

Harkfield Archers
Minutes Of the 2006 AGM Held at Golden Lion Stonea
7th April 2006

Meeting opened 7:30 pm

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that apologies had been received from Lyn Claydon, Dave Tharme and Alan Palmer.

The Minutes of the last AGM were taken as correct.

Secretary's Report

It has been a busy year for the club with lots of work going on behind the scenes. We now have our own storage facility which makes life easier and means the club equipment is treated much better. We also took this opportunity to insure the club's equipment. The committee has put lots of effort into revising/updating the club constitution. Steve Bullman was thanked for his part in this.

The Secretary stated that the club continues to thrive, and even though it's the start of the season we have a waiting list to start the beginners course, which can only be a good thing. The Club continues to be well represented at competitions (especially the new field shoot at Mepal where at least 20 of us shot) and continues to build on its excellent reputation. Looking to the future, we have plans for a weekend shoot, our 2nd open shoot and we also hope to hold inter club matches with OOBAC and Jolly Archers. These events take a lot of organising so any offers of help are most welcome. Looking to the end of the year, John Waters has confirmed that we will hold the End Of Season Shoot again

Events Officer

The Events Officer reported that he had received an unbelievable amount of very positive feedback about our open shoot – which made all the hard work worthwhile. He also reported that John Waters commented that he knew the field would be setup correctly for the End Of Season shoot and could just turn up. It has been a busy and fun year, with many events such as Dunhams Wood, 1st Open, Manea and Wimblington Galas, 24 hour shoot, Clout Shoot, Christmas Party and recently the juniors Scooby-Doo fun shoot. Manea hall has been successful this year with many weeks being full up. Finally, the Events Officer also thanked the Chairman for all his work and support for the club during the year and also thanked the other Committee members for their work.

Treasurers Report

All present were able to review a copy of the accounts. The Treasurer pointed out that we have had a good year with Have-A-Go Days and Charity Events. In particular, the

MAGPAS 24 hour shoot which raised £900. He thanked the Secretary for his hard work organising insurance for the club's equipment.

He also reported that the club currently has 48 members.

Equipment Officer

He stated that the worn out butts have been replaced and the foam butts used at Manea would need replacing soon. He also thanked those who helped repair the container door – which has made life much easier!

Records Officer

From last years records we have 23 archers with established handicap values that have submitted scores for the 2005 season. Of these 20 have shown improvement ranging from 1 up to 15 points. 2 juniors that do not shoot very frequently and 1 adult have not progressed.

From a Records Officer point of view scores are the information to make judgements from, so the greater the volume of scores handed in the more accurate the handicap allowance will be for adjusted score shoots.

If any of the new members have questions about the scores / handicap process just ask. The Records Officer pointed out the membership we have at the club is a mix of score chasers and social shooters so points are not everything.

Recurve Archers - As in the previous year we again have juniors shooting to Junior Bowman level, but as yet do not have an adult that has achieved 1st class. We have 1 lady archer close to this level of shooting but for the men we need to shoot the 80 yard rounds to qualify. It was suggested that a 80 yard target was put out on practice days.

Longbow - The club is blessed with a mix of adults and juniors that appear to have the most fun in their shooting while still producing good results both home and away. Long may it continue.

He has asked the junior contact at GNAS to consider accurate figures for Junior Longbow classification as we currently use the recurve tables that are not a true reflection of the shooting ability. No progress yet.

Compound - We have 3 adult compound shooters in the club, 2 social shooters and 1 serious. Over the winter period at indoor shoots Steve Bullman has done very well against the established compound archers and will no doubt do the same outdoors.

We are still a young club compared with the others in this area but if we wish to improve or catch up we need to consider outside help and get some coaching.

Club Constitution

There was discussion around several points in the constitution:

It was agreed that the line stating “Juniors under 16 are not eligible to vote at General Meetings but they may attend and express their views” (section 6, Junior Member) should be removed. It should be replaced with a line stating that all Junior Members can vote.

It was agreed that the line “The club shall have a Child Protection Officer and Deputy Child Protection Officer” would be added to section 18

It was also agreed to add a statement to section 18 that says “The Child Protection Policy would be issued to all new members” A new member was considered to be someone who had paid their GNAS fee.

It was pointed out that the final section should be numbered 19 but was numbered 16

These amendments will be issued to current members and an updated version of the constitution issued to new members.

Subject to these amendments it was agreed to adopt this constitution.

Any Other Business

Angela Watson suggested the introduction of a rota for Beginners night and for Field Captain. This would share the responsibility between all members. **Anyone able to help please see a committee member.**

Beginners night will start on 25th April and run from 6-8pm

In reference to the point raised by the Records Officer, anyone interested in finding out more about attending a course on coaching please talk to a committee member. Alan Crossly stated he was happy to run the Beginners course but did not wish to take his coaching any further.

Julie Larham asked about the possibility of being coached. Local efforts have not come to anything, was suggested we should go to SCAS.

If the members wish, we are able to have a stock of “consumable” archery items at no cost to the club (provided by Clickers)– there was general interest in this idea.

The Committee was asked by Julie Larham if there were sufficient funds to pay for some outstanding expenses noted in the accounts. It was felt that funds were sufficient

Alan Crossly thanked the Chairman and Committee for all they had achieved on behalf of the club over the past year.

Re-Election Of Officers

Chairman – Steve Greene – Nominated by Steve Bullman, 2nd by Geoff Searle
Secretary – Steven Hutchcraft – Nominated by Teresa Lucas, 2nd by Ken Watson
Treasurer – Geoff Searle – Nominated by Tom Searle, 2nd by Terry Warner
Events – Steve Bullman and Angela Watson stood. Vote in favour of Steve Bullman.
Nominated by Gareth MacFarlane, 2nd Tom Searle.

Records – Roger Watson – Nominated by Tom Searle, 2nd by Ken Watson
Equipment Officer – John Claydon – Nominated by Jason Bullman, 2nd by Ashley
Bullman

It was agreed that Julie Larham and Angela Watson would keep their roles as Child Protection Officers but would swap. Julie is now the Deputy.

Junior Members Representative – There were nominations for Tom Searle, Ken Watson and Peter Fletcher. The vote was in favour of Tom.

Adult Members Representative – There were nominations for Alex Fletcher and Angela Watson. The vote was in favour of Angela.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm and then moved onto the presentation of the trophies for the previous season.