

# Nort West England BDS Branch – AGM 2024

## Agenda

- Minutes of last AGM
- Chair's report
- Treasurer's report
- Resignation of existing committee
- Appointment of the temporary chair
- Nominations of Officers and Branch committee
- Any Other Business

## **BDS NWE BRANCH ONLINE AGM – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Nick Jackson (host), Alistair Black (NE), Andy Massingham, Ben Roch, Craig Parkinson, Craig Smillie, David McAuley (BDS CEO), Giles Thornley, Howard Millington, Iain Richards, Judy Richardson, Paul Nelis, Peter Robson, Simon Roc

**Apologies:** Alice Cushnie, Rob Slaughter, Thomas Bowring

**Minutes of the 2022 AGM** were agreed

**Matters Arising** none

### **Chairs Report**

IR thanked the Committee and volunteers for their hard work and help as we have had another busy year.

The 3 Range Days were well attended, with Eskdalemuir in October being very challenging, with both high winds and driving rain. It gave the opportunity for shooters to test their waterproofs and see how difficult shooting is in bad weather and teach each their limits - in a safe and controlled environment. Some also said they found non lead ammo reliable for groupings at 100m but not at 200m.

3 Quad Bike Courses were run with maximum participants. The courses are City & Guilds/NPTC ATV Accredited Courses.

A very successful Charity evening was held jointly with FE, BDS NWE branch and Malmo (at Malmo) with over 200 attending. This is held every 2 years and we will be looking at a slightly different format in 2024.

We attended the Westmorland Show and Lancashire Show both days and thanks to the volunteers who also helped. AC's children's quiz and jigsaws went well again at the Westmorland Show,

In November our Deer Evening in conjunction with local DMG's was held at the Crooklands Hotel, with over 50 attending. The guest speakers were Tom Logan MSc and Dr Maya Holding from UKHSA HQ.



In June we also organised an NRA Trainer to run a Range Safety Officer course and now have 4 additional RSO's to assist on Marksmanship Training Days (Range Days).

The Bob Jarratt Scholarship Award goes to Ben Miller who is based at Dalemain, Nr Ullswater. Best of luck to Ben, he will be studying for and taking his DSC1 at Grayrigg in June 2023.

### Treasurers Report

GT had previously circulated the accounts and he explained that the equipment we had bought included a new BBQ grill with metal table as well as ear defenders for the new RSO's. GT had signed up to open the new Virgin Money branch account and JR had signed up as an Approver. GT also has the card reader machine to use at Range Days or Shows and the programme can be downloaded to others with Bluetooth if/when required. We now need to close the NatWest branch account, which may require going into a branch.

David McAuley, BDS CEO congratulated GT on the detailed files, exactly what HQ require.

### Resignation of current Committee

#### Temporary Chair Appointed

David McAuley was appointed as temporary chair

### Election of Officers and Committee

Officers	Proposed	Seconded
Iain Richards – Chair	JR	SR
Nick Jackson – Vice Chair	IR	SR
Giles Thornley – Treasurer	NJ	CP
Judy Richardson – Secretary	IR	GT

### Committee

Officers	Proposed	Seconded
Alice Cushnie	IR	JR
Andy Massingham	NJ	SR
Ben Roch	AM	IR



<b>Craig Parkinson</b>	IR	SR
<b>Rob Slaughter</b>	NJ	SR
<b>Simon Roch</b>	NJ	GT

## Future Event Dates

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

ATV/Quad Sit Astride Course at Heversham – Fully booked

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

Marksmanship Training – Venue Withets J35 off M6 start 9.30am – please email [northwestengland@bds.org.uk](mailto:northwestengland@bds.org.uk) to book - quoting May Range Day in the title.

Coaching/Practice for DSC1 available if requested when booking

## **Fri-Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Jun 2023**

DSC1 at Grayrigg start 8.30am – to see details and book please click on this link <https://bds.org.uk/event/dsc1-greyrigg-cumbria/>

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Myerscough College Open Day

## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

BDS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Social Event at Hay Bridge 11.30am – 3pm – tickets £5 each or £15 for 2 adults & 2 children (under 18). An Eventbrite link will be available shortly via our Facebook page or the NWE branch webpage, with a limit of 60 tickets. If you would like the link when it's available please email [northwestengland@bds.org.uk](mailto:northwestengland@bds.org.uk) quoting 60<sup>th</sup> in the title

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Marksmanship Training – Venue Grayrigg start 9.30am – to book please email [northwestengland@bds.org.uk](mailto:northwestengland@bds.org.uk) quoting July Range Day in the title

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

ATV Sit Side by Side (Polaris, Argocat etc.) Course at Kelleth – to book please email [northwestengland@bds.org.uk](mailto:northwestengland@bds.org.uk) quoting SSbS Jul in the title (2 places left)



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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

ATV/Quad Sit Astride Course in South Lakes – to book please email [northwestengland@bds.org.uk](mailto:northwestengland@bds.org.uk) quoting Quad Sep in the title

**Wednesday-Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Come and see us at our stand at the Westmoreland Show – have a go at our quiz!!

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Guests of Eskdalemuir Range – to book please email [northwestendland@bds.org.uk](mailto:northwestendland@bds.org.uk) quoting Eskdalemuir in the title

**November 2023 – time & venue t.b.c.**

Deer Evening

Anyone wishing to book EFAW/EFAW+F Courses, please email BDS NEE member Alistair Myers on [Alistair@np-ta.com](mailto:Alistair@np-ta.com) as they are held monthly near Penrith

If you are interested in a Marksmanship course run by Bradley Bournier of <https://prosportingsolutions.com/about/> this summer, please email [northwestengland@bds.org.uk](mailto:northwestengland@bds.org.uk) and quote 'Marksmanship Course'



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## Address by our C.E.O. David McAuley

David began by saying he is not a stalker but is fascinated by our Society. He understands charities, how they work and fundraising and said that HQ, branches and other relevant charities need to partner each other and communicate better to find solutions rather than working alone. He has appointed a Marketing/Fundraising Executive who has a background in Wildlife Countryside Management (looking at Deer, Countryside Management, Butchery & Drone Technology) and will be joining the BDS in the next few months. Regarding governance the BDS are looking to keep refreshing the board by introducing a maximum of 2 terms of 3 years – not necessarily consecutive - to encourage new ideas. The BDS previously looked at 'what we did and how we did it' but did not question 'why we did it'.

Since David joined us as C.E.O. he has pushed through changes to our outdated Management System e.g. making HQ paperless by moving the accounts from Sage to Xero, supporting and implementing the previously agreed changes to the centralisation of the branch accounting system using Virgin Money (not his choice), setting up a Customer Relation Management System (CRM can set up different Community Groups for example branches) which may help with branch GDPR issues and is driving communication forward.

PR wise - HQ get 6-10 press enquiries per week involving deer in the environment. The BDS need to support DEFRA on Management issues and it had been noted that the Consultation Document had been questioned by branches and a positive to take from this was that it opened a channel into the FC.

He recently chaired a working group including NJ, Alistair Boston (FC), 3 Board members, 4 staff and 4 other branch Vice Chairs. The discussion was about stalking, deer managers and the need for trainers – but David noted that Deer Welfare was never mentioned. The BDS need to Educate and train and his question is 'How do we become a Society that inspires people about what we do and the welfare of deer'. 'What is the BDS, What does it do and Why' all need to be part of our profile or mission statement.

Looking at new/fresh ideas, the momentum is picking up starting with:-

The issue of Student Membership had previously been highlighted – there are currently only 46 in the whole of the BDS. AC from our Committee agreed to take on this project and compiled a questionnaire to get feedback from students on what they would expect from BDS membership. She is currently monitoring the feedback.



David passed his thanks on to AC for her excellent Student Questionnaire (and said HQ can provide a QR code which is not restricted to 100 if you get in touch).

Professional Membership and the skills and expertise they can bring through mentoring– a new category has been worked on by NJ our Vice Chair

An offer of joint Training/Best Practice Events (NJ/Alistair Boston FC/FE) have been worked on over the last few months). HQ are going to continue to work with the pro-active branches and look to support and share good ideas (they have suggested all branches introduce a Scholarship to improve the BDS profile and encourage engagement with younger members following our Bob Jarratt Scholarship Scheme). David thanked the Committee for being one of 6 pro-active branches and said he needs to raise an additional £200k so will be looking for ideas and help from branches.

David ended by saying 'We Need To Inspire The Next Generation'

### A.O.B.

NJ asked if everyone could remember to take photos at each event so we can submit them to Deer with our branch news

NJ also confirmed he will continue to use Facebook and social media to promote branch events as well as Best Practice Events held jointly with FE and other parties. He also confirmed some events will be held south of Cumbria and hopes this will encourage new participants to attend.



# BDS North West Branch

## Balance Sheet 2023

Dec-23



Fixed Assets	2023	2022
	£0	£0
	£0	£0
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Hand	£0	£0
Current Account	£0.00	£2,663
Deposit Account	£0.00	£676
Virgin Account	£6,804.35	£1,990
	<u>£6,804.35</u>	<u>£5,328</u>
Creditors amounts due within 1 Year	£0	£0
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b>NET Current Assets</b>	<u>£6,804</u>	<u>£5,328</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Liabilities</b>	<u><u>£6,804</u></u>	<u><u>£5,328</u></u>
<b>RESERVES</b>		
Surplus brought forward	£5,326	£5,346
Surplus / Loss for Year	<u>£1,477</u>	<u>-£20</u>
Cumulative Surplus	<u>£6,803</u>	<u>£5,326</u>

### Treasurer's Report

These accounts have been prepared from the books and vouchers of the BDS North West Branch for 4th Quarter to 31st December. From the information provided, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Branch finances as the 31st December 2023 with a Deficit of income over expenditure for the year.

Treasurer

Giles Thornley

Date:

**31st December 2023**



# BDS North West Branch

## Profit & Loss 2023



Dec-23

Income	2023	2022
AGM (Auction)	£0	£0
Training Fees	£5,399	£5,806
Range Events	£1,957	£1,998
Raffles/Auction Lots	£0	£3,550
HQ Receipts (Show support etc)	£0	£0
Donations (Heads/Cash)	£92	£0
Other Income (Various/Merchandise)	£24	£4,780
	<u>£7,471</u>	<u>£16,134</u>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
AGM Costs	£0	£0
Training Day Costs	£4,167	£5,534
Other Expense (Various/Merchandise)	£0	£8,476
Presenters Fees	£0	£0
Equipment	£0	£757
Expenses to Branch Officials	£0	£0
Cost of Attending Shows	£127	£121
Range Day Costs	£1,646	£1,269
Payments to HQ	£0	£0
Donations	£50	£0
Bank Charges	£12	£0
	<u>£6,002</u>	<u>£16,157</u>
Operating Result for the Year	<u>£1,469</u>	<u>-£23</u>
<b>Other Receipts</b>		
Deposit Account Interest	£8	£3
	<u>£8</u>	<u>£3</u>
<b>Total Surplus/ Defecit for the Year</b>	<u><u>£1,477</u></u>	<u><u>-£20</u></u>