

# **The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the BSRC will be held Via a Zoom meeting at 1400 on Sunday 31 January 2021**

*Due to Covid-19 restrictions it has not been possible to hold the AGM at the club house. The results from our online members survey in November 2020 returned a majority in favour of an online AGM. To ensure that we have enough capacity to accommodate all members wishing to attend, members will be emailed a survey link requesting them to indicate if they will attend the AGM or not. Those who indicate that they will attend will be sent joining information by email prior to the meeting.*

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2019 AGM
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Report
5. Captain's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
  - 7.1 Proposal to Increase Membership Fees - **decision by online vote after the meeting (see Note (iii) below)**
8. Election of Club Officers (See Note (i) attached) – **by online voting after the meeting (see Note (iii) below)**
9. Election of Executive Committee Members (See Note (i) below) – **following online voting results (see Note (iii) below)**
10. Consideration of any recommendations by the outgoing Management Committee for changes to the constitution
11. Ratification of Changes to the Byelaws - **decision by online vote after the meeting (see Note (iii) below)**
12. Resolutions Received (See Note (ii) attached)
13. Appointment of Independent Examiners – **by online voting after the meeting (see Note (iii) below)**
14. Any Other Business.

### **Note (i) Election of Officers:**

Any member(s) wishing to submit a Nomination for Election to either one of the Club Officer posts, or as a member of the Executive Committee, should submit nominations in writing to the Secretary using the nomination form below, to arrive no later than 2pm on Sunday 24 January 2021.

Hard copy should be sent to The Secretary BSRC, c/o NRA, National Shooting Centre, Brookwood, Surrey, GU24 0PB.

Alternatively, please email a scanned PDF of the fully completed nomination form to [secretary@bsrc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@bsrc.co.uk) and includes the words AGM NOMINATION in the email subject line.

Nominations received after that time may be considered in the same manner as those received from the floor as stated below.

Nominations must state clearly which of the named posts they are for; or whether they are for a place on the Executive Committee. Any members wishing to stand for one of the club officer posts or a position on the committee must be a current NRA member.

All nominations must include the name and signature of the proposer; the name and signature of the seconder; and, the nominee's signature to confirm their acceptance of the nomination. All nominees must provide a short CV of not more than 1 page of A4 to accompany their Nomination Form.

In the event of there being more than one nomination for a named position or more nominees than there are places on the Committee, then a ballot will be held. Candidates will be required to make a 3 minute presentation to the AGM prior to the ballot which will be held by online survey emailed to meeting attendees after the meeting. An unsuccessful candidate for a specific club post will have their name put forward for a general committee position unless they withdraw. As a result, a ballot for general committee positions cannot be held until the results of any ballot for club officer positions are declared.

Candidates will be required to make a declaration of any interests they may have that would be beneficial either to the club or to themselves. Such declarations may be disclosed and read out at the AGM should the floor request it prior to the election. Any nominee subsequently elected to the Executive Committee will be required to declare any interests they may have in a matter prior to it being discussed at a Committee Meeting or as soon as they are aware that any discussion may result in a potential conflict of interest on their part.

Nominations will only be accepted from the floor if there are no other valid nominations for the post in question.

### **Note (ii) Resolutions:**

Non-Constitutional resolutions for consideration at the AGM should be submitted to the Secretary by 2pm on Sunday 24 January 2021. Before any such item is placed on the agenda for discussion it must be proposed as an item for inclusion on the agenda for the annual general meeting by at least two members of the Club.

It would be helpful if members could also provide a short introductory note to explain the rationale behind such resolutions.

Other resolutions may be raised on the day under "any other business", but may not be accepted for discussion by the Chairman if they require investigation or research, or there is insufficient time. Any matter discussed under "any other business" may only be for consideration or recommendation and must be ratified at a future meeting of the new Executive Management Committee, or (where necessary) at a future annual general meeting or extraordinary general meeting.

### **Note (iii) Voting:**

Any ballots required will be held by online survey after the meeting. All attendees will be emailed a link to the survey with full instructions of how to take part.

## Nomination Form – BSRC 2020/2021 Executive Committee

I wish to Nominate (print name of nominee) : \_\_\_\_\_

For the post of :

**Chairman / Vice Chairman / Secretary / Captain / Vice Captain / Treasurer**

OR

**Executive Committee Member** (delete as applicable)

Proposers name (Full or Life Member) : \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No : \_\_\_\_\_

Proposers Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Seconders name (Full or Life Member) : \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No : \_\_\_\_\_

Seconders Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this nomination, I accept my nomination & confirm that I am a full paid up member of the BSRC & NRA and that I know of no reason why I am not eligible to hold the position for which I have been nominated.  
I confirm I have attached my CV of no more than 1 page.*

Nominees Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No : \_\_\_\_\_

Nominees Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominees Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No : \_\_\_\_\_

Nominees Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Example declaration of interest for completion by nominees for the executive committee.  
Please copy the text and modify as appropriate**

## **BRITISH SPORTING RIFLE CLUB**

### **Declaration of Interest**

As a nominee for election to the Executive Committee of the British Sporting Rifle Club at the AGM on 31 January 2021, I declare that I have no financial interest in taking up a position on the Executive.

Any claims will be made using the agreed expenses form and as such are a matter of record for any club member, and indeed the club's independent examiners, who wishes to view the club accounts.

I am happy to continue to provide my services as Executive Committee Member and confirm that should I become aware of any conflict of interest arising whilst matters relating to such activities are being discussed at Committee I will make the committee aware of them and if necessary will absent myself from that part of the meeting.

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**31 January 2021**

## Minutes of the 2019 AGM

### The 58th Annual General Meeting of the BSRC held in the BSRC Club House, Bisley Camp, at 1430 on Sunday 7 July 2019.

Forty Seven members signed in for the meeting. The full list of attendees can be obtained from the Secretary.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Michael Kenney, Barry Morgan, Derek Stimpson, Alice Gran, Colin Nunn, Gus McLellan, Hamish McLellan, Howard Dixon, David Hambleton, Richard Collins, Adrian Dagger, Richard Jeffery, Steve Simms, David Jennings, Tim Goddard, Iain Parker, Richard Collins, David Howson, Martin Morrell, John Kidney, Michael Seagar, Paul Roberts, Adam Walsh, Garth Buckle, Michael Crust, Lindsey Jamieson, Steve Simms, Richard Lane.

#### 2. Minutes of 2018 AGM

Accepted by Show of hands.  
Proposed: John Kynoch  
Seconded: Steve Wallis

#### 3. Matters Arising.

None

#### 4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened with a vote of thanks to the Monday squad for their work in maintaining the ranges and equipment and highlighted some of the issues included in the report.

##### Range Officers

He reminded members that we are still suffering lack of RO's for some events and suggested that the club may have to make compulsory allocations to qualified members via DutyMan if the situation did not improve.

Mike Sheehan suggested that we cancel events if there is no RO volunteered 24 hours before the event. The Chairman agreed to schedule this for discussion at the next committee meeting.

Mike Deakin requested that we record the junior air rifle events on DutyMan.

##### Lease Renewal

The Chairman reminded members that negotiations had been in progress for 2 Year so far with no acceptable lease offer.

There had been a number of proposals ranging from a 7-year lease to the NRA running the range and granting the club priority days on which to run the usual schedule of club events and a lease on the club house only. This option would not provide for affiliated club who would have to lease their days directly from the NRA.

The NRA had agreed to extend the current lease until the end of 2019 to allow the 2019 schedule to be completed, however, this had turned out to be a new lease and not an extension.

The discussions so far suggested that NRA want control of the range. It had been suggested that the NRA trustees would be liable for any issues arising on the BSRC range even if the club have a lease. Legal advice is that this is not the case.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that our original lease never included a right to renew and that we were now awaiting a new, short term, lease document from the NRA before further discussions. This lease would only take us to the end of 2019, but we were advised that this would form the basis of any longer term offer.

The Chairman advised the meeting that, in preparation for resumption of negotiations he had written to all chairs of affiliated clubs for details of numbers of members, their use of the BSRC range and what NRA ranges they book particularly on the same date as their use of the BSRC range.

The Chairman reported that it was the committee's opinion that we should continue to push for a new lease but be aware that we may have to move location as a last resort.

John Watson suggested we need to wait until the NRA make an offer and then the club can decide what to do.

The Chairman briefly described dilapidations process and confirmed that this was not a £24,000 bill but an estimate by the NRA's surveyor of the cost to complete the work that they had identified. This is a normal end of lease process and the committee was not concerned.

The Report was accepted by a show of hands.

## 5. Captain's Report

In addition to his report circulated prior to the meeting, the Captain reminded the meeting that ISSF 50m MT and 10m RT was still active in Europe, and that we should support these events where possible.

No questions were raised, and the report was accepted by a show of hands.

## 6. Secretary's Report

No questions were raised, and the report was accepted by a show of hands.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

No questions were raised, and the report was accepted by a show of hands.

The treasurer thanked Ken Solomons & Colin Nunn for their support during their time as Independent Examiners of the club accounts and proposed that they receive life membership of the club. This was agreed by a show of hands.

## 8. Election of Club Officers

All current officers had agreed to stand again it was therefore proposed that the following be re-elected for 2019/20.

Chairman – Nick Thomas  
Vice Chair – David Lamb  
Captain – John Maddison  
Vice-Captain – Darren Cottee  
Treasurer – Dennis Smith  
Secretary – Heather Hall

Elected by a show of hands

## 9. Election of Executive Committee Members

All current committee members had agreed to stand again.  
In addition, Chris Rennick & Steve Wallis were nominated as committee members. Proposed by Nick Thomas, Seconded by David Lamb

Ordinary Member – Tim Goddard  
Ordinary Member – John Rossiter  
Ordinary Member – Chris Rennick  
Ordinary Member – Steve Wallis

Elected by a show of hands

## 10. Consideration of any recommendations by the outgoing Management Committee for changes to the constitution

No Recommendations presented

## 11. Resolutions Received

There had been 3 resolutions received concerning compulsory NRA membership for all full members of BSRC.

**Proposal for the AGM - Compulsory NRA Membership**  
**Proposed by John Watson (membership number 46) and Steve Willingham (membership number 409)**

To DELETE paragraph 2.10 from the BSRC ByeLaws.

Reason:

This condition was introduced into the club constitution in 2008 by David Jennings in the belief that it would give us a greater voice in the NRA and National shooting affairs. Recent events have demonstrated that this is certainly not the case and I feel that NRA membership should be a matter for individual BSRC Members and no longer a compulsory requirement.

I would be grateful if this could be included on the Agenda for discussion and a vote.

**Proposed by Ian Milward (membership number), Seconded by Susie Drew (membership number)**

We would like to propose the following resolution to be included in the BSRC AGM on the 7th July

In light of the current state of negotiations with the NRA over our new lease we would like to propose the resolution below which would take effect if negotiations are unsuccessful.

The resolution would only take effect if we are unsuccessful and would serve to send a powerful message to the NRA about our feelings and the potential loss of a significant income to the NRA unless they change their current negotiating stance.

The resolution is:

“If the BSRC are unsuccessful with NRA negotiations and are unable to continue in our current state and have to leave Bisley or sell our equipment to the NRA then the requirement that BSRC members must also be NRA members is dropped from our rules when the 2020 renewals become due.”

**Proposer – Steve Wallis, Membership No. 001    Seconded – Cornelius Schalkwyk  
Membership No. 370**

In his report to this AGM, our Chairman has provided an update on the position as regards the Club's negotiations with the NRA over a new lease. It is very clear that we are at a pivotal point and that we are going to need all the ammunition in our armoury if we are to stand a sporting chance of getting another lease.

I have recently heard discussions from members indicating that we should reverse the current requirement that all BSRC members must be members of the NRA and that we should vote on this at the AGM. I can certainly relate to that sentiment and fully understand why they would feel that we should do this. However, now is not the right time. To vote to leave the NRA en-bloc at this AGM before the lease negotiations have been completed would severely compromise the Clubs position - “It's better to be on the inside of the tent pee'ing out than the outside of the tent trying to pee in.”

We are all paid up members of the NRA until the end of this year, which is also when the current interim lease expires. I believe that only once we know the outcome of the lease negotiations should we consider whether to reverse the current requirement.

Now is the time, more than ever, for members to stand behind our Chairman and his fellow Executive Committee members and support them through the ongoing lease negotiations, allowing them to progress these in the most effective and beneficial manner and in the Club's best interests with regard to the services and facilities it provides to members and to affiliated clubs and in accordance with the objectives set out in the Constitution.

I therefore propose the following resolution:

That in accordance with the best interests of the Club, its members and members of clubs affiliated to it, members demonstrate their support for the Club, the Chairman and the Executive Committee by agreeing that any decision as to whether the Club should continue to require that all full members are members of the National Rifle Association or not be deferred until such time as negotiations to secure a new lease have been completed.

The meeting agreed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> resolutions were essentially the same proposal and an amendment to the 1st proposal.

The Chairman advised the meeting that there was no need for the resolutions as a byelaw can be changed by the committee at any time and only needs to be ratified by the membership at the AGM following the change.

Meeting agreed that the membership had made their opinions known to the committee therefore there was no reason to vote on the resolutions.

A vote was taken by show of hands to allow to allow a decision to be taken by committee when appropriate.

Carried unanimously

## 12. Appointment of Independent Examiners

Colin Sach  
Jeremy Hakim

Elected by a show of hands

## 13. Any Other Business.

Susie Drew asked if there were any thoughts of where the club could move to should it be necessary e.g. could we share a range with one of our affiliates.

The Chairman answered that this was unlikely, but the committee was looking for other locations and would welcome suggestions from the membership.

The Chairman advised the meeting that Ken Scott had proposed a life membership for Derek Brooker and he was happy to second the proposal. The meeting agreed by a show of hands.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Committee had voted to grant David Findlay life membership of the club for allowing the club use of the armoury at the cottage.

There being no further Business the Chairman closed the meeting at 16:30

## **BSRC Chairman's Report 2019-2020**

Well it's certainly been an interesting year, or should I say 18 months!

When we were at the 2019 AGM no one could have predicted how events would unfold and there has been some significant challenges.

We were able to agree terms for an extension to our original lease which allowed us to complete our 2019 calendar. This ended up being a new lease rather than an extension, however it did form the basis of the lease proposal for the new 5 year lease we are currently operating under.

Although we were effectively operating under the terms of this new lease from the beginning of 2020, we were unable to agree terms on a number of points which did require further negotiations, however I'm pleased to say we now have a new lease which takes us through until 31 December 2024.

Whilst the lease negotiations were still in progress we then got landed with the first Covid-19 lockdown which presented considerable challenges for the committee. We had to review our communication processes which led to the implementation of online Zoom meetings in place of face to face committee meetings. Planning for re-opening the ranges required some innovative design and implementation of processes and range modifications to allow members to get back to shooting.

All of this work was completed with the unflinching support of the committee and a number of members and thankfully we were able to re-open albeit on a limited basis in August. This was followed by the current processes in place which allow bubbles of 6 to use the range. Credit must go to all concerned, too many to mention by name, who have got the ranges operational and allowed us to complete the majority of our calendar, despite a second lockdown in November.

The lockdown did give us the opportunity to review how we manage midweek range hire, club matches, range days and competitions. Management of range use is particularly important as we are obliged to maintain track and trace records. We now manage this online via SimplyBook and this has proved a great success. We are developing further enhancements to ensure the system is suitable post Covid-19. Thanks must go to our vice Chairman, David Lamb, who has been instrumental in the design and implementation of the booking system.

As you will be aware via my update sent to everyone in December, both David Lamb and myself gave notice last January that we were planning to stand down from our respective roles at the 2020 AGM, which should have been held last June. Obviously events conspired against us all and we both agreed to stay on until we could hold an AGM and the lease negotiations were complete.

I believe it's now the right time for a new face to take on the Chairman's role and I know David sees it similarly for the vice chairman's role, particularly as we will soon need to start thinking about the future of the club after our current lease expires in 2024. I would like to think we will be able to get another lease after this one expires, but it will need a lot of preparation work if we are to achieve this.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone on the committee and all the members for your support during my time on the committee, it has been much appreciated.

Nick Thomas  
Chairman, BSRC  
[chairman@bsrc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@bsrc.co.uk)

## Captains Report 2020

This has to be one of the strangest years that we've ever had. I'd just started to receive the entries for the Spring Match when, on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, lock down started and ended all sporting events for a period of nearly 3 months. After a huge amount of preparation by the Monday squad to comply with COVID requirements our first match under the new restrictive conditions successfully took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 11 competitors took part and we proved that we could run matches successfully despite the need to stick to the 6 person bubbles and needing far more RO support than would normally be required.

Having run our first match post lockdown we followed this with a 'Moving Target Championship' combining the usual Running Boar Championships with the Running Deer and 10m Moving Target. This proved to be a successful match with 24 competitors over the 2 days of shooting up nearly 30% on 2019. Although this didn't fully make up for not being able to hold the Deer Championships it did demonstrate that the members were still keen to shoot the moving target events despite the ongoing restrictions.

Finally, in September we held the Club Championships with entry only very slightly down from last year. It was great to see everyone enjoy a full programme of events over the weekend with some good results and solid performances. It was shame not to have been able to have our usual lunchtime BBQ but despite that it was great to be able to catch up with everyone – even at an acceptable social distance!

Although a difficult year a few positives have come out of it. The introduction of an online booking system has eased administration and organisation of the matches and collection of green fees. The increase in volunteers stepping forward to act as RO's without which operating as much of the programme as we have would not have been possible.

The range preparation has been great throughout the year and the contribution of the volunteers who come time and time again to make sure everything is fully operational cannot be stated highly enough. We really need more members who have the time to step forward and get involved with this extremely important work.

It has been great to see so many of the members wanting to continue competitive shooting this year despite all the difficulties that COVID has brought and continues to bring. Looking forward into 2021 is almost impossible in these rapidly changing times and all we can hope is that the introduction of vaccination will allow current restrictions to ease and for the club to be able to continue with a much more normal programme of events. Only time will tell how long this will take.

John Maddison

Captain BSRC December 2020.

# BSRC SECRETARY REPORT 2019/2020

## Membership Summary

Dear Club Member

Membership numbers have remained steady during 2019/2020. During the 12 month period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 I can report that our membership numbers are slightly down on the previous year but a steady increase in the last 5 years. Membership numbers remain manageable for the club to continue running induction days, training days and with the ability to assist our steady flow of provisional members until election to full membership.

We have made extensive changes to the Induction Course for our new members and with the help of online learning, more time has been spent with our Probationary Members out on the range. As we have all had such a challenging year due to Covid-19, it has been difficult for everyone to get to the range on the limited dates that have been available to us. We have managed to secure some Probationary Member dates in the calendar to help our large number of probationers reach their end goal of becoming a full BSRC Member and these days have proved successful, in addition we have been able to tie in SCC assessments for all members during the Induction Courses and also on other specific dates notified thus maximising use of our range facilities. The table below outlines our membership statistics between 2015 to 2020:

1 April – 31 March	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
TOTAL Membership : made up of ....	<b>327</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>297</b>
- FULL (Annual)	234	240	227	224	218
- LIFE	56	54	54	54	52
- FULL JUNIOR	11	10	9	6	9
- PROVISIONAL	24	32	26	20	16
- ASSOCIATE	2	2	2	2	2

### The following 16 Shooting Clubs are affiliated to the BSRC:

Aldershot Rifle & Pistol Club, BASC, BDS SE, Cheam, Chelmsford, City Sportsmen, Colchester, Harrow, HBSA, Imperial, Leatherhead, Marylebone, Milton, SoEDMG, St Hubert, Shanklin

I have reported slightly differently regarding the Executive Committee Meetings during the year, the reason for this is due to Covid-19, the delays caused with securing a date for our AGM, certain decisions/surveys that have taken place during the year and the guest attendance of a couple of Members. Therefore, the Executive Committee Meetings identified below are between the dates of June 2019 to December 2020. These meetings include several Zoom Committee Meetings which have proved successful.

There have been **12 Executive Committee Meetings** with dates/attendance detailed below:

DATE	DL	NT	HH	DC	DS	JM	JR	TG	CR	SW	AG	RJ
9-JUNE-19	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓		
8-SEPT-19	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓		
12-OCT-19	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
9-NOV-19	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓		
12-JAN-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
7-MAR-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X		
2-JULY-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		
20-AUG-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓		
7-OCT-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓		
19-OCT-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4-NOV-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓
2-DEC-20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

#### Current BSRC Executive Committee Members :

##### Club Officers

Nick Thomas – Chairman  
 Heather Hall – Secretary  
 John Maddison – Captain

David Lamb – Vice Chairman  
 Dennis Smith – Treasurer  
 Darren Cottee – Vice Captain

##### Executive Committee Member

John Rossiter                      Tim Goddard                      Chris Rennick                      Steve Wallis

##### Guests (during 2020)

Alice Gran                      Richard Jeffery

*At the 20 August 2020 Executive Meeting it was agreed to invite Alice Gran and Richard Jeffery to attend future meetings as Non-Voting Guest Members. Their first meeting attendance as guests was 19 October 2020.*

##### Club Calendar

The Club Calendar is now available via SimplyBook, thanks to David Lamb for his time and efforts. This has simplified the booking system especially during the pandemic and going forward into 2021 when, hopefully, the pandemic is over, we will continue with SimplyBook system and fingers crossed

we will be able to free up full days for all to book and attend rather than the limited time-slot availability due to Covid-19. Thankfully something positive has come out of a rather trying and challenging year.

### **Rifle Usage**

As we are still unable to use the clubhouse and computerised booking in system, when signing in at the Deer Hut using the white folder, please ensure you list your rifle Serial Numbers and calibre, if you write "ALL" in the rifle usage column, this will not be accepted, we need to know exactly which rifles are being used on the day and all data is cross-referenced to the records held on file.

### **SCC Assessments**

Several members have recently asked about their SCC expiry, please note, SCCs always expire on 31 December – you need to check which **year** your SCC expires and make arrangements for a re-assessment in good time. SCC assessment dates were communicated to the BSRC Membership during the last quarter of 2020 and were well attended with some additional assessments completed during range days on a pre-book basis. Due to further restrictions on range availability, we will notify the membership of further available dates during 2021. Please note, if you are an NRA member the NRA can complete your SCC assessment.

### **Christmas**

Sadly we were not able to secure a Christmas Lunch or Christmas Shoot in 2020, I am sure everyone understands the reasons and I am sure we will all celebrate in style in 2021 as and when we are all permitted to socialise in groups again.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone on the range at BSRC in 2021. If anyone has any questions I am always here at the end of the email and more than happy to chat when at the club. Stay Safe ☺

**Heather Hall**

**BSRC Secretary**

[secretary@bsrc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@bsrc.co.uk)

## **BSRC Treasurer's Report 2019-2020**

I am happy to give this report to members in my 10th year as Treasurer and would like to extend my thanks to Jeremy Hakim and Colin Sach for advice and support in their role as independent examiners of the accounts.

Attached to these AGM papers are a set of accounts that have been examined and confirmed as an accurate record of the clubs finances over the 12 month period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. These show we have a deficit of funds on the year of £16655 compared to last year's surplus of £27330. This still leaves the club with a year end bank balance of £113714 after deducting advance payments for membership and ASPs. It should be remembered though that this balance needs to support retrospective rent payments when the terms of our new lease come into effect and as yet unresolved charges by the NRA for backstop maintenance.

Total Expenditure was up by approx. 66%. This was largely accounted for by end of lease dilapidation charges and legal costs incurred for the renewal of our lease. We also incurred some one off charges relating to setting up our own armoury – hence saving NRA storage costs – and a rather large purchase of Boar rubber.

Income was also down on last year by almost 20%. This was caused by a drop in the number of annual subscriptions and a sharp decline in joining fees as less new members were joining the club. Range Hire was also down from the previous year.

I am pleased to say that the new method of collecting green fees via the small brown envelope system and direct billing as introduced later in the year, has continued to prove to be very successful and has led to less errors in the system.

I am proposing an increase in membership fess which will be the subject of a proposal to the AGM. I am also increasing the green fee £20, Visitors fee to £30, and joining fee for new members to £150. These increases have been approved by the executive committee. This is all necessary to cover our greatly increased costs which will be incurred when the terms of our new lease come into effect. These terms are retrospective with the rent increase alone being 300%.

I can confirm that the Club's insurances are in place for the year 2020/21.

In looking at these accounts members should bear in mind that like other clubs and organisations of a similar type, our accounts are presented on a cash income and expenditure basis. There is, therefore, no distinction between on-going operating costs and capital expenditure on range development and equipment. The surplus or deficit shown in the accounts from year to year is the cash difference arising from the year's activities and not a profit or loss, as would be shown in a commercial organisation's accounts.

**Note:** Since the accounts were signed off, we have received notification from the NRA's solicitors that the NRA will expect a £1000 contribution from the club towards their legal costs relating to the lease.

Dennis Smith  
Treasurer, BSRC  
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## BSRC Accounts - Year to 31/3/2020

	2019/2020	2018/2019
<b>INCOME</b>	£	£
Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees	26,796	33,639
Deduct Subs paid in advance for next year	-1,450	-4,515
Green Fees	12,190	14,806
Deduct ASP paid in advance for next year	-320	-1,120
Range & Rifle Hire	15,170	23,523
Sales Ammo, Clothing, & Courses	4,189	4,565
Catering Receipts, including Xmas lunch	793	1,360
Bank Interest	224	113
Donations	722	181
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>58,314</b>	<b>72,552</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
NRA - Lease related costs & electricity	8,185	8,478
HMR&C	0	0
Home Office Affiliation	0	0
Affiliation Fees	373	418
Insurance premiums	2,469	2,469
Stationery, Printing	175	49
Internet & E Mail costs	1,455	2,428
Executive & Club expenses including AGM costs	6,767	4,445
Range development & maintenance	10,422	9,373
Targets, rifles etc.	141	183
Markers, Coaching & Range Officer Fees	5,257	8,843
Ammo, Clothing & Courses	828	4,794
Prizes and awards	338	311
Catering & House, including Picnic & Xmas lunch	1,761	2,628
International shooting	0	0
Bank charges	0	0
Sundry expenses	299	801
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>38,470</b>	<b>45,222</b>
<b>Difference = Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>19,844</b>	<b>27,330</b>
Dilapidation costs to date	29,271	0
Legal costs re new leases to date	<u>7,228</u>	0
<b>Extraordinary costs in year</b>	<b>36,499</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Revised Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>	<b>-16,655</b>	<b>27,330</b>
 add opening Funds		
	<u>130,369</u>	<u>103,039</u>
hence Funds at end of period	<b>113,714</b>	<b>130,369</b>
 Represented by:		
Lloyds TSB at 31/3/20	1,182	1,182
RBS Treasurers at 31/3/20	17,776	38,519
RBS Bonus Reserve at 31/3/20	96,527	96,303
Deduct subs and ASP paid in advance for next year	-1,770	-5,635
less out-standing cheques	0	0
less deposits not yet on computer	0	0
plus income not yet on statement	0	0
<b>reconciled 31/3/20</b>	<b>113,714</b>	<b>130,369</b>

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I declare that this statement accurately reflects the affairs of the BSRC. for the period from 1/4/2019 to 31/3/2020.

Ammunition stocks for re-sale to members amount to circa £6,733 at cost price.

signed  Dennis Smith - Treasurer

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis that is dependent on the NRA issueing the club a lease which has been agreed but not yet signed  
The new lease from the NRA is at a rate of £20,000  
The club has paid at the old rate until September 2020

It should be noted that there are further legal costs for the club to pay estimated at £3,000 and the club has an obligation to pay the legal costs of the NRA - say £10,000

The Club also has to pay For Butt maintenance that is considered to be £10,000

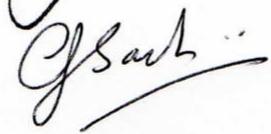
We declare that we have inspected the Club records and confirm that in our opinion this is a true and fair presentation of the finances of the BSRC for the period from 1/4/2019 to 31/3/2020.

signed



Jeremy Hakim FCA Member

signed



Colin Sach FCA Member

# Proposal for membership fee increase

As mentioned in the Treasurers report, under the terms of our new lease the club has to fund a massive increase in our rent and outgoings and needs to increase fees in order to cover this. It is estimated that, in order to fully fund the increased expenditure, the fees will eventually need to rise to £150 however, in order to lessen the financial impact to our members I propose to cover some of the increased expenditure out of our cash reserves during the 2021/22 financial year.

I am therefore proposing an increase of the membership fees to £120 per annum with effect from the renewal of membership for the year April 2021 to March 2022. I seek approval from the AGM to implement this increase.

Proposed: Dennis Smith

Seconded: David Lamb

## **Ratification of Changes to Club Byelaws**

Paragraph 10.5 of the BSRC Constitution states that: The Executive Management Committee may from time to time make or alter the bye-laws of the Club. Any such addition or alteration to the bye-laws must be laid before the next annual general meeting of the Club for ratification by a two-thirds majority vote. No bye-law, rule, standing order or other regulation may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.

Since the last AGM the Executive committee has deleted the following byelaws.

### **Exemption from probationary membership**

Paragraph 2.15.2 of the club byelaws state that: Any person who can prove that he is already a full member of another club, and any person who holds a current firearm certificate for the appropriate type of firearm and calibre, may apply to the Executive Management Committee to become a full member of the Club, however a normal period of probationary membership may apply. An exemption from the probationary period may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Management Committee, however all new members are required to attend an induction course.

At the Executive committee meeting held on 20th August 2020, the committee discussed if it was appropriate to offer experienced applicants for club membership an exemption from the probationary period, essentially allowing direct access to full membership. The majority were of the opinion that the purpose of the probationary period was to allow club members to meet the applicant and assess their suitability for membership of the club; in this respect their shooting ability and previous achievements were irrelevant. The meeting agreed and decided that the exemption from the probationary period would never be offered to any applicant for membership and therefore decided to delete the above byelaw.

The Committee requests that the Meeting ratify this decision.

Proposed: David Lamb

Seconded: Heather Hall

### **Compulsory NRA Membership**

Paragraph 2.10 of the club byelaws states that: It is a pre-requisite of Membership and of the future election to Life Membership that the applicant be an Individual Member of the National Rifle Association. Life Members are expected to maintain their NRA membership beyond the year of their election.

The opinion of the membership, expressed in an online survey, was that NRA membership should not be a pre-requisite of full membership of the BSRC. The Executive Committee discussed this at a meeting held on 21st November 2020 and decided that the byelaw requiring NRA membership as a pre-requisite for full membership of the club should be deleted. This was communicated to the membership by the Chairman in an email dated 28th November 2020.

The Committee requests that the Meeting ratify this decision.

Proposed: David Lamb

Seconded: Heather Hall