

Lincolnshire Bell Target committee Meeting 11th December 2023 7.30pm

Attendees: Lindsey Gibbs, Dave Carter, Graham Prestwood, Wayne Radley, Ben Benson

Absent: Jim Bhangar, Andrew Dickinson, Garry Griffin

Agenda:

1. Review of previous meeting/any outstanding actions
2. Bell Calibration
3. RCO Course
4. Area Rep Reports and feedback
5. Matches
6. Sport England Grant
7. New and Lapsed Venues
8. Training
9. League Fees
10. AGM Meeting
11. Handicap shoot
12. County championships

Meeting minutes:

1. We reviewed and discussed the actions from our previous committee meeting held on 19th October 2023, DC informed the group that Ian Heald has renewed his qualification as RCO coach so we will be providing future courses. Area Reps are also required to check coverage of their areas to ensure a qualified RCO can conduct the range, we speak more about this in topic 3. All area maps and postcode maps have been completed and are available on the website. Training dates are yet TBC, we have put in place a higher level of security ensuring only team captains can access the league fees spreadsheet. Bell calibration is outstanding and needs to be arranged ASAP, Bob @city air weapons can supply the Perspex for the bell target boxes, the league will purchase them. We discussed the positive feedback received in relation to the websites selling page working very well.
2. Bell Calibration is required ASAP, we spoke about holding an evening at The Henage so all Bell targets can be done at the one event, making this easier for JB, Brian Gibbs has also offered his help and support. Dates and times are to be arranged, once this is agreed the information will be shared to the Facebook page.
3. As previously mentioned, DC has confirmed that Ian Heald has renewed his RCO coaching qualification, he will hold a course at Hemswell shooting club in March/April. Details will be posted to the Facebook page on a first come first serve basis, once the course is full we will then create a waiting list for future courses. RCO packs for the course are to be purchased from the NSRA, the course fee of £10 should be then be sent to The Lincolnshire Bell Target League bank account to be checked and verified by LG.
Area managers – Can I please ask that you check your areas to ensure RCO coverage on the ranges and if required point those required to put their names down for the course.

4. Jim and Lindsey held a Bell Target evening at the Gainsborough Masonic Lodge on Friday 1st December, we had a very good turn out with some lodge members bringing along their family and friends. It also sparked an interest with a few people who then wanted to know more about the sport, they were directed to our website and our Facebook page which then led them to our clubs at Saxilby and Laughton. Therefore, marketing at venues and our clubs, pubs do have a purpose.
5. We have now had a few clubs compete in some friendly matches, Anderby v's Irby, Anderby v's Laughton and Market Rasen played The Joiners. It was a very fun evening and a great way for teams and clubs to come together. We discussed some feedback that was shared from the teams, for friendly matches we should where possible refer to the rules for league matches, larger clubs could have multiple teams, when scoring this should be done by the opposite team so that they are not scoring themselves. Payments should also be taken as normal £3 per person for both teams.
6. DC confirmed that our grant for sport England was still ongoing, the application has been re-submitted by DC doing a full amendment with some further information that was also requested by them. We shall keep going with it and if and where possible look at councils locally.
7. We discussed some new and lapsed venues; LG is to look into the possible starting of The Black Horse Inn @ingham as well as The Stirrup Inn @Wiloughton due to new landlords. Mayflower, The New Inn, The Farmhouse all new clubs, GG's Area, DC to support for a check in while he is away. North cotes butts are another new venue run by Suzanne and Daisy Area manager to support and check in that they are both ok, Area reps are to look at the marketing of such clubs, ensuring the venues themselves advertise on their Facebook page as well as on the Lincolnshire Bell Target page. Another idea for advertising would be to look at local parish magazines, LG will look into the Gains/Laughton magazine.
8. DC will be holding a training event at The Henage Arms on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon for around 3 hours, this will be aimed at the area reps, team captains, development officers or anyone that wishes to help and support a Bell Target session. The course will be based around setting up sessions, Assessing new venues, as well as the history of Bell Target. Date will be announced and confirmed on Facebook.
9. LG spoke about league fees, she confirmed the insurance payment was made to NSRA, LG also discussed some outstanding fees for some clubs as well as some new shooters joining some clubs that need to be added to the league spreadsheet. Payments of £5 per person should be sent to the Lincolnshire Bell Target bank account, followed by an email of their full name to LincsBTcommittee@outlook.com
10. It was agreed that we would hold regular committee meetings every 2 months with a annual AGM meeting around May time, Date will be confirmed and agreed at the February committee meeting and shared on Facebook alongside any proposals and an FB poll in relation to scoring proposals.

11. Garry's annual Handicap event will be discussed in more depth at our February committee meeting when Garry is present to share his thoughts and ideas on how this event would run best. All dates and a venue will be confirmed soon.
12. We spoke about holding a county championships event that would take place on an evening, we would look at have a number of categories, to enter you would have to be a member of the league and a regular shooter, there is still a few outstanding discussions around this such as a venue, scoring systems, and sponsors. Further discussions will take place at the next meeting.

AOB:

Northen shooting show will be held on 11th 12th May 2024 in Harrogate,

Actions:

- JB Bell Target Calibration
- DC date for training
- LG contact new venues, Black Horse & Stirrup Inn
- LG contact Parish magazine for Gains/Laughton
- LG supported by DC to arrange RCO Course /date/waiting list
- Area Reps – LG, AD, JB, GG, check your area coverage for RCO's
- DC to continue with sport England grant
- DC look at county championships such as sponsors

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th February 2024