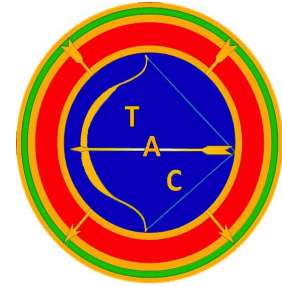


**Thanet Archery Club**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**



**May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 7:30pm - Ursuline Sports Hall tea room**

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

**1/ Apologies** – Lee Burns, Jerry Choo, Natasha Crouch, Andy Doyle, Roy Holden, Pat Powell

**2/ Present** – Dick Bailey, Mike Davis, Ann Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Andy Mair, Pete Verrall

**3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting** – Accepted

**4/ Officers Reports**

**a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)**

Paul Harwood commented on Facebook page “Just joined TAC fantastic group of archers very helpful whatever level you are at nothing is a problem for them - I feel my archery has improved and will only get better each week”, which is good to hear so thanks to everyone who has made him and Leon Goodbody welcome.

**Correspondence**

- Although the beginners shoots are now fully booked, we have still had enquiries from a couple of people about them. I have informed them that the shoots are fully booked, but they are welcome to come on the off-chance that people who've booked don't turn up, but that obviously **we cannot guarantee them a place.**
- A number of contacts about various away shoots – all forwarded to club members. I realised that several (perhaps most) of the forms are formatted for clubs to submit on behalf of their members. Whose responsibility is that – if anyones? **Answer:- Attempts have been made in the past to organise on the clubs behalf, but were not very successful as members often paid too late for us to book for an away shoot. Those planning to attend away shoots are now expected to do their own form-filling.**

**b/ Treasurer** – As of 24<sup>th</sup> April, balance is £12,767.38, a couple of outstanding items to process; after a number of requests from members to have the option of online banking, Colin will be changing the club account to facilitate this in the next month. He will be drawing up a short guidance document to hopefully ensure that BACS/online payments are properly referenced to the payer, and make members aware that if not, payments cannot be referenced to the right people. While Colin is away he will leave the cheque book in the blue cash box.

**c/ Membership** – Currently have 53 members & 6 associate members; 14 members not yet renewed. Some of these 14 only shoot in the summer, so we may well have renewals as we move through the summer season.

**d/ Records officer** – Ann reported that she has got the software working and she can input everybody on and organise everyone's score under different headings, so she's working her way through that. She has a question about backing up the data. Dave M told her that there's a cloud back-up that we've paid for but never use. It's due for renewal for about £29 for the year – did we want to go ahead with renewal if we don't use it? There's nothing critical (i.e. personal/financial data) which needs secure storage. Mike mentioned that we already have a Dropbox account - which is also effectively cloud (remote) storage - but suggested we get the cloud account back up and try that. As regards badges, she has one Bowman and a couple of 1<sup>st</sup> Class badges. She suggested getting some more when we get the new classification scheme badges, but they apparently come from different sources. Bob will check that out and we'll get some more badges ordered. Ann also mentioned that according to Dave he thinks the records with just initials are all old records. Ann also asked when did we want to tell people about their awards. General view is to do it at the end of each month.

**e/ CPO** – None.

**f/ Junior rep** – None.

**g/ Equipment officer** – None – but Bob has ordered some new faces from InRange at Wrotham.

## **5/ Matters Arising.**

a/ Key rota – assuming Ryan unable to go on rota, it's sorted; Ted & Jenny to do all the Thursdays, with Bob, Jerry & John Walsh doing 1 day a week 2 weeks in every 3 – hope that's OK? Jerry is on the rota but he doesn't have a set of cupboard keys. We don't keep a set of cupboard keys in the club house for security reasons, but if there were somewhere to keep them securely it could add a bit of flexibility – then people would only need a key safe key rather than the whole set) **[Action:-** *Currently all cupboards use the same key. To change lock on secure cupboard where the valuables are kept, for which a key will be issued only to those that need it, and issue all key-holders with a key to the equipment cupboards so that the beginners equipment can be accessed by all keyholders. The defib will also be relocated to the inside of the equipment cupboard door.]*

b/ One of the people who has enquired on FB about a beginners shoot/induction is Tyler Frankland, who runs Thanet Parkour Academy (parkour – free street running/jumping) which is based at Royal Harbour Academy (web site/FB page available). I asked him if he was asking for his own benefit or whether he was interested in providing archery at his club some time in the future. He said it was personal interest, but if we were in a position to offer some kind of experience event (have-a-go) for his lads at the club, he might be interested. *Nothing to think about at present, but if he comes to one of the beginners shoots we can discuss it with him after that. [Secretary's addendum:- I now recall that he said he's unable to attend on Saturdays as he is busy with his club, but he can do Thursday evenings, so I suggested he should come up one Thursday early in the summer to arrange a have-a-go. We could talk then about the possibility of something similar for the lads at his club.]*

c/ Sylvia Hogbin shoot – update from Linda Gawler

*We have 23 entries so far, from Canterbury, TADSAD and Lullingstone, and a few from Thanet, hopefully we will receive some more over the next couple of weeks, Bob's taken forms to a couple of shoots and we will take some to our next shoot, which is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.*

*Sadly there will be no-one from Folkestone as they have their Jack Stephens shoot that day. I have had plenty of offers of help:-*

- Pat Powell field captain*
- Sharon, Lorna and Alex's nan, will do the food,*
- John Marshall scorer*
- Fred Hammond said he will help any way he can, and I know that others will help on the day with the targets,*
- Jenny Walsh will help sort out the medals.*
- John & Sue Holton have also offered to help if needed.*

Linda G.

## **6/ Outstanding general action points.**

**Action 4(a) 3/19** - Parasport club account, - what's it supposed to do? Contacted Arran Coggan at Archery GB as he emailed me about it and ask him for guidance. Not heard anything back. *If not heard anything by next meeting will close the Parasport account. [Pending]*

**Action 4(b) 3/19** – Credit-card sized with Club information card to hand out as well as QR codes for web addresses. Colin suggested getting up to a thousand cards made to share out to committee members (Mike D suggested club members as well) to give out presumably when we get visitors to the club (or when we go to away shoots and people want to visit our club). Go ahead with getting them done? *Committee agreed to get some done – will talk to Shane Hickley after the beginners shoot about getting some designed.*

**Action 4(c) 3/19** – Barry Friends query about Lullistone shoot – any further news? *Will get in touch with us... [Pending]*

**Action 4(c)v 3/19** – Badges – purchase of new beginners badges, plus any others we are low on. *Order's in – just waiting for them to arrive. Leon Goodbody got over 200 at 20yds last week, so will be the first recipient. [Action closed]*

**Action 4(g) 3/19a** - Inventorying all the equipment in the shed, and clearing out the junk. We also need to check all the beginners equipment before May 4<sup>th</sup>. *Not yet done - [Action ongoing.]*

**Action 4(g) 3/19b** – Equipment leasing – is it possible for the club to avail itself of that? *Mike needs to find the details for that and enquire. [Action ongoing.]*

**Action 5(a) 2/19** - Crack repairs needed to hut – at the last meeting we still hadn't heard from the College long-term plans for the field or the possibility of getting repairs. Any news? *Bob is arranging to get that done on a Tues/Wed/Thurs – quite a few volunteers to help do that late morning and people want to stay on and shoot they can. [Action ongoing.]*

**Action 5b 2/19** – Colin to enquire whether Baypoint would be a possible new club venue if required - any further info? *No info - can wait until after Colin returns from holiday.*

**Action 5(b) 3/19** - Archery Big Weekend – signing up? Jen Hiscocks show team. (Sussex Yeomanry). Have passed on her teams web details to Toby Andrews (committee cc'd in) +KAA. Also explained why we didn't sign up. Mike D commented at last meeting that he happened to live next to a field used by local stables, and that could be a suitable place to host something, and we might be able to attract the horse set as well. Any further thoughts on that? *PV had an email from Helen Smedley at Archery GB today asking us to sign up for the Big Weekend. Pointed out to her that had we been told about it before Christmas, we could have arranged our beginners shoot accordingly. Worth pursuing further for the future if not for AGB Big Weekend? Should be able to sign up for Archery Big Weekend next year – assuming we're still AGB-affiliated. [Secretary's note:- On the other aspect of this (horse-mounted archery) had a chat with Jen Hiscock at work on Friday, and told her that the College probably wouldn't allow us to bring a horse onto the field. She was surprised at that as other schools have allowed demonstrations on their grounds. 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 ongoing.]*

**Action 7(a) 2/19** – Have-a-go for Watkins employees – any further news on that? *Not heard anything from Steven Bolton on that but doubtless he has it in hand – Bob will get on to him again. [Action ongoing.]*

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

**Action 4a(ii) 1/19** – Hosting coaching courses; other coaching sources available for £100/applicant; possibility of a SCAS grant through the development form route. Any further info? Is the club development form a means of putting in a business case for subsidy - might we be able to subsidise the coaching through a development grant - see **Action 5(c/d) 3/19 Club/county development plan grants** – how might we bid for that, subsidising coaching, etc. If we go forward with that how does it affect plans to go independent? Biting the hand that feeds... *Bob had a word with Ken Beerman (who's been an international coach) and he doesn't see any problem with having someone (Peter Drury or Trish Lovell) come down to assess us during a beginners shoot and sign us off as fit to coach without us doing a coaching course. They do a similar thing for the Scouts, etc. So we are going to explore this further.*

**Action 5(b) 1/19 - Keeping beginners/juniors interested – alternative shoots.** Will need to purchase the new beginners badges, and see how it progresses with this year's beginners. Last year we discussed getting junior members to shoot with junior beginners at beginners shoots - are we going to try that with the upcoming beginners shoot? Natasha can help up to 12 o'clock. *Mike said this happens anyway, and whether we'll need any more volunteers to 'buddy' the beginners on Saturday will depend on how many beginners actually turn up. [As it happens, we didn't need any more – there were only 7 beginners and no juniors.]*

**Action 7(c) 2/19** - 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? 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? Further thoughts on that? *With the drop in numbers in mind (see Membership) Colin G noted the fact that although there are currently less members, the number shooting every week hasn't dropped – when there were 70 or more members in the club we usually had about 25 shooting each week, and now we currently have just over half that number renewing membership so far, we are still getting about 25 people shooting each week. We would obviously like all the beginners to continue after the course has finished, and the new rounds & awards could form an important component of that. Mike D said that at the moment, almost all the current membership are keen and shooting regularly and if all the beginners complete the course and stay with the club we do have the capacity to do that, but if our membership increased by 50 and everyone wanted to shoot we would have problems, particularly with large numbers of beginners needing to use club bows prior to buying their own equipment (this is where the leasing option would be useful). Parking not usually an issue. Pete V said that we are going to have to be quite proactive between now and September helping/advising beginners on choosing their own equipment, esp. as new archery equipment can be quite an investment. [Secretary's note:- e.g. last year we may have lost one junior possibly because he wasn't in a position to buy his own equipment – we didn't see him again after putting out a request for people to start buying their own bows prior to the first 2018 beginners shoot]. [Action ongoing.]*

**Action 7(d) 3/19** - Investigate possibility of scene shoot – any further thoughts John Marshall? *Welsh Bob AWOL – discuss next meeting (if he's there!)*

## **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]**

**Action 5(d) 1/19** - Renewing coaching qualifications – do we yet have sufficient insurance info to establish whether this will be necessary? Suggest that given previous discussion, we should have a minimum two people with coaching qualification.

**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, possibility of sharing insurance with Folkestone, etc? Progress? *Andy Doyle emailed Bob with quote from Catlin XL through his office – direct replacement for AGB insurance of £275/yr for up to 100 members, max. public liability of £5m, covers visitors to the club, member – member liability (i.e. member-inflicted injury liability). Lower numbers of members would not reduce the price. The main proviso is that safety rules as laid down by a National Governing Body need to be adhered to, which Andy doesn't think is unreasonable as it saves the insurers adding their own restrictions. Works out at around £5-6.00/member, depending on numbers, or say £8.00 if we do as Colin suggested and give ourselves a bit of a financial buffer. It might work out at a bit more anyway (perhaps up to £15-20/member) once we included cover for hut contents. Mike D said that the one remaining issue apart from the hut contents insurance, is whether our insurance will cover us to go and shoot at Folkestone, Lullistone, Vigo, etc. We must clarify that with 100% certainty before we can bring a proposal to the club membership. [Action ongoing.]*

**Action 6(f) 1/19** - Bob to ask Peter Drury about availability of KAA coaching team availability to an independent TAC. Any further news on that, availability of non-AGB coaches?

**Are we now in a position to bring proposals/options to the membership? If not, are we likely to be able to do that before the end of July at the very latest (given that AGB renewal is due from end of August)?** *Not yet but about 90% there. We should make this the main topic at next meeting.*

**7/ A.O.B.**

- two Sunday field shoot trips arranged now with Adrian Mercer driving. However both are Archery GB shoots and Adrian is not an Archery GB member, so he can take us but he can't shoot. He's charging £100 for each, we are charging £5 per/person, so we are effectively subsidising the travel. Mike's suggestion is that we pay his AGB fee also so that he can shoot. Committee agreed.
- Photography - which shoots? *Sylvia Hogbin, indoor record status, club champs, etc. Will need authorisation from parents for any juniors to be photographed.*
- Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June

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