

**Harkfield Archers**  
**Minutes Of AGM Held at Golden Lion Stonea on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

Meeting opened at 7:20pm

Apologies were received from Lyn Claydon

**Officers Reports**

**Chairman** – Steve thanked the committee for all their hard work over the past year. He commented on success of the club and all the events we had run. In particular the Open shoot, hosting the End Of Season shoot and the Skylark weekend shoot. Yet again the junior members had shown up the adults in local and national competitions. (Come on adult members!)

**Secretary** – The Secretary echoed the comments made by the Chairman and informed those present that he would be standing down from the committee.

**Treasurer** – Audited accounts were presented for inspection; Funds held at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 06 were £2489.79, an increase of £500 on the previous year.

**Income:** Our main source of income is from shooting fees:

At last years AGM the decision was taken to keep shooting fees at £2.50 Adults, £1.50 Junior and £4.50 for families, however the process for collecting these fees is both time consuming and fiddly, finding change, getting the money to the treasurer, banking it, etc. To ease matters and allow members to plan their monthly costs, the recommendation to pay a monthly direct debit was proposed, this was on the agenda for discussion and all members had been posted the necessary information well in advance of the meeting.

In June we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> ‘Open Shoot’ which was again well attended and very successful, due in part to a lot of preparation & hard work put in to make the day run smoothly, thanks to all those who assisted and helped to raise £325. Volunteers for this year’s ‘Open’ on 10<sup>th</sup> June 07 will be most welcome.

Three ‘Have a go day’ events last year raised another £173 towards our funds, after donations to the Event organisers. These events generate many enquiries from potential new members, who are the lifeblood of the club, these are always busy days and any volunteers are always very welcome.

Please help if you can, they are hard work but FUN!! The more helpers the easier they are, you can offer to do just an hour or so anything considered, as without sufficient people we will be unable to run them.

**Expense:** Equipment is our major expense; however we appear to have a good supply of reasonable Straw Butts and new target faces at present.

Insurance cover for our equipment and storage container has been renewed at the same cost as last year; £276. However this may increase next time, if circumstances change. Charity fundraising from various events raised £275 which was presented to Milton Children's Hospice. Well done and Thank you to everyone involved.

Membership currently stands at 47 down 1 from last year however; over the course of the year we gained 15 new archers, whilst others dropped away.

Finally the Treasurer thanked all fellow committee members especially those who are standing down this year, for their hard work and commitment, to keeping the club running, organising and running events, keeping records and minutes.

**Records Officer** - From last year's records we have 36 archers with established handicap values that have submitted scores for the 2006 season. Of these 17 have shown improvement ranging from 1 up to 17 points.

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 understands the membership we have at the club is a mix of score chasers and social shooters so points are not everything.

### **Recurve**

We now have adult Archers at 1st Class level and Juniors up to Jnr Bowman level

### **Longbow**

Good progress made especially amongst the Juniors and a couple of adults at 2nd class

When sending in the clubs handicap / classification figures to GNAS the Records Officer also asked for the Junior classification issue to be considered.

### **Compound**

Now we have a Junior as well as Seniors and they are all in the same family

There have been steady improvements in most cases, and some dramatic ones - show good progress over the year.

**Equipment Officer** – We have purchased new butts and stands over the past year. We will need to look at replacing beginners equipment this season. There had been suggestions earlier in the year to buy wooden arrows and beginner bows from Clickers. This will be decided upon later in the year.

**Events Officer** – The Events Officer reported that it had been a good year with most events going to plan. He thanked the field party for the hard work they have put in for the Open shoot. He also thanked Steve Greene for producing the Open shoot results on the day. He thanked Angela for organising the weekend shoot at Skylark and stated that we hope to repeat it. He then went on to thank those who helped at our have a go days. The club has built up a good name and a number of archers (senior and junior) represented the club at tournaments, both nationally and locally. He congratulated those who had won trophies during the year, and “warned” the juniors that adults were catching them up! Finally, he hoped everyone would continue to enjoy themselves as well as keeping up the good name of the club.

**Manea Practice Field** – A field has been offered for about £500 per year, which would be available to shoot on all day, everyday. It would be mown, but there are currently no storage or toilet facilities available

Geoff explained the fee proposal was to allow funding of the field, in addition to making fees easier to manage. He also explained that the fee proposal would actually reduce the amount that most members paid to shoot.

Roger Watson had concerns about putting off occasional archers and suggested a pay as you go option should still be operated.

It was highlighted that members must not be at the field on their own. Alex Fletcher suggested that only experienced archers should be able to go and use the field.

What fees will guests will be expected to pay if shooting at Parkfield?

After some discussion 2 votes were made in favour of the points below:

- Agreed to take on field for a year and then review it.
- In addition to the direct debit option, there will still be an option for members to pay shooting fees each time they shoot.

Steve Greene suggested there should be a working party, to visit the field and put in place whatever is needed to make it work. Insurance premiums will also need to be investigated.

Field can be taken over from 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.

Geoff hopes to start direct debit payments on 31<sup>st</sup> March for those that want this option.

**Indoor Shooting at Cromwell** - Unfortunately the Cromwell has no storage facilities which makes shooting there impractical. Sheena suggested the Windmill Rooms in March maybe a possible venue. The committee will contact the venue.

## **Election Of Officers**

Post and Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman – Steve Bullman	Paul Whitwell	Wayne Bush
Secretary – Nigel Lucas	Angela Watson	Jason Bullman
Treasurer – Geoff Searle	Richard Silvester	Jordan Bullman
Events Officer – Alex Fletcher	Geoff Searle	Tom Searle
Records Officer – Roger Watson	Steve Bullman	Jordan Bullman
Equipment Officer – John Claydon	Geoff Searle	Jason Bullman
Adult Reps – Dave Tharme and Richard Silvester	Agreed by everyone	
Junior Reps – Peter Fletcher and Ken Watson	Agreed by everyone	
Press Officer – Angela	Geoff Searle	Steven Hutchcraft

Watson with Jackie Whitwell		
Child Protection Officers – Julie Larham and Angela Watson	Not part of the committee	

**Any Other Business** – There was discussion about the beginners sessions. We may need to appoint a beginners officer to oversee the running. The early starting time excludes some people from attending. Possible idea of having beginners days rather than a number of evenings. Angela will continue to keep a list of people wishing to do the course. Possible fee for course will be £30 for adults and £15 for juniors paid before starting course.

Ken Watson asked about the formation of a Junior club. This was already being investigated by the current Secretary. There was a query by Jackie Whitwell if this would affect team entries for competitions, this would need to be looked at by the new committee.

The meeting closed at 8:30 and trophies for the previous season were presented by the club president David Johnson.

**NOTE:** Since the meeting I have been informed by the Chairman that it was also agreed that Wayne Bush and Paul Whitwell would be Adult Members Reps. Although I have no record of this in the notes taken during the meeting.