

# Parkfield Archers

## Minutes of The 2004 AGM Held at Golden Lion, Stonea - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004

### **Meeting opened: 0720pm**

### **Apologies for absence:**

Apologies received from Judy and Syringa Fox; Richard Claydon

### **Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes from the last AGM (17<sup>th</sup> April 2003), were read and agreed as presented.

### **Chairman's Report:**

The chairman opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He went on to say that although club was still in its infant years, it was now getting itself more organized and thanked the committee for the hard work they had put in over the past twelve months.

Although membership is a little down on this time last year, the club is still in a healthy position

Even though the weather had been against us this past winter, the club had overall experienced another good year and is now becoming known and respected within the county where we have done extremely well. The chairman congratulated everyone who took part in competitions around the county, our juniors in particular had been brilliant and we should be proud of them all.

The chairman stated that it was good to see an increase in the number of longbows now being shot by club members and suggested that perhaps next year there should be an award category for them.

The numbers shooting indoors at Manea had been down this winter but it is understood that by next year we could have a 20yd indoor range at the new village hall!!

The chairman is still attending meetings with Fenland Disabled Sports (FENDIS) and hope to have 2 people who suffer learning disabilities join Parkfield Archers beginners course

Parkfield Archers now has 2 qualified level 1 coaches (Ray St Clair and Alan Crossely) and the club would encourage anyone else to join a suitable course when the opportunity arises.

The chairman thanked Steve Bullman for organising the magnificent tablecloth, which Parkfield Archers now proudly own.

The chairman closed his report by thanking everyone for supporting the club over the past twelve months and hoped that the coming year will reap even more success.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The members were reminded of the junior outdoor target archery world championships 2004 being held at the Lilleshall National sports centre from 18 – 24 July. The Chairman asked for juniors interested to submit their names and a draw will be made later in the evening to pick the lucky two. Parents were reminded that they would be expected to take their children to and from the event, using the extra tickets supplied.

Parfield Archers held it's first field shoot on 28 March at Dunhams Wood. The day was a huge success enjoyed by all. The secretary expressed on behalf of the club, sincere thanks to John Claydon who together with his son Richard, organized the shoot.

All club members were reminded of the need to maintain strict discipline on the shooting line. With immediate effect, a non-shooting field captain will oversee all practice sessions. The role of field captain will be shared by the committee members on a rotation basis to be decided on the day.

Club members were reminded of the GNAS savings club that is being run by Alan Crossley. It is a good way of putting money away for when GNAS subs are due.

### **Treasurer:**

The treasurer submitted a copy of the clubs account (copy attached) for year ending 31 March 2004. The accounts reflected a difference of £54.91p in the books due to some receipts not included, this is now cleared and the account balanced.

### **Records Officer:**

The records officer stated that he was now standing down for election but will gladly assist the newly elected officer until they feel competent with what they are doing.

The records are all up-to-date and reflect a majority improvement with handicaps.

### **Equipment Officer:**

During the past year, the club has purchased 4 new foam butts and stands. These provide better indoor shooting due to the limited space at Manea village hall.

The club now has 10 straw butts, the stands for which were all refurbished last September.

The club equipment has been up-rated over the last year, old tabs and bracers have been replaced and 2 new bows purchased ready for the new season.

The trolley now has a third wheel which makes it more manageable to maneuver across the field.

It is hoped the club will be able to purchase it's own lockable equipment store as we no longer have sufficient space in the existing 'shared' container.

### **Events Officer:**

The indoor junior Portsmouth held at Manea during the winter months went well, everybody had a good time.

It is proposed to hold a clout shoot and BBQ on 27 June 04 at Sutton Gault. More details to follow.

### **Election of Officers:**

The following officers were elected to serve on the committee for the next 12 months.

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| Chairman         | Alan Crossley  |
| Secretary        | Terry Warner   |
| Treasurer        | Vacant (Ray St Clare offered to remain until a replacement is found) |
| Equipment        | John Claydon   |
| Events/Press     | Steve Bullman  |
| Records          | Roger Watson   |
| Members rep      | Senior: Paul Lilley<br>Junior: Kenny Watson and Jason Bullman        |
| Child Protection | Julie Larham (Deputy: Angela Watson)                                 |

### **Membership Fees:**

It was agreed that club annual membership and shooting fees remain unchanged for the forthcoming year.

Annual Membership Fee: Adults - £5  
Juniors - £2.50

Annual membership renewal is due end of April.

Shooting Fee: Adults - £2  
Juniors - £1  
Family - £4

### **Any Other Business:**

As you may be aware David Johnson has always been a keen archer, even while serving in the Royal Air Force. After retiring from the RAF, through circumstance got involved in archery with a club calling themselves The Lionhearts. From here David became a founder member of Parkfield Archers. The club is indebted to him; it is through the fruits of his labours that we have the club today. David stood down a year or so ago as chairman and although no longer shooting, he still maintains a close relationship with the club.

The committee felt David's much appreciated efforts should not go unrecognized, and agreed it right and fitting to offer him the position of President of Parkfield Archers and bestow upon him an Honorary Life Membership. David graciously accepted.

The clubs chairman, Alan Crossley who, on behalf of the club presented David with an embroidered tie to mark the occasion, formally declared David President of Parkfield Archers and an Honorary Life Member.

*Child Protection Policy:* The chairman presented the meeting with copies of a proposed Parkfield Archers Child Protection Policy for consideration by the club membership with a view to inclusion into the clubs constitution. The policy also includes a Parents Pack that is intended to help parents of young potential club members to understand the measures put in place by the club.

The proposals were discussed and it was agreed they be accepted as presented.

*Child Protection Officer (CPO):* Ray St Clare proposed that the club should pay for any necessary courses the CPO may need. This was agreed.

*Constitution:* The clubs constitution is amended to include the following;

- a) Child Protection Policy
- b) Parental Package
- c) A Child Protection Officer and Deputy be appointed
- d) Zero tolerance to bullying

*Junior Outdoor Target World Championships:* A total of six junior nominations were received. David Johnson's first duty as President was to draw the two names of the juniors who were to represent Parkfield Archers at the opening and closing ceremonies. The two names pulled from the cup were Jason and Jordan Bullman. Well done to you both. Your parents will receive the two extra tickets.

There was no further business

**Meeting Closed:** 2130hrs.