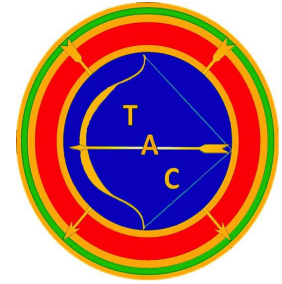


Thanet Archery Club
Committee Meeting minutes



October 10th 2019 7:30pm

- The Bell Inn, St Nicholas at Wade, CT7 ONT

1/ Apologies – Lee Burns, Andy Mair.

2/ Present – Dick Bailey, Mike Davis, Ann Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Roy Holden, Ryan Holden, Brian Horne, John Marshall, Frank Pullen, Pete Verrall.

3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting – Accepted

4/ Officers Reports

a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)

With the AGM coming up next month, we need to give members a months notice.

Correspondence

- Further enquiries about club membership/tuition.
- Jerry passed details of Agincourt shoot to me; forwarded to members but clashes with end-of-season shoot.
- Mike has received a load of bumpf from Toby Andrews regarding OnTarget club development programme, which he has kindly passed to me. Quite a lot to digest, but will limit it to quick presentation of the various criteria for each specialism, Community, Young People or Performance. With the AGM a priority, further discussion would be appropriate perhaps for January committee meeting when we have more time to go into it in detail.

b/ Treasurer – Bank balance as of 30th September 2019:- £13,713.65

- Quite a few AGB & KAA cheques not cleared yet, though renewals have taken place.

Clout:-	Takings:-	£706.60
	Watkins Sponsorship:-	£250.00
	Expenses:-	-£249.11
	Profit:-	£707.49

In short, the Watkins sponsorship covered all our Clout expenses – once again thanks to Steve Bolton and Watkins for their generous support.

Outgoings:- Records website fee:- £25
 TAC website fee:- £85

c/ Membership – 11 new members from September beginners course

- Vincent Emms
- Mark & Max Bedingfield
- Tracey Cousins
- Vancza family (x4)
- Gwen Smith
- Steve Goodwin
- Dániel Péter

AGB memberships (57 renewals/11 new)

- 46 seniors
- 6 young adults
- 9 juniors
- 7 disabled

Non-renewals (17)

- Linda Gawler (taking a break)
- Darren Baker
- Janis Buckley
- Lee Burns
- Maryam Docrat
- Lucien Douglas-Green
- Emily Knight
- Paul Harwood
- Shane Hickley
- Melissa Lucas
- Amy Moore
- Lee Moore
- Gareth Nichols
- Joe Spain
- John Walsh
- Jennifer Batchelor
- Toby Hyde

Anyone who has not renewed will not be able to pay & play, but will need have their renewal processed by Archery GB before they can shoot.

Resignations (4)

- Pat Powell
- Gerry Choo

- Irene Crouch
- Natasha Crouch

d/ Captains report – Everything's going well at the moment, both Sept. beginners shoot and clout went off well. We have been asked by Kent Archery Association if we want to keep running it. Bob said that he does not want to run it in the future, particularly while club captain as well. It's not difficult and he doesn't mind helping whoever takes it on (likewise with the club captains role). The indoor shoot is going quite well, but still down on numbers, but paying its way at the moment thanks to the £6 deposit. We're still getting at least as many from Canterbury as we used to.

e/ Records officer – Not a great deal of interest in the online records software, or in shooting traditional rounds rather than the TAC36 round. We have a year to see how members take to it. PV said that so close to the frostbite season, we're unlikely to see much take-up between now and the end of the month, & best to plug longer rounds come the end of the frostbite season, when members will have had enough of shooting 3-dozen rounds every week. Frank suggested then pushing the National rounds which aren't very long, and can serve as a dual-purpose round as the first 3 dozen can also be scored as a TAC36 round at the same time. John M suggested that the reason the TAC36 are so popular, is that they're easier to get your head around than traditional rounds. Mike will prepare a presentation towards the end of the AGM on rounds & records scoring. Frank suggested inventing badges for Nationals on a similar format to the TAC36 using scoring averaged over the two distances. Ryan suggested giving out A5-sized certificates for club records.

f/ Junior rep – Vacancy for AGM.

g/ Equipment officer – All Brian seems to have done at the moment is repair arrows. We do need to order some bits (points/knocks/fletchings). Derek Turner is selling off his remaining stock, and Brian thinks he can get some spares at a good price. Mike said we need to get rid of the plastic arrows, and replace them with aluminium, but we do need them at different lengths. We also need to ensure that the different sets are clearly identifiable with different colour fletchings, socks, tape, etc, so they don't all get muddled up at have-a-go's and beginners shoots. Easton Jazz arrows should be OK as none of the club bows are over 30lb. Brian to get prices from Derek Turner. John M asked about buying 3-D targets; Bob said that MedSoc have some secondhand ones for sale, but Frank pointed out that we would need somewhere to store them. Some of the target stand legs are looking a bit shot-up. Brian to look at whether they need replacing yet.

h/ CPO – Nothing to report.

5/ Matters Arising.

a/ OnTarget Archery GB club development programme – there's quite a lot involved in this - does it need a designated Club Development Officer to oversee? Either an existing committee member (one of our current ordinary members) or an additional volunteer from the membership – AGM item? *Mike reminded us that he'd already prepared a community specialism document some months ago, but what with our exploration of independence from Archery GB this year it was left on the back burner. Mike will bring to committee again for discussion in January.*

b/ Date/venue for 2019 AGM? Nov 28th? Newington Free Church hall a possibility(£20 Disabled access/toilet/tea-making facilities. On-street parking. Queens Road Baptist church hall(s) also a possibility; better facilities but will cost more (Viking Hall £42 1st hr/ £35/hr after that). AGM agenda items?

- Changes to beginners courses - **Action 6(a) 7/19**
- mentoring – taking advantage of frostbite season for new archers to shoot with more experienced ones
- Review of club policies on renewal of membership - **Action 4(h) 9/19**
- Theme for Christmas shoot - **Action 8(c) 8/19**
- plan for scene shoot - **Action 7(d) 3/19**
- vacant committee slots (club captain, junior rep)
- Standing Action (Andy Mair) - Think about what we'd like the club to become. (What is our outlook, what can be improved, etc?)

Mike not available for the 28th November, so will book for 21st November. [Secretary's note:- Have booked Newington Free Church (41 St John's Ave, Ramsgate, CT12 6JD) for November AGM. Have managed to swap bookings with the other user on that evening, so we will have the main church, with access to PA & data projector if necessary.]

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. Andy Mair made further changes which committee all liked. Andy to get prices for 100 and 500. Update - Andy has looked into printing options for the business card design as follows:

Bananaprint

100 cards = £10

250 cards = £13

500 cards = £17

These are all with the basic 400gsm card and without any coatings.

An example of the 'top quality' is:- 500 @450 gsm with 'velvet laminate' coating = £34.

They advertise as having a 24 hour turnaround, and are capable of taking our completed design. They do also do recycled card (if we are wanting to be 'greener'), which comes out at:
100 cards = £14

Committee agreed to buy 500 cards @£17.

Action 4(g) 3/19a - Inventorying all the equipment in the shed, and clearing out the junk. Update? *Jenny has done a lot of the equipment listing, but she's unable to reach the top shelf. The obvious junk has already been junked, but Colin noted that one set of limbs were delaminating and were no longer useable. Once Jenny has completed inventorying, we'll need to check more carefully the usability of what we have.*

Action 4(e) 9/19 - Club shooting records from online database to be put on board in hut. Progress? *General feeling was that so close to the frostbite season, it's not really a priority, but we have plenty of time to get a board up ready for next April.*

Action 4(h) 9/19 - Review of club policies regarding renewal of membership prior to AGM. Update? *Mike Davis would like a line in the constitution saying something to effect of "Committee has the right by **unanimous vote of committee** to disallow renewal of membership to individual members." Currently new members are covered but renewing members are not. There is a problem now that we have an online banking renewal facility, so if a member is refused renewal, we will simply have to refund their payment. PV commented that we have to ensure that any such process is seen to be fair and not arbitrary. Mike expressed concern that trying to cover every kind of unreasonable behaviour in the club rule book could prove to be over-complicated. Frank will look at constitution and rule book and come up with some suitable wording for a proposal at AGM. [Secretary's note:- Any suggested wording needs to be included in the AGM agenda as a proposition by November 11th.]*

Action 5(b) 3/19 - **[Deferred until new year]** Horse archery demo for future Archery Big Weekend event - either on field with School's permission or on field nr. Mike D's house.

Action 8(b) 8/19 - Christmas meal - Bob has booked a table for 24 for a meal in the evening after the Christmas shoot (14th December) first come, first served, partners welcome. Numbers so far? *Bob said 30+.*

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. Update? *We now have a theme which for the purposes of national security is strictly confidential, but which will be revealed at the AGM!*

6/ Outstanding action points on club development

Action 4a(ii) 1/19 - Coaching development; any take-up of coaching courses by members? *Fred Hammond was intending to do the ones at Sittingbourne. InRange are starting to run coaching courses but they're fully booked, and also as expensive as the other Archery GB courses (£200 (?) for Level 1, £450 for Level 2). Mike said the World Archery online coaching route would still be preferred.*

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. Two weeks, 1-5pm. **[Action for next year pending AGM response.]**

Action 6(a) 8/19 - Encouraging recurve archery; reverting to teaching beginners Mediterranean grip from start; John M's suggestion that once newbies start shooting the established multi-distance rounds, they can always shoot with a more experienced club members who can mentor them. From Archery GB Learning Curve blog, this is the practice at other clubs, just needs members happy to give their time – AGM item? *It's worked well, and encouraging more experienced archers to help mentor would be good, esp. during frostbite season.*

Action 7(c) 2/19 [Standing action] - Andy Mair asked us all to think about what we'd like the club to become. (What is our outlook, what can be improved, etc?) Do we need to keep this as a standing action for every committee meeting, or would it make sense to raise it as an annual issue, either at AGM, or maybe January committee meeting? *Agenda item for AGM – see if anything is raised, which can then be discussed in January.*

Action 7(d) 3/19 – Adding scene shoot(s) to programme; AGM item? Any dates set? *John M to pick a date after Christmas.*

Action 7(a) 9/19 - Mike 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. Possibility of developing wooded area in co-operation with school as a dual-purpose field shoot course and nature trail? Update? *No update as such, - Mike doesn't think this is something to bring to the membership at this year's AGM as there too many unknowns at present. However Bob and Mike have been exercising their little grey cells on another interesting idea. What if we were to deregister our field with ArcheryGB, and register the **top** field instead? This would then free up our main field for use by members or visitors who choose not to take up Archery GB membership as long as we insure ourselves, and that insurance would cover AGB members and non-members. Something to look into but again too many unknowns to bring to AGM this year, except as something to explore in 2020. [Secretary's note:- On the Archery GB club portal, range registrations contain no details of extent of range usage, and both use exactly the same address, so deregistering the main field would raise no eyebrows with Archery GB.]*

8/ A.O.B.

- Record status indoor shoot prep; 21 wanting food, Sharon doing food, Bob's bought cups, medals/trophies liaise with Lee, parking, scoresheets needed please, raffle (raffle prizes gratefully received), Bob to buy a few as well, a few helpers on the day (runners), tape for marking out, laptop/data projector to show leader board? John M has a data projector we can use.
- First aid renewal classes due for renewal in November for Bob Gawler, Ann Fretwell & Colin Gallagher, but bookings not confirmed.
- Jenny takes a lot of photos but messages them to the FB page – how to get them onto the photos section?

- Brian H raised 1-to-1 mentoring of newbies; make the most of frostbite shoots for experienced archers to mentor the newbies, AGM agenda item.
- John M suggested tin mugs as club record trophies.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Next meeting:- 14th November 2019