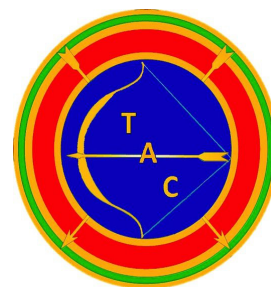


Thanet Archery Club
Committee Meeting Minutes



July 11th 2019 7:30pm - Ursuline Sports Hall tea room

Catering team:- Tea/coffee:- Bob Gawler
Biscuits:- None (Ann Fretwell sorely missed!)

- 1/ Apologies** – Dick Bailey, Lee Burns (can't do Thursdays apparently), Jerry Choo (resigned), Ann Fretwell, Frank Pullen.
- 2/ Present** – Mike Davis, Andy Doyle, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Roy Holden, John Marshall, Andy Mair, Pete Verrall.
- 3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting – Accepted.**

4/ Officers Reports

a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)

- Looking through the constitution searching for any procedural details relating to child protection or other sensitive or confidential issues, we don't seem to have anything in writing. To ensure we safeguard all those involved (complainants, those accused and relevant committee members) it seems reasonable to update the constitution with an agreed procedure. Don't want to make it too complicated though. [*Thanks to Mike Davis for pointing out the following:- Constitution Section 1(d) This club has adopted the Archery GB Policy for Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults.*]

- Thanks to Colin for updating me on membership renewals so I can keep the email groups up to date.
- In the process of attempting to close the parasport account, I discovered more of its functionality. The idea of the site is to create opportunities for people with a wide range of disabilities (mental/physical/learning) to take up a sport/activity. This would require certain areas of expertise in order to do properly, which I'm not confident we currently have. I'm wondering if TADSAD would be better prepared to offer the support required? I've moved this action to Club Development so we can discuss it further then.

Correspondence

- Reply from Helen Smedley at Archery GB forwarded to committee. Two particular points of interest which can be dealt with at the appropriate point in the meeting

1/ Coaching fees are often supported by club, county or region, and we could explore this.

2/ Club development grants (up to £1000?) are available via the OnTarget process and perhaps we should seriously work on a business case for this.

Can defer these until after AGM should members vote to stay with AGB.

- Please see also my reply to Helen Smedley below.

“Hi Helen,

Thank you for your email. I have passed your comments on to the rest of our committee. As I mentioned, we have already begun to use the OnTarget form, and although there was some cynicism from committee members about the process, I will encourage the committee to try and view it with more optimism.

As regards the Sussex Yeomanry web site and horse archery in general, I was suggesting this as an opportunity to host a demonstration at bigger regional events, not offer it as an expansion of Archery GB activities. Doubtless there are other bodies already governing such activities and insurers more than happy to provide cover for them, so there would be no need for Archery GB to expand its remit.

Regards,

Pete Verrall.

TAC Club Secretary.”

Not sure I managed to assuage committee cynicism at June meeting, but at least I tried. Should the membership vote at AGM to stay affiliated to AGB, then that would be an appropriate time to revisit this.

- Further requests for info about beginners courses, training, have-a-go's from a number of people, as well as a couple of enquiries from visiting archers; with Pat's resignation from club & Captaincy, we seem to have more spare places on September beginners shoot than we previously thought, but lots of interest from prospective beginners – what are the latest figures on that? [*10 deposits in so far, so plenty of places available still.*]
- KAA messages about various away shoots forwarded to club members
- Enquiry from Pie Factory regarding have-a-go session; would like to know when we might be able to host one, costs, etc. [*We can fit them in but can't do it for less than £10/person*]

b/ Treasurer – Bank balance as of 20th June 2019 £12,607.73; Colin has sent off all the forms for the new bank account. Once that's set up, will arrange transfer of balance to new account with new cheque books hopefully before AGB fees are due to be paid.

Sylvia outdoor shoot made £355.83 after costs.

Ten entrants registered for the indoor record-status shoot.

c/ Membership – To date we have 71 members and 6 associate members, with Gary due to sign up once he's completed his beginners course. 9 have not renewed.

d/ Records officer (Mike standing in for Ann) – TAC36 rounds – we've had 49 completed so far, which is more than we had badges for, so Mike has ordered some more.

Green award (20yd):- 15
Whites award (30yd):- 12
Black award (40yd):- 8
Blue award (50yd):- 9
Red award (60yd):- 5

No Gold or Purple awards yet. What people need to remember is that these rounds don't contribute to one's handicap, so they need to start shooting the traditional rounds in time to have a handicap ready for the club champs (handicap) shoot.

e/ Junior rep – None.

f/ Equipment officer – Andy hasn't been able to get to the field at the weekends to do anything, but John Marshall (now a keyholder) can let him in during the week – just need to arrange a time. If going up outside shooting hours, must sign in at the School hut near the entrance.

g/ CPO – None

5/ Matters Arising.

a/ Key rota & refund for Ursuline shoot – Jerry has resigned from the committee, club and also removed himself from key rota. I've emailed Leon to ask if he is willing to cover Jerry's remaining Tuesdays. *[Leon has confirmed he is willing to take on Jerry's slots; also John Marshall is available as emergency cover on Weds & Thurs.]*

Additionally on June 11th, after deciding to concentrate on NFAS shoots, he asked for a refund of his payment for the October record shoot but after discussion between Colin and Mike, has apparently been refused, and is not happy about this as there was no warning on the entry form.

We need to address this, particularly if Jerry is correct about there being no “NoRefund” warning on the entry form. The Jubilee shoot allowed refunds before a certain date, and to refuse a refund even though Jerry has given 4 months notice seems somewhat draconian. If we are not going to allow refunds, it should be made clear on the entry form. *[Discussed by committee; apparently Bob has had a chat with Jerry, and explained to him that in all the time he's been shooting no-one has received a refund, and Jerry accepted that. PV suggested that it would sensible to add a sentence to entry forms that no refunds will be given in the event of a cancellation, but it was not thought necessary by others on the committee as hardly any other clubs offer refunds on inter-club shoots]*

b/ Pat's resignation from committee & club – should find a suitable way of thanking him for his input to the club over the years. Honorary membership would seem entirely appropriate... *[Bob said that he and Linda had a letter from Pat, saying that he will visit from time*

to time but won't be shooting anymore. Fred has suggested to Mike that we have a collection for Pat, John Marshall said Pat likes his malt whiskey, and he also has an archery plaque that could be personalised for Pat, and he's quite happy to donate it. Committee agreed with these suggestions. Honorary membership needs to be brought as a proposal at AGM. **Action 5(b) 7/19]**

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. [Also Club Secretary's email address.] **Action for** Andy Mair.

Action 4(c) 3/19 – Lullistone shoot – any news? [Complicated. Bob mentioned that Folkestone have had to move our leg to 27th July. Lullistone have arranged to come to us on 7th Sept – expect that clashes with the beginners shoot! Barry has a fixture list too! Will have to sort another date. Additionally our 21st July field shoot clashes with the field shoot at Detling, so we will have to rearrange the date for our field shoot - **Ongoing]**

Action 4(g) 3/19a - Inventorying all the equipment in the shed, and clearing out the junk. Progress? [None but John M has keys now, so Andy Doyle & he can start on that soon - **Ongoing]**

Action 5(a) 2/19 – Hut crack repairs, painting, etc. Progress? **[Done – action closed]**

Action 5b 2/19 – Colin to enquire whether Baypoint would be a possible new club venue if required - any further info? [Colin to hold off until club info cards done – no rush]

Action 5(b) 3/19 – 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. [Mike to find out about that.]

Action 7(a) 2/19 – Have-a-go for Watkins employees – date arranged, request for help sent to club members, do we have sufficient no of helpers? Ditto St Lawrence Holiday Camps. **[Sorted – action closed]**

6/ Outstanding action points on club development

Action 4a(ii) 1/19 – Coaching development; possibility of a SCAS grant through the development form route. Any further info? From Helen Smedley's email *OnTarget* club development form seems to be a means of putting in a business case for subsidy. If we go forward with that how does it affect plans to go independent? [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. Mike has put together a checklist of things we **must** tell people during the September beginners course.]

Action 4(a) 3/19 - Parasport club account, - the idea of the site is to create opportunities for people with a wide range of disabilities to take up a sport/activity. Disabilities include:- Acquired brain injuries, hearing impairment, PAN Disability, Learning impairment, Mental health, Physical impairment, Amputee, Cerebral Palsy, Short stature, Spinal Cord Injury, Social or behavioural, Visual impairment.

Given that TADSAD already provides activities for people with a number of these, is there any call for us to try and target people in our community with these kinds of impairments? We need to be sure that we do not disappoint people by offering activities that we do not have the skills to support properly. PV has forwarded the registration info via FB to TADSAD, so hopefully that will benefit them. **[Action closed.]**

Action 4(g) 3/19b – Equipment leasing – is it possible for the club to avail itself of that? Further info? Relevance to next action... *[Mike spoke to the guy at Stylist and he said that he's never done a club account before but thinks it may be more trouble than it's worth, but has offered to come down for the day at the end of the beginners course and show them the rental scheme he doesn't and the equipment covered by that.]*

Action 7(c) 2/19 [Standing action] - 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 successful have we been with this year's beginners so far? What can be improved? *[John Marshall asked how we can make the beginners courses more flexible rather than perhaps forcing people to wait until the next spring. Bob pointed out that beginners course capacity is limited by two things, equipment availability and helpers. Pete V said that we had just been discussing equipment leasing, and depending on how that pans out when Stylist visit us in September, it may be a means of expanding beginners capacity. However we also need enough helpers to run more courses. Mike said people aren't being asked to run the coaching, just need to be able to help. Bob said that Canterbury do their beginners shoot on a Sat afternoon, so members shoot in the morning and help the beginners after lunch. Pretty positive response from committee on that – would probably need to spread course over 3 x 3hr Sat afternoon sessions. Food for thought, - possibly a way of doing next year's beginners courses.]*

Action 7(d) 3/19 - Investigate possibility of scene shoot – any further thoughts John Marshall? *[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. Will look at the fixtures list for next year, or replace one of the frostbites, which can get a bit boring. John Marshall to chat to Dave Ash about borrowing 3D targets. - **Action ongoing]***

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]**

- With the SurveyMonkey poll now closed, we had 30 respondents (less than half of the members); 16 in favour of independence from AGB, 14 against independence from AGB. While short of 60% threshold, it's close enough to bring to vote at AGM. With respect to possible changes to constitution, etc, what needs to be done between now and

November.? [Survey to be extended – encourage those who have not yet voted to do so in order to get as broad a view as possible of members views., and also anyone who is not comfortable with Surveymonkey can register their vote at the club. Bob also had info on setting up an NFAS club according to NFAS rules – requirements to have minimum of 3 club members who are NFAS members, own insurance. BLBS are allowed to shoot at AGB clubs but they have to shoot on separate targets. One suggestion is to split the club into different sections, AGB, NFAS, BLBS, etc, and people affiliate with the ones they want, but that seems very unwieldy, and adds very little benefit at extra cost. Will discuss means of maximising vote/attendance at AGM at next meeting. **Ongoing.**]

7/ A.O.B.

- Roy Holden to look into using Ransgate Royal British Legion for next meeting which will be held on 8th August.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm