

West Lancashire Masonic Clay Pigeon Shooting Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at
Wellington Park Leyland
on
24th MAY 2005

Present:

W Bros. T Blackburn PGSwdB; B A Jackson PJGD; P Gunning PAGDC; P Levick PAGDC; G B Wrennall PPrDGSuptWks; D Chester PPrJGW; K Nuttall PPrSGD; I R N Heyes PPrSGD; D Read PPrAGDC; R McBride PPrAGSuptWks; J R Taylor PPrJGW; D Glover PPrSGD; M Casey and Bro L Alston.

1. Apologies were received from:

W Bros. M A Clowes PPrSGD; J Hammond PPrJGW; K Langshaw PPrSGD; and A McDougal PPrSGD

2. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35 p.m. by thanking everyone for attending and asked members present to introduce themselves.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Bro L Alston proposed and W Bro K Nuttall seconded a proposition that the previously circulated Minutes of the last AGM held on 25th June 2004 be a true and correct record of that meeting. All members present accepted the proposition.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Reports

Chairman's Report.

W Bro B A Jackson thanked all the members for their support especially during the last National Shoot. He was somewhat disappointed to hear that some volunteers had complained that they felt they had not been thanked properly for their efforts.

He said that the Society has enjoyed several shoots and more were planned for the coming year.

Secretary's Report

The Chairman informed the meeting that the present Secretary W Bro K Langshaw was stepping down after 9 years of loyal and valuable service. He intended to write personally to W Bro Langshaw expressing the appreciation of the Society, offering best wishes and hoping that Kevin would join us on future shooting occasions.

Treasurer's Report.

W Bro D Glover reported that all members had received a financial report and that basically the Income was £8040.00 and Expenditure was £6080.00. There was approximately £2400 in hand or in the Relief Chest as further contributions had come in since the accounts were prepared.

W Bro I Heyes, on behalf of both Auditors, reported that they had examined the accounts, which had been found to be an accurate record of the Society's financial situation.

On a Proposition by W Bro Heyes, seconded by W Bro P Levick the Accounts were accepted 'nem con' by the members.

Shooting Captain's Report.

W Bro M A Clowes had sent his apologies. W Bro M Casey read out his report, which included:

- Details of the Inter Provincial Shoot at Bowscar on 3rd October 2004 which West Lancashire won.
- Details of the Northern Group Family Fun Day, on 10th October 2004, which raised £113 for the Association. Thanks were given to W Bro A McDougal and his wife Christine for organising this.
- A report of the Christmas Turkey Shoot on 5th December 2004.
- A Report on the Provincial Shoot on 15th May 2005.

He informed the meeting that members were still welcome at the monthly shoots at Kelbrook Shooting Ground.

He also informed the meeting about forthcoming shooting events, details of which were on the Provincial Web Site.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman

W Bro B A Jackson was proposed by W Bro T Blackburn and seconded by W Bro P Levick

Vice Chairman

W Bro B A Jackson explained to the meeting that W Bro P Gunning was not seeking re-election in view of his appointment as Vice Chairman of the Ormskirk Group of Lodges. He was stepping down, because of the increased workload and in consequence of this would not want to feel that he was not giving the time and effort to the Society that is required.

W Bro P Gunning proposed **W Bro G B Wrennall** this was seconded by W Bro D Read.

W Bro T Blackburn congratulated him on his appointment and thanked W Bro P Gunning for his long and outstanding service to the Committee.

W Bro B A Jackson then asked W Bro G B Wrennall to 'Chair' the National Shoot Sub Committee.

Secretary

W Bro T Blackburn proposed **W Bro M Casey** who was seconded by Bro L Alston.

Treasurer

W Bro D Read proposed **W Bro D Glover** this was seconded by W Bro P Gunning.

Shooting Captain

W Bro B A Jackson proposed **W Bro M A Clowes** who was seconded by W Bro P Gunning.

Newsletter Editor

W Bro P Gunning proposed that **Mr and Mrs D Read** shared this job between them.

W Bro K Nuttall seconded this proposition.

W Bro B A Jackson asked W Bro D Read to convey the thanks of the Committee to his wife Cath, for the work she had undertaken on behalf of the Society.

The members of the Society present elected all these Committee Members 'nem con'.

The following were duly proposed, and seconded, as

Members of the Committee

W Bro P H Gunning; W Bro I R N Heyes; Bro L Alston; W Bro J Hammond; and W Bro R McBride.

All members present accepted them.

W Bro B A Jackson asked **W Bro P Levick; W Bro K Nuttall** and **W Bro D Chester**, all of who had expressed an interest, if they would like to be co-opted members of the Committee.

All three were pleased to accept on agreement of all the members present.

Auditors

It was agreed to ask **W Bro M Kinsella** to again act as Auditor together with **W Bro D Potts** the Secretary was asked to write to them.

7. Subscriptions

The Treasurer W Bro D Glover proposed that the Annual and Life Subscriptions remained the same at: Life Member - £50, Full Member - £6.00 and Associate Member - £6.00. W Bro M Casey seconded this proposition.

A discussion took place regarding the merit of Subscriptions and after consideration W Bro R McBride proposed that a Standing Order Form should be available for all members.

This was duly seconded and agreed by all present. The Treasurer was happy to organise a supply of forms after consultation with the Bank.

8. Charity Nominations

A proposition had been received from W Bro M A Clowes, which had been seconded by W Bro M Casey that: The Society sends £1400 to the West Lancashire 2010 Festival on behalf of the New Masonic Samaritan Fund to convert our recent contribution into Grand Patronage and retain the remainder to add to next year National Shoot Contributions. This was deemed to be a good idea by all present and was accepted.

W Bro T Blackburn, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, thanked the Society for their generous contribution.

9. Any other Business

National Shoot 2006 - W Bro I Heyes informed the meeting that Leighton Hall, Carnforth, had been booked for a third National Shoot on 18th June 2006. He gave a progress report on the arrangements. W Bro G B Wrennall informed the meeting that the proceeds would once again be equally divided between Masonic and Non Masonic Charities. The main Non Masonic Charity would be Brian House Children's' Hospice. W Bro B A Jackson suggested that The Masonic Contribution went to the 2010 Festival. This was turned into a proposition seconded by W Bro P Levick and agreed.

W Bro I Heyes also gave provisional details of the Sportsman's Dinner to be held at Wellington Park on Friday 31st March 2006.

W Bro G B Wrennall again gave a the list of forthcoming shoots but included Raby Gala to be held by the Province of Durham in June 2006.

W Bro R McBride, the archivist of the Society, reported that all the Minutes were now on CD-rom and all the photographs held by the Society had also been included together with all copies of the Society's Newsletters. This disc would be available for distribution shortly.

W Bro B A Jackson thanked W Bro R McBride for his efforts.

W Bro G B Wrennall presented W Bro P Gunning with a bottle of Malt Whisky in recognition of his 20 years service on the Committee.

All members were invited by the Chairman to join in at Kelbrook S.G. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.