

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RIFLE ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 19th November 2010
Junior Parlour, Trinity College

Present

The following were in attendance at 7:00 p.m., the start of the Meeting:

Lt. Col. Seb Pollington (President, STP), Tim Elliott (Chairman, TJE), Mike Judge (Captain, MJJ), Tom French (Secretary, TAF), Aaron Croucher (Junior Treasurer, AC), James Bryson (JFJB), Kay Sharpington (KS).

John Lindsay (MR Vice-Captain, JAL) arrived 10 minutes later.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Marian Holness, John Bloomfield, Henry Day and Ashley Abrahams.

2. Election of Chairman of Council and nomination of Chairman of Meeting

TJE was re-elected Chairman of Council and nominated as Chairman of the Meeting.

3. Meeting Chairman's Opening Remarks

TJE offered his thanks to Marian Holness for booking the Junior Parlour and for her support over the year. It was noted that there was a regrettably low turnout, perhaps due to laziness or perhaps confidence in the management. The AGM had been organised by the student officers in due time and in line with the constitution. TJE then introduced STP as President of the CURA.

STP stated that it was privilege to be at the meeting and to be CURA President. He congratulated CURA on an excellent season. Even with the title of President being a result of history CURA could still count on the President for practical support and numerous contacts within the University as well as at Bisley. CUOTC is keen to reach out to all Cambridge undergraduates and sports clubs. One example of the OTC's connections to other sports clubs is that a member of the OTC has become the Army's Clay Pigeon Shooting Champion. STP also noted the high proportion of women now involved in the OTC.

TJE commented that no distinction is made between women and men in CURA any more than in the OTC.

4. Approval of CURA Minutes for the previous year

The minutes were accepted with no objections.

5. Matters arising

TJE commented on the **CURA 2015** initiative. There had been no feedback and so a different, more pragmatic approach is needed, it should be developed year by year.

The **Hedley Wright name plaques** have not been forgotten, John Bloomfield is working on it.

TJE thanked MJJ for the “completely transformed” **website**.

6. Annually elected Council Members (minutes of the latest Blues Committee meeting)

Those voted into position at the Blues Committee meeting on the 24th July 2010 were:

Captain:	Mike Judge (Trinity)
Secretary:	Tom French (St John’s)
Junior Treasurer:	Aaron Croucher (Emmanuel)
Match Rifle Vice-Captain:	John Lindsay (Downing)
Social Secretary:	Ashley Abrahams (Peterhouse)

MJJ noted that the Half Blue awarded to JAL should be upgraded to a Full Blue at the next Blues Committee meeting.

7. Election of CURA Training Officer

JAL commented on his role as training officer. The importance of the official paper-trail was highlighted as well as maintaining high levels of responsibility. The safety questionnaire and instruction by JAL give a good base for safety.

TJE observed that the MoD are the driving force behind these procedures and as such we have made good provision to demonstrate our levels of training for all new members, from those already involved in CUSBC or coming from other shooting clubs through to complete novices. TJE expressed his thanks to JAL for his role over the past two years and hoped that a successor will, if necessary, be identified before Easter Bisley.

8. Captain's Report

MJJ reported that CURA has had a very successful season (the full report is attached as Annexe A).

Special mention was made of JAL for his Full Blue, Henry Day for representing Great Britain in Canada (where he competed in the America’s Match) and both Ed Dickson and Holly Foster for selection for GB U25s world championships squad for 2011.

9. Junior Treasurer's Report for the current year

AC explained that, as is always the case, some transactions had not yet been completed at the time of the year-end on the 31st October, mainly due to cheques waiting to clear. Overall we still have roughly the same bank balance as last year. A bill from John Bloomfield was delayed slightly on account of his involvement in the recent Commonwealth Games, but this is now being sorted out. £2000 is ring fenced in the deposit account from the Peaty Legacy. There are only three non-contactable debtors left due to the diligent efforts of Jo Harris. These three debtors should not be written off; TJE suggests contacting their former colleges for contact details.

TJE said that the £2000 for the Peaty Legacy had been discussed as constituting a loan for acquiring a rifle; however a loan needs to be repaid and as such this is not an ideal situation for those leaving university. Instead a practical acquisition should be made. Regarding Gift

Aid, CURA had not received as much in 2009 as in the past few years. TJE will work with MJJ to rephrase the dinner invitation letter accordingly (done 20/11/2010).

10. Forthcoming Dates

a. Potential Guest Day (5th March 2011)

MJJ intended this to be an inexpensive opportunity for crossover between CUSBC and CURA and other university students. WO2 Smart had offered to act as RCO for the Barton Road range.

b. Matches

27th March – CURA vs OCRA

2nd April – CURA vs NLRC (MR)

16th April – Club Mini Palma

17th April – Purples Match

1st May – CURA vs L&M

7th May – EVIIC Spring Meeting

14th May – CURA vs NLRC (MR)

15th May – CURA vs Army vs Surrey

21st May – CURA vs NLRC (TR)

11/12th June – CURA vs NLRC (MR)

23rd-25th June – Cambridge Cup

July – Date TBC – Lions Match, hopefully at Barton Road

c. Easter Bisley (19th to 27st March, 2011)

d. Imperial Meeting (9th to 24th July, 2011)

14th July – Humphry Challenge Cup

22nd July – Chancellors' Challenge Plate

11. Easter Bisley

MJJ reported that three targets have been booked for each distance by TAF for the week of Easter Bisley. MJJ hoped to get a number of experienced shots to help out with coaching. TJE offered his help also and commented that CURA must **never** skimp on targets and training.

Suggestions as to those attending the RCO course run by TJE were TAF, Ashley Abrahams, Oliver Collas and Alex Dowle in addition to known takers from the University of London.

12. Dinners

a. CURA

MJJ announced that William Taylor has accepted the Association's invitation to be the guest of honour. The dinner will take place on Saturday 26th February at Jesus College.

b. XII Club

One dinner was left over from the previous year and took place on the 22nd October.

This year's first leg was at Jesus College on the 29th October. The second leg will be near the CURA dinner.

13. Changes in Charities Law

TJE said that there have been no changes that have any bearing on CURA.

14. Risk Management

TJE signed the annual confirmation of compliance with good practice.

15. Donation from Michael Walton

TJE expressed the gratitude of CURA for the considerable generosity of the donation of equipment. TJE commented that Michael Walton was a good friend to CURA.

16. Surrey/L&M Locker Situation

MJJ explained that the L&M had raised their locker prices and so investigation into those at the Surrey was carried out. The L&M have indicated that they would match the price of the Surrey. This means the decision would come down to space and condition within the clubs. Two large lockers in the basement instead of two wooden ones have been offered by the L&M. One question remains as to whether match rifles would fit in the Surrey lockers. JAL has had little success in contacting the Surrey to ascertain the dimensions of their lockers. TJE will contact the Surrey directly (done by email 20/11/2010).

17. Sesquicentennial of the Chancellors

MJJ explained that this means the 150th anniversary. There has been discussion of an OCRA dinner at their last AGM. This would be an excellent chance to bring back old faces. Henry Day had suggested an All-Stars match between CURA and OURC.

TJE said that targets should be booked before November 2011 in order to secure them for a match.

JFJB asked whether any progress had been made on electing someone to be in charge of the event.

TJE expressed the need to identify a responsible person as soon as possible and floated the suggestion that this should be a recent former CURA member.

18. Appointment of the Junior Treasurer in May

TJE said that a vote had been passed unanimously on this in 2004 and re-voted in 2009, but had not been implemented. TJE thought that the Junior Treasurer should, if possible, be “identified” in May to maintain continuity and formally confirmed later.

AC expressed concern that choosing the Junior Treasurer early would eliminate fair voting.

JFJB asked when voting would take place on this and how we would distinguish between two candidates competing for the role.

TJE commented that this was not a genuine issue and would vary every year.

19. Full Blues Survey

TJE thanked JAL for his important role in carrying out a survey so efficiently. This survey led to the conclusion that the criteria should not change with regard to awarding Full Blues.

20. Any Other Business

a. OURC

JFJB asked how things were going for OURC.

TJE said that he had heard nothing, but that OURC needed to sort out their certification procedures. He had been talking to John Webster about this and securing access to a small-bore range such as St Edward's School.

JAL added that he would be happy to discuss matters with OURC's training officer.

MJJ hoped that the OURC dinner would be an opportunity to see how OURC was doing.

b. Garden Party

TJE expressed thanks on behalf of CURA to Chris Roads for his continued generosity and hospitality.

c. Proxy Voting

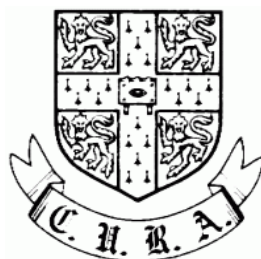
TJE noted that there was nothing in the constitution to allow for proxy voting. TJE proposed that there should be a vote at the next AGM on the compilation by him of a draft paragraph to be inserted in the CURA Constitution. MJJ seconded this proposal.

TJE conveyed his best wishes to CURA for the coming season.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8:08 p.m.

N.B It came to light after the AGM that in the CURA AGM of 2009, David Calvert's honorary membership had not been recorded at § 24b) as it should have been.

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1 Introduction

CURA once again had another successful year with victories in both the Humphry Challenge Cup and the Chancellors' Challenge Plate. Although OURC were very limited in their number of shooters available for the varsity matches, the scores set by Cambridge were nonetheless very respectable.

2 Team Matches

2.1 Target Rifle

This season was a successful year for CURA in Target Rifle with strong performances in many of the weekend matches. CURA had great success in the team competitions at the Imperial. The Chancellors' Match was slightly overshadowed by the reduced turnout from OURC but CURA still put in a strong performance with the eighth highest score in the history of the competition. CURA also won both the Universities Long Range and Universities Aggregate competitions.

CURA vs. OCRA

1	OCRA	803.80	(K Ramsey, 105.15)
2	CURA	799.64	(MJ Judge, 103.12)

CURA vs. North London Rifle Club

1	CURA	472.46	(EC Dickson, 98.12)
2	NLRC A	471.47	(N Cole-Hawkins, 97.12)

Purples Match

1	County of London 'A'	1179.145	(E Jeens, 149.22)
20	CURA	1065.75	

CURA vs. Army Target Shooting Club

1	ATSC Red	762.74	(H Emck, 193.20)
3	CURA	735.54	(MJ Judge, 193.21)

CURA vs. Surrey Rifle Association

1	Surrey RA Gold	390.50	(I Brown, 99.10)
3	CURA	363.21	(JA Lindsay, 95.5)

Chancellors' Challenge Plate

1	CURA	1153.125	(HA Foster, 149.20)
2	OURC	965.75	(M Wilks, 145.18)

Musketeers'

1	Exeter	591.78	(C Mitchell, 148.22)
7	CURA	528.34	(LMA Bogie, 140.12)

Universities Long Range

1	CURA	387.41	(JA Lindsay, 100.14)
2	Exeter	384.41	(C Mitchell, 99.10)

Universities Aggregate

1	CURA	2138.224	(EC Dickson, 540.60)
2	Exeter	2134.220	

2.2 Match Rifle

CURA once again retained the Humphry Challenge Cup under what were very challenging conditions. This victory marked the tenth successive victory for CURA in this competition. This is joint-equal to the record set by Oxford in the first ten years of the competition.

CURA vs. North London Rifle Club

1	NLRC	835.62	(D Friend, 215.19)
2	CURA	820.54	(S Jones, 215.18)

CURA vs. North London Rifle Club, Wales and Ireland

1	Wales	633.37	(T Hobbs, 168.11)
4	CURA	609.29	(AC Abrahams, 155.10)

CURA vs. North London Rifle Club and Wales

1	Wales	623.56	(G James, 209.19)
3	CURA	533.16	(A Croucher, 190.5)

FW Jones

1	Senghenydd	557.30	
6	CURA	511.24	
7	OURC	502.19	

Humphry Challenge Cup

1	CURA	783.49	(MJ Judge, 200.15)
2	OURC	732.27	(RL Passmore, 197.8)

3 Individual

3.1 Target Rifle

There were strong performances at the imperial competition with Edward Dickson and Henry Day finishing 241st and 242nd respectively in the Grand Aggregate. Edward Dickson also made the final of the St. George's competition. John Lindsay, Holly Foster and James Bryson made it into the second stage of the Queen's Prize. Holly Foster, Henry Day and Tom French made the second stage of the St. George's Competition, for which special mention should go to Tom French as this was his first Imperial competition.

3.2 Match Rifle

In this year's Hopton, Michael Judge, John Lindsay and Simon Jones all ranked in the top 10 Tyros. Some strong individual performances were also present in other competitions with John Lindsay finishing 28th in the English Eight Club, National Rifle Club of Scotland and Welsh Rifle Association Spring Match Rifle Meeting. In the National Rifle Club of Scotland Open Meeting at Blair Atholl, Michael Judge finished 11th. Michael Judge also finished 17th

with Ashley Abrahams ranking 23rd in the English Eight Club and Irish Rifle Club Autumn Meeting.

4 Special Mention

A special mention must be made of John Lindsay who scored 148.15v in the match for the Chancellors' Challenge Plate to earn himself a full blue. This is the first full blue earned through the designated criteria in 11 years. He has also been selected to join the NRA Tour to the Channel Islands in 2011.

Edward Dickson and Holly Foster represented the Great Britain U25 tour to Jersey over Easter with Edward Dickson as Adjutant.

Also a special mention must go to Henry Day who was a reserve for England in the National at the Imperial Competition and shot for the winning England team at the European Long Range Championships in October. Henry also toured with the Great Britain Rifle Team to Canada. He was the top under 25 in the Canadian Grand Aggregate. He also shot for the winning Great Britain team in the Outlander Match and The Commonwealth Match. His greatest achievement however was shooting in the winning Great Britain Team in the America's Match where he scored an impressive 299.41v ex 300.