?

To paraphrase Commander Spock. The needs of the many outweigh the wants of the few. My responsibility is to the members of the club, but the majority, not the odd one. So rather than risk getting on the police radar for the wrong reasons, we need to be seen as complying with the laws regarding the club's licence.

Moving on to better things:

I had a couple of emails from a new probationer after their first visit.

"And a big thank you to you for accepting me into the association, teaching me and being kind and patient.

And yes, I am still smiling and so excited that I can't do anything, can't watch TV or relax 😊 I don't even remember myself being so happy and excited about something like today. Great feeling :)"

This is what makes it all worthwhile. These new and younger shooters are the future of the club.

The AFD was very successful this year for us, and we gained a few more probationers and managed to sell pretty much all the merchandise we had at the stall. Unfortunately for me, this now means I'll be in my workshop making more crap- sorry, craft to sell, but it helps to pay the fee. Thanks to the guys that displayed their firearms, not weapons, and to the crew that helped out at both the stall and the clubhouse: David, Jacqui, Jo, Guy, Matt, Glen, Kevin, Avani, Paul, and Ian. Especially Jo and Guy, who supplied us with homemade sausage rolls at the stall. It was a long day, about 12 hours on our feet, but a good day nonetheless.

The Taunton 10.

We'll be renaming this the Tom Power Memorial Challenge, but still the Taunton 10 to us. Same rules and same format.

A perpetual trophy, house cup TBA, probably to be engraved with the overall winner each year, with a small personal trophy to keep, presented at the AGM. The Taunton 10 and Taunton 5 targets are now 25p as we've run out of the last that Tom provided and the new ones have been provided to us by another member, but if we do need to get these done 'out of house' in the future then we'll be looking at costs and we did pay 25p per target anyway a couple of years back; it's not really a hardship; but we do need more members having a go, as currently it's Steve and Sam having a personal father-son shoot-out.

More changes.

Costs.

Unfortunately, the price of things goes up, and we've kept our old prices for some years now, but we will be having to charge more for the canned drinks. These will need to double to £1 per can, as the current restock cost is 50p per can even with a discount, so we'd be making a loss to carry on selling it at that price.

The ammo: although Ian hasn't put the price up to us, we feel that adding £1 per box isn't extortionate, so it'll be £7 per box 50 starting in October. An increase to the ammo rather than range fee

Tea and coffee will still be free, but if anyone is feeling generous on seeing that our stocks are low, feel free to top us up.

We're getting the steel sacrifice plates replaced due to wear and tear. You'll notice that, from time to time, a bay will be out of use while we repair or replace that particular plate. We will be recommissioning bay 1 by replacing the bench. We can continue to use bay one as the range access point, as it will be a hinged bench; firearms made safe will be placed in the rack beside the bay. The bay is to be used if we are at capacity and only with the club firearms. Currently, bay 3 is out of commission, so this can be used as the access point if we opt to use bay 1.

Unfortunately, we have a couple of leaks in the roof, some tiles missing off of the first 'bell housing ', and we think a damaged tile/slate further down range as yet not found. As we've had such fine weather lately, we didn't notice this until the downpour we had one Saturday when we were over here working and spotted water dripping on the floor. This is just one more thing to add to our 'to do' list.

If you have the skills or equipment and the time to help, then please get in touch.

Any budding carpenters who can give us a hand to rebuild the target frames, again, don't be shy; come and see me (Hon Sec).

10th July 2018

Attendance Record Check

Reference:

- a. Home Office Guide on Firearms Licensing Law (2016) Section 13.4.v. and 18.34
- b. Home Office Shooting Club Approval Leaflet Criteria F.

In order to meet the legal requirements on Taunton Deane Shooting Association (TDSA) as a Home Office Approved Shooting Club, the club has to maintain adequate records for "When" and "What" firearms members shoot. We also have a legal obligation to advise Police firearms authorities when members have not attended for a period greater than 12 months.

Following a recent inspection of shooting records held at the club, it was noted that you have not attended the range for some time (enter date). I must remind you that one of the requirements of holding a Firearms Certificate for target shooting is that you need to attend and shoot regularly at your Primary Club.

Under the Guidelines issued by the Home Office, the Police recognise "Regularly" as at least 3 times per year for each firearm held.

Primary Club means just that, it is the club you attend most regularly and is the club listed on your FAC. If you are a member of more than one club then this could be the reason why we have not seen you recently.

Would you please contact me as a matter of urgency by email or letter to advise me if:

- a. we are your Primary club
- b. if there is any reason why you have not been able to attend the club in recent months
- c. if we could help you improve your attendance record.

We look forward to hearing back from you and seeing you at the club in forthcoming months.

Yours Sincerely

Ian M Gladman
Hon. Secretary

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