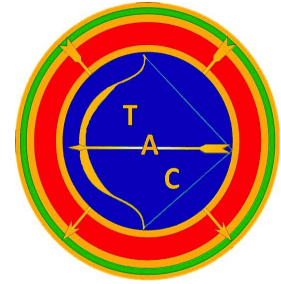


**Thanet Archery Club**  
**Committee Meeting agenda**



**September 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 7:30pm**

**- Royal British Legion, Allenby House,  
16 Cliff St, Ramsgate CT11 9HS (upstairs)**

**1/ Apologies** – Dick Bailey, Lee Burns, Roy Holden, Ryan Holden, Frank Pullen, Pete Verrall.

**2/ Present** – Mike Davis, Ann Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Andy Mair, John Marshall.

**3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting** – Concern that Secretary adds too much narrative to the minutes. [Noted – will try to avoid in future. PV]

**4/ Officers Reports**

**a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)**

- Nothing much to report this month. Apologies for being out of action at the moment, Bob will drop off the recorder afterwards for me to process the minutes. Colin, could you let Bob have your notes to give to me?

**Correspondence**

- A couple more late enquiries about September beginners course.
- Passed on to Pie Factory update on Autumn have-a-go's; after discussion with Bob, Tuesday eves at the Ursuline have been ruled out, so we'll see if they take it any further.
- Emailed medal offer from BW Trophies (forwarded to committee). Not sure how it compares to our current supplier.
- Several coaching course adverts have come our way – all passed on to club members. Sittingbourne course in Oct, Nov & Dec seems good value. Discuss under Club development action.
- *In addition, Bob has received further correspondence from World Archery saying that he needs further credits from Archery GB to do the World Archery online coaching, but Archery GB are still saying they don't know anything about it.*

**b/ Treasurer –**

- Letter received from Lloyds to say old account now officially closed
- Balance as of 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 is £12602.44
- We made £410 from beginners course, including 3 lost deposits
- Replaced 9V back up battery for defibrillator (cost £51.54)
- We hold £276 for 23 record-status shoot registrations, and £192 for 24 clout registrations

**c/ Membership** – 24 AGB renewals by BACS, 18 by cash/cheque, so out of 73 members 42 have renewed AGB membership. Irene and Natasha Crouch are not renewing.

**d/ Captains report** – Clout preps going well with over 50 booked; just needs to sort out with the school on Tuesday and mark out on Saturday. Beginners going well and shooting in general is going well.

**e/ Records officer** – Ann reported that if we wanted the online shooting records accessible by every club archer to view their own records, we need to buy the subscription, 1yr (£24), 2yr (£45). Ann said that subscription needs to be done/paid for online, so Colin to give Ann a cheque and she will then make her own online payment through PayPal. Will try for a year and see if club members use it. Will be free to members for a trial year – if successful will continue and adjust club membership fees accordingly next year. Discussed possibility of putting board up in hut for list of club records. **[Action 4(e) 9/19]**

**f/ Junior rep** – Natasha Crouch withdrawn from committee. No junior rep.

**g/ Equipment officer** – Andy Doyle resigned from committee. Bob reported that the hut sort-out is going well, a lot of junk disposed of.

**h/ CPO** – Case raised over the summer - all 3 suspensions lifted. Loose ends still to be addressed? *Dick Bailey absent. Due to confidentiality, details of case not minuted, but the case has raised issues relating to club policies regarding renewal of membership. Policies to be reviewed prior to AGM in November.* **[Action 4(h) 9/19]**

**5/ Matters Arising.**

a/ Maryam Docrat tried out the donated Samick bow at the last evening shoot on 29<sup>th</sup> Aug assisted by Ted Walsh and Roy Holden. Is definitely interested in buying the whole kit, and wanted to know the asking price. Bob suggested if she makes an offer between £150-200, that would be acceptable. Info passed on to Maryam. *Maryam not yet got back to us on that.*

**6/ Outstanding general action points.**

**Action 4(b) 3/19** – Credit-card sized with Club information card to hand out as well as QR codes for web addresses, and Club Secretary's email address. Following on from last meeting, final design iterations available to peruse? *Andy Mair made further changes which committee all liked. Andy to get prices for 100 and 500.*

**Action 4(g) 3/19a** - Inventorying all the equipment in the shed, and clearing out the junk. Further progress update? *Jenny's doing sterling job working through the hut section by section and has as produced another list of equipment. We now need to get the stuff down from the top shelves so she can sort through that. Thanks to Jenny for her efforts on that.*

**Action 5(b) 3/19 – [Deferred until new year]** Horse archery demo for future Archery Big Weekend event – Would it be worth (a) asking Emma Taker if the school would allow limited access for one horse to do a short (½ hr – 1hr) horse archery demonstration at far end off the playing area as discussed before or (b) exploring the use of/access to the field near Mikes house for a similar demonstration, and times/days that might be suitable for that.

**Action 6(a) 8/19** - Encouraging recurve archery; reverting to teaching beginners Mediterranean grip from start; is that being done for September beginners? Is it working? *We've reverted to this method for the September beginners, it seems to be going OK. Will be interesting to see how many beginners are still shooting recurve in a couple of months. John Marshall commented that the introductory part was good, but that something was missed much like when he did his beginners course, about the different rounds and how to score them, etc. Mike said that's what's good about the 3-dozen rounds, they're a good starting point for beginners regardless of how quickly they progress. John suggested that once newbies start shooting the established multi-distance rounds, they can always shoot with a more experienced club members who can mentor them.*

**Action 8(a) 8/19** - Vacant equipment officer slot; any takers? Suggestion regarding Brian Horne (Mike). *Brian Horne has been asked to become equipment officer on a temporary basis. He will need to pay his TAC membership, and will of course need to renew it in April. The club will be paying his AGB fees for this year only, and only if he commits to the equipment officer role for the whole year. The possibility of a similar arrangement for all named club officers needs to be presented to the membership at AGM.*

**Action 8(b) 8/19** - Christmas meal – Bob has booked a table for 24 for a meal in the evening after the Christmas shoot (14<sup>th</sup> December) first come, first served, partners welcome. Numbers so far? *Over 24 takers so far.*

**Action 8(c) 8/19** - Christmas shoot – theme needed plus artwork for targets – plenty of time but looking for suggestions, and we usually announce the theme at the AGM. Any ideas? *Ann has acquired some designs, Bank of England, Blackpool Tower, Tower Bridge, Suez Canal, Apollo moon landing, Beatles.*

## **6/ Outstanding action points on club development**

**Action 4a(ii) 1/19** – Coaching development; Peter Drury to visit to assess us during a beginners shoot and sign us off as fit to coach without us doing a coaching course. Additionally as mentioned in Correspondence, a number of coaching courses advertised. Sittingbourne courses look good value for money, interest from members? Mike to put together a checklist of things we **must** tell people during the September beginners course. *Already discussed under Action 6(a) 8/19. Checklist seems to be working for September beginners.*

**Action 4(g) 3/19b** – Equipment leasing – is it possible for the club to avail itself of that? Relevance to next action. Visit from Stylist postponed until next year. **[Action deferred]**

**Action 6(a) 7/19** – Next years beginners shoots; proposal to run beginners shoots on Saturday afternoons enabling more members to help after they've finished their morning rounds. Would we need to run it over 2 or 3 weekends (i.e. 2 afternoons 1-5pm, or 3 afternoons 1-4pm)? Is there a danger that club members will come in the morning, do their round and then leave it to the usual people to help with beginners. Agenda item for AGM. Any further thoughts? *Doing beginners over 3 weeks would be too long – 2wks 1-5pm seems best.*

**Action 7(c) 2/19 [Standing action]** - Andy Mair asked us all to think about what we'd like the club to become. Are we happy muddling along as we are? Do we want be bigger? Do we want to attract younger archers? What is our outlook? How successful have we been with this years beginners so far? What can be improved? Do we need to keep this as a standing action, or would it make sense to raise it as an annual issue, either at AGM, or maybe January committee meeting? *No comment.*

**Action 7(d) 3/19** - Investigate possibility of scene shoot; Cross between target shooting and field shooting – you have a shooting line with half a dozen pegs along it and up to 20 targets out at different distances/angles. You can use 3D targets or target faces. Each peg has a series of numbers on which tell the archer which target to shoot at next. As in a field shoot each group of archers moves along the line, shooting 3 arrows each. Whistle blows, collect arrows, move on to next peg, and so on until everybody has shot from each position. Next time along, the group shoots at the next number target on the peg, until every group has shot at all the targets. Breaks/lunch may be taken as and when, and scoring system chosen beforehand, so there is plenty of flexibility depending on time and numbers of archers. A possible alternative to a frostbite shoot. Dates? John Marshall to chat to Dave Ash about borrowing 3D targets – progress?

*Need to look at the winter calendar and pick a date. 3-D targets are ideal but not absolutely necessary so could do the first one with our existing targets.*

## **7/ 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]**

- Latest poll result, as of 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, it's still 43 responses; 20 in favour of independence from AGB, 23 against independence from AGB.

With respect to possible changes to constitution, etc, what needs to be done between now and November? As it looks from current voting that we won't be going independent, this is probably academic at present. In any case, should there be a sizeable vote for independence at November AGM, we still have until next year to draft such constitutional changes as necessary, but would need to hold an Extraordinary General meeting for members to approve the changes prior to actually going independent.

*Mike said that we probably don't need to think about this anymore, given the results of the online poll. [Action 6(c) 1/19 closed] But he has a suggestion regarding reforming the club into two sections, a target section affiliated to Archery GB using the main field as at present, and a field archery section affiliated to NFAS (or whoever) using the woods at the*

*side of the main field. Can we reword the constitution to allow us to do that, but maintain one committee to oversee both? Could we run two sets of accounts, as we would probably need to? Would the school allow us to use the woods every week & what would be the cost? Throws up a lot of questions we don't have answers to, needs further exploration. Frank to look at the constitution, Bob to talk to the school about using whole field. [Action 7(a) 9/19]*

**Action 7(a) 8/19** - How to maximise attendance at AGM? As regards maximising attendance at the AGM, is there scope for holding the AGM on a Saturday afternoon after the frostbite shoot (possibly in a school hall at St Lawrence)? Given that we promised a physical vote at an EGM, shouldn't we still offer that, albeit at the AGM, as well as the opportunity to address any questions regarding the proposal? Despite discussing the Independence document at the June committee and apparently understanding & agreeing the wording, even some committee members don't seem to have understood these, how can we be sure those that voted understood? Perhaps now that people are having to pay for AGB renewal, they better appreciate the financial costs of AGB membership (esp. for families) vs independence. *As with previous action, while a greater attendance at AGM is always desirable, the particular need to maximise attendance this year no longer exists. [Action closed]*

## **8/ A.O.B.**

- Next meeting - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**Meeting closed at 8:40pm.**