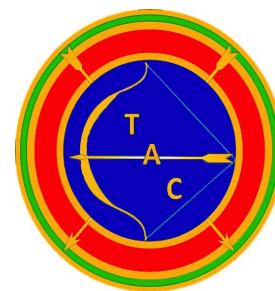


Thanet Archery Club
Committee Meeting Minutes



February 28th 2019 7:30pm - Ursuline Sports Hall tea room

Catering team:- Tea/coffee:- Bob Gawler
Biscuits:- Ann Fretwell

- 1/ Apologies** – Dick Bailey, Lee Burns (Also not present - Natasha Crouch, John Marshall)
- 2/ Present** – Gerry Choo, Mike Davis, Andy Doyle, Ann Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Roy Holden, Ryan Holden, Andy Mair, Pat Powell, Frank Pullen (spirit **and** body – not sure about the mind!), Pete Verrall.
- 3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting** – the minutes are apparently much-loved apart from one minor error – our beloved President Pullen was present only in spirit, not in body.

4/ Officers Reports

a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)

More enquiries about beginners courses – see correspondence.

Correspondence

- Enquiry via Facebook from Kerry Leach about her 6yo son who is 'obsessed' with doing archery after doing a have-a-go at Warwick Castle aged 3!!! After some discussion with Pat, I informed her that we couldn't offer him a have-a-go as (i) the bows we have aren't really suitable for his age and we didn't want him to injure himself, (ii) he wouldn't be able to take it any further until he was older and (iii) on the rare occasions when we have allowed younger children to shoot they have been children of TAC members or other Kent club members. On that basis, he would be welcome to come and watch when the weather's a bit warmer and she would be welcome to come and do a beginners shoot herself.

[Not had a reply back her on that yet, but maybe they will pay us a visit during the summer season – her son's b/day is in June.]

- Enquiry via website from someone called Vicki regarding a have-a-go session in March (no actual date) as a birthday present for her partner and a few of his friends. Have suggested she come up to the field for a chat with Pat.

[Will send her a reminder, and advise of likely cost (£10/hr per person)]

- Also from Andy Roberts who is looking to get back into archery and join a club after presumably moving into the area (?) Have suggested to come up to the field to talk to Colin about membership. *[Update:- Has now joined club]*

- Contact from local AGB club development officer Toby Andrews, met with Bob at Ursuline on Tuesday 19th. All agreed a further meeting would be useful. Additional thoughts from Bob...?

[Bob commented that Toby is the nephew of Graham Andrews who comes to shoot on a Tuesday, he's a nice bloke would like to meet informally rather than at committee. Bob will arrange to meet Toby at Mikes house for coffee one Friday afternoon along with 2 or 3 other committee members.]

- Request from Tonya Sutherland-Smith's family via Jenny Walsh about possibility of doing a memorial shoot (see Matters Arising)

b/ Treasurer – “Ticking over quite nicely” - a well-oiled machine...

c/ Records officer – Nought to report yet, Ann is meant to be meeting Dave Mather over the next 2 Sundays to do a proper hand-over.

d/ Membership – Colin to put out a renewal notice to members in the next few days. One new member (Andy Roberts) plus a previous member rejoining. He's been through the Welcome pack and it's about 5 years out of date, and he's passed it to Andy Doyle to do the updates.

e/ CPO – Nothing to report.

f/ Junior rep – Nothing to report.

g/ Equipment officer – only thing needed is longbow arrows but Andy has that sorted.

5/ Matters Arising.

a/ Crack repairs needed to hut – from previous minutes don't think we got an answer from St Lawrence on how much longer we're likely to be there. Suspect we're there for at least another year, and it will continue like that until the College finally make their mind up. Suggest if repairs are urgent enough, we carry out temporary repairs (if possible) until the future is a little clearer, given that any post-independence insurer will require us to attend to wear/tear to the hut for cover to be maintained.

*[Bob said we haven't heard back from the College, but he will give them another a nudge as it's now becoming a health & safety issue. - **Action 5a 2/19**]*

b/ At previous meeting, under AOB Mike said, "going on experience however, if we don't have to move we don't want to move because it'll cost us nearly 5 grand". Could Mike clarify for the Treasurers benefit whether that's the likely annual hire cost of Quex, or the cost of the move itself, and if the latter could he recall roughly what those costs entailed?

*[Mike said that it would depend on the facilities we move to what's already there, when it cost £5000, we had to move containers, hire lorries, etc. Colin said that he had contacted Quex again and they cannot facilitate us at all – Saturdays are out, no parking. They have one field and it's booked regularly during the summer for a number of events. Baypoint's a possibility, so Colin will pay them a visit and enquire. **Action 5b 2/19**]*

c/ At present any visitors coming to shoot at our club on a Saturday or for a invitation shoot can do so on production of their AGB card showing that they are insured and are competent to shoot. How, in the event that we go independent, how do we (i) administer that at our shoots and (ii) demonstrate the same competence going to other clubs shoots (other than record status shoots). I know beginners all get certificates of competency on successful completion of our beginners course, but how many still have them and know where they are?

[Ruling will need to be that some evidence of archery competence must be provided before allowing visitors to shoot whether that's a BLBS or Archery GB card, club certificate, etc. As regards away shoots ; depending on the officiating organisation, members will require the relevant membership, Archery GB, BLBS, etc.]

d/ Bob mentioned moving the Sylvia handicap shoot from 2nd June to 9th June. Assuming no objections received, I'll update the fixture list.

[Bob has already changed that fixture along with making few other corrections, adding some additional away shoots, etc. Updated fixture lists now sent out.]

e/ Request via Ted & Jenny from Tonya Sutherland-Smith's sister Dawn whether we could have a Tonya shoot w/trophy. If so, any particular format? Should it be club members only? Should it be handicapped? Should we make it a Cancer charity fund-raiser at the same time? What about other club members and former members (Stuart, Frank, Lynne Bullen...) who have/had various forms of cancer? I've asked Jenny to ask family if this is the sort of thing they had in mind. Something along the lines of "Tonya Sutherland-Smith memorial shoot"; all proceeds to cancer charity(ies) in recognition of all club members past & present battling cancer. Bob raised the issue of who's going to organise it. Suggest we minimise the organisation required by keeping it local to TAC as no-one outside the club will know Tonya anyway, and make it a normal shoot but handicapped much as we do for the club champs. Maybe members bring food to share as per Christmas shoot. Ask Tonya's family to supply a trophy/Ted to make one? Alternatively as Tonya shot longbow, suggest family provide a longbow trophy for the July field shoot? Any thoughts?

*[General feeling was that there have been other members – Rob Shelvey, Dave Morphy, etc who have made bigger and more long-term contributions to the club who we have not done memorial shoots for. Frank said if we start adding another one memorial shoot every time someone snuffs it, where will it end? Pete said (several times) that the suggestion is to do a fund-raiser as a collective memorial shoot for all past members, not an individual one. Colin suggested donating to the local hospice rather than a cancer charity. Frank said he would support it if the family are happy to provide the trophy, and Pete replied that Tonya's sister has already agreed to that. Committee ruled out a specific 'Tonya memorial shoot' but appears to be open to having a charity shoot to support Pilgrims' Hospice (?) if Tonya's family are happy to provide a trophy. What was not decided was whether to definitely have a charity shoot and how/when to do it – further discussion needed? **Action 5e 2/19]***

6/ Outstanding general action points.

Action 4a(ii) 1/19 (Bob G) – Hosting coaching courses; availability of Kent coaching team, classroom for the paper work, times, cost, etc. Bob contacted Peter Drewry who had the following to say;

“Sounds a really good idea. You will need somewhere with tables and chairs with a range of at least 10 yards with 3 or 4 targets and suitable trainer bows, arrows and bracers. You also need a course organiser (you?) to manage the paperwork, money, bookings, etc. Your expected costs for 12 people, over and above your venue hire and supply of chocolate biscuits, would be £2030.

I would be happy to tutor the course for you if you would like and happy to meet up and work through the paperwork and requirements with you. I am away next week but most weekdays after that I am free. Just have a think about dates and give me a call - 01732 822864.

Another option to consider is that the coaching group will subsidise people from Kent clubs up to £100, so it sounds as if it could be even cheaper!!!!”

*[Bob said that we will be able to get the hall and the classroom for free. He has also heard from another source about coaching being available for £100/applicant. Mike also mentioned the possibility of a SCAS grant through Toby Andrews. - **Action ongoing**]*

Action 5(b) 1/19 - Keeping juniors interested - finding web site/app that can caricaturise portrait photos, purchasing score attainment badges if req'd. Ryan has some more ideas...

*[Mike said that Ryan has come up with loads of websites about improvement schemes (details not mentioned) so we will have look at those. But whatever we come up with, we need **VOLUNTEERS** to administer it. Need to work on a scheme of things. Caricaturising web sites for fun target faces – plenty of websites not all of them do what you want and most come with strings attached, but other clubs have done something like it, so there probably is a suitable app out there somewhere - **Action ongoing**]*

Action 7(d) 1/19 - Correspondence from Cally Henderson re: have-a-go taster sessions last month; we suggested she contact TADSAD first, if no joy with them to then look at accommodating her group on Tuesday at Ursuline. Any further news on that? [*None - they haven't contacted or visited TADSAD and they haven't come back to us* – **Action closed**]

Action 7(e) 1/19 – Colin Gallagher's enquiries with Quex Re: possible relocation if required. Any further info available? [*see Matters Arising 5b; Quex not an option* - **Action closed**]

6/ Outstanding action points on going independent

With the following key point in mind: Andy Doyle - “most insurers (though not all) will stipulate that we follow the safety rules of the sports governing body”. Bob, Mike and Andy have started investigating on a number of fronts – will address issues as we go. [**Action 6(c) 1/19 ongoing**]

Action 5(d) 1/19 - Renewing coaching qualifications – do we yet have sufficient insurance info to establish whether this will be necessary? [*Not yet* – **Action ongoing**]

- **Action 6(d) 1/19 (Mike D, Bob G, Andy D)** - Investigate suitable insurance cover, poss. contact Dave Ash - who are Folkestone intending to use, prices, cover? Progress? [*Andy Doyle said CASE quote not suitable as it only covers the committee not club members, doesn't cover juniors or anyone with special needs, another quote he's looked at only provides the same cover as we have through GNAS. We need to consider replacement value of all club equipment. As regards liaising with Folkestone, we may*

even be able to share insurance costs with them. Once we/they have some quotes to compare and we have developed our own plan for going independent, we will compare notes. Going on the CASE quote, it would work out at approx. £17-20/per club member/per year, making total cost/year about £42 for a senior member and £27 for a junior. People who need AGB membership would be worse off by about £17 while everyone else would be £37 better off. People who want to go to field archery or BLBS shoots can buy the necessary membership out of that £37 (and have some left over probably!) Risks? Insurance costs will go up every year, as they always do. Even AGB goes up if not every year, certainly every 2 or 3 years. It would also mean that the insurance fee is dependent on club membership - if it drops, the individual cost goes up, cost; if it goes up the fee is shared around more people. Colin commented that rather than charging the bare minimum, it would be sensible to give ourselves a bit of a buffer to absorb variations in membership.

- **Action 6(f) 1/19** - Would we still be able to use the Kent coaching team as per **Action 4a(ii) 1/19**? [Bob says he will ask Peter Drewery about that. Ryan asked if coaches didn't need to be members of Archery GB anyway. Bob/Mike said that wasn't necessarily the case, as there are lots of independent coaches out there. Presumably Archery GB would probably expect AGB-registered clubs to offer coaching according to AGB standards.]

7/ A.O.B.

- **(a) Coaching course sponsorship** – Bob asked Steve Bolton if Watkins would be prepared to sponsor the coaching course given that they already sponsor the clout. Steve said “No”, but suggested that we might do a have-a-go for Watkins employees and wanted to know what we might charge for that per head. Given that they've sponsored the clout for the last 11 years, Bob thought it would be reasonable to return that goodwill by us doing it for free. Pat said we usually charge £10/hr for a have-a-go. Agreed we charge £20/head for a 3-hr session for up to 24 people, and throw in a barbecue, and if Steve wants to knock the price down he can. Assuming we get a full session, that's almost £500 raised in coaching course subsidy.
- **(b) Sylvia Hogbin photo** – Bill Terry has made a cabinet for all her medals and jacket, and he'd like a photo as well. Bob will look through the archives and we'll get it scanned & enlarged. There may also be some in the Kent archives as she organised the Kent champs for several years.
- **(c) “That Vision thing...”** - Having had a look at the web site, Facebook page, last minutes, Andy Mair asked us all to have a think between now and the next meeting about what we'd like the club to become. Are we happy muddling along as we are? Do we want to be bigger? Do we want to attract younger archers? What is our outlook? (Bob commented that Toby Andrews had very similar questions!) How are we going to communicate with people? Do we just want to keep our existing members happy? Do we want to bring in more people, and we want these kind of people? Different goals which require a different approach? (Andy:- “If you all give me different answers, you can shove it!!!”) But given that we're thinking of going independent, they're v. important questions. Bob commented that we have the best indoor

facilities and we can't fill it. We have a huge field for hosting clouts and we didn't get enough numbers, because of our geographical location, and also because the Kent archery scene has changed, with a lot less people going to Sunday shoots. **[Action 7c 2/19]**

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Club Secretary's note – No date set for next meeting, - it was suggested afterwards we don't really need to meet in March and can wait until after Easter. However we have promised the membership that we would aim to bring proposals on going independent to an extraordinary general meeting “early in the summer season”. We therefore need to be ready to do so by May/June at the latest. That gives us another 3 months max. with the May meeting probably needing to be mainly about setting out precisely what recommendation(s) we will make to the membership. The recent (and ongoing) discussions with Toby Andrews are likely to make that process a little less clear, as we may find more local support being available from SCAS and Archery GB as a result.

Depending on progress made on the remainder of our enquiries, we may well have plenty to discuss before the end of March. I suggest therefore that we provisionally set a date for a meeting for 28th March, and in the unlikely event we don't then need it, we can always cancel.