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BSSA Custodian meeting 13.30 - 19th July 2009. Lakenheath

AGENDA.

1. Chairman's Opening comment
2. Present.
3. Chairman's email and subsequent email to the Secretary concerning the draft minutes for the 19th April 2009.
4. The publishing of BSSA draft minutes on the BSSA web site.
5. Confirmation of the minutes of 19th April 2009.
6. Matters arising from the minutes of 19th April 2009.
7. Directors Reports.
 - A. Charlie Lucas
 - B. Ron Foster
8. Treasurers Report
 - A. BSSA Accounts
 - B. BSSA 2009 budget forecast
 - C. BSSA European Championship added monies.
9. Secretary Business
 - D. BSSA draft letter to Ron Foster.
 - E. None return of the original Iron Man score sheets.
 - F. Mr Walkers BSSA Championship email complaint letter to the NSSA.
 1. Secretaries' response to Don Snyder.
 2. BSSA reply to Don Snyder.
 - G. Any proposed changes to the BSSA Articles?
 - H. BSSA Championship entry & report.
 - 12g – 45 entries, 28g – 33 entries, 20g – 36 entries, .410 – 32 entries, HOA – 31 entries
 - I. European Championship entries as at 13/07/2009.
 - J. BSSA Committee protocol.
10. Championship Medals 2009
11. Future BSSA Championship Medals (tabled DPW)
12. BSSA Trophies
13. Oxton/A614 "UK Open" gauges?
14. A.O.B.
15. Next BSSA Meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 13.30.

1. Chairman's Comment

The Chairman welcomed those present and went on to say that in his view the BSSA Championship at Dartford GC ran very well with a good atmosphere that all participating enjoyed.

2. Recorded as Present & Apologies

Derek Wilson	(DP)	Chairman
Peter J Usher	(PJU)	Secretary
Ron Foster	(RF)	NSSA Director
Charlie Lucas	(CL)	NSSA Director
Sara Chambers	(SC)	Legal Custodian
Peter Maguire	(PM)	Legal Custodian

2B. PJU gave Dave Morgan's apology for not attending.

3. Chairman's email to the Secretary.

- A. PJU explained his recording of the minutes and handed out documentary analysis for that meeting of the 19th April 2009 along with all emails and correspondence appertaining to those minutes.
- B. The Chairman accepted the Secretaries explanation

4. The Publishing of the BSSA Minutes

- C. Taking the view that this item should be dealt with when all three custodians are present, PJU asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting. **Action PJU**

5. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting of 19th April 2009.

- D. The minutes were adopted by both Custodians present as an accurate representation of that meeting.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the 19th April 2009.

- E. Any matters from these minutes were dealt with within this meeting agenda.

7. Directors report.

- F. CL reported that Don Snyder is retiring from the NSSA in 2010.
- G. CL confirmed that his "North" email is the one that he is now using.
- H. RF had no NSSA business to report.
- I. RF has reported to the Chairman that it had been brought to his attention that a shooter was concerned that BSSA had not paid out fully at the UK Open at Morton Clays in Scotland.
- J. PJU advised that BSSA added monies are paid out on a one in five basis as previously agreed by the BSSA committee. If there are less than five entrants in that HOA class, only one place will be paid out!

8. Treasurers Report.

- A. There was no Treasurer report
- B. PJU advised that in discussion with DM, DM is expecting the year end (31st October) bank balance to be around £3,500 - £3,700.
- C. PJU asked that in view of this projected BSSA bank balance, that the European BSSA added money payout be fixed as advertised. **Agreed**

9. Secretary Report.

D. Ron Foster Letter

- 1. After discussion the Chairman asked that this letter be sent to Ron Foster in line with the 19th April minutes.

E. Iron Man score sheets

- 2. PJU advised that to date and after repeated requests he was still not in possession of the original Iron Man score sheets from the administrators of that shoot.
- 3. RF advised that Mr Bates had the originals and had posted them to PJU.
- 4. DPW stated that given the BSSA is now running and administering all BSSA championships; this will not be an issue in 2010.

F. **Mr Walker email letter of complaint**

5. PJU gave out correspondence from Mr Walker, Don Snyder and PJU's response to Don Snyder along with the squad booking sheet for the BSSA Championship.
6. DPW asked PJU for his account of what happened and PJU gave the following summary;
 - a. Mr Walker having been booked in to shoot 400 targets failed to show for the 12 gauge.
 - b. DM phoned Mr Walker at home five minutes before the 12g was due to start and was informed by Mr Walker that he would not be shooting due to his plane being delayed.
 - c. Mr Walker was on the shooting ground on the Saturday afternoon and did not approach any of the Custodians (shoot administrators) to indicate whether he wanted to shoot the remainder of the shoot.
 - d. PJU mitigating the potential BSSA loss, filled Mr Walker's place for the last three gauges.
 - e. Mr Walker entered the booking office five minutes before his designated start time on the Sunday and asked to book in.
 - f. PJU informed Mr Walker that his squad place had been filled.
 - g. PJU looked at the booking sheet and without compromising the fairness of the shoot had no available squad spaces that could have been offered to Mr Walker as an alternative.
 - h. When informed that he could not enter, Mr Walker then proceeded down the range using every expletive possible, disrupting the atmosphere of this championship shoot in the process.
 - i. At no time was PJU or DM informed by phone or otherwise that Mr Walker intended to shoot the remainder of the shoot as Mr Walker alleges.
 - j. PJU advised the committee that at no time did Mr Walker direct bad language towards him personally.
7. After discussion it was decided by all present that Mr Walker's complaint is completely unfounded.
8. PJU suggested to the committee that something has to be done with regard Mr Walker's foul language. PJU went on to say that by allowing Mr Walker to conduct himself in this fashion we as a committee are allowing Mr Walker to bring our championships or registered events into disrepute. This bad language could deter potential new members, especially juniors?
9. PJU advised that the BSSA have a no show policy, and adhering to that policy would mean that for the first BSSA Championship booking that Mr Walker makes in 2010, he would have to pay either a deposit or in full to enter. **Agreed**
10. DPW asked that a draft letter be circulated and when agreed, sent to Mr Walker (copied to Don Snyder and Rick Stockstill) advising him of the committee's findings concerning his complaint. **Action PJU.**
11. It was agreed that mention should be made of his language conduct.
12. Both legal Custodians said that it would be useful to have a set of conditions for entry to the BSSA championships up on the BSSA web site. **Action Legal Custodians.**

G. **Proposed Changes to BSSA articles**

13. All agreed that no changes are needed.

H. **BSSA Championship Entry Numbers**

14. 12g – 45 Entries. 28g – 33 entries. 20g – 36 entries. .410 32 entries. HOA – 31 entries.

I. **European Entries**

15. HOA = 48 entries - FULL
16. Dbls = 42 entries
17. HOA = waiting list = 4
18. 12g only = plus 16 entries
19. HAA = 36

J. **BSSA Committee Protocol**

20. PJU asked that all ground registrations, shoot dates and any other business of the BSSA be directed through the Secretary. Retrospective work takes much longer and often causes problems!

10. **Championship Medals.**

- A. PJU reported that in discussion with Dave Morgan and David Ellis we should have enough medals for the European Open.

11. **Future BSSA Championship medals (DPW)**

- A. DPW asked PJU to establish the cost for the medals we provide now, and a cost to provide medals that would include the gauges. Action PJU

12. **BSSA Trophies.**
 - A. PJU reported that David Ellis has all the BSSA trophies engraved and up to date.
13. **Oxton/A614 “UK Open” Championship.**
 - A. PJU advised the committee that a registered NSSA shoot was planned on the 30th & 31st August at A614 in the middle of a Championship titled “UK Open”
 - B. DPW & RF stated that the NSSA shoot was nothing to do with the planned UK Open advertised by the ground as English skeet shot with gauges.
14. **A.O.B.**
 - A. None
15. **Next BSSA Meeting**
 - B. At the BSSA AGM Saturday 15th August after the shoot offs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.00pm

**PJ Usher
BSSA Secretary
20th July 2009**