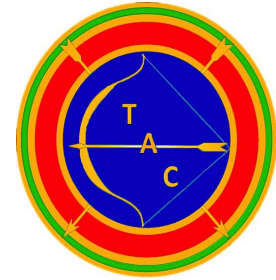


Thanet Archery Club
Committee Meeting minutes.



January 23rd 2020 7:30pm

- The Bell Inn, St Nicholas at Wade, CT7 0NT

1/ Apologies – Ryan Holden, Andy Mair

2/ Present – Dick Bailey, Lee Burns, Mike Davis, Anne Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Fred Hammond, Roy Holden, Brian Horne, John Marshall, Frank Pullen, Pete Verrall

3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting – Accepted

4/ Officers Reports

a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)

Clout registered to TAC for Kent Archery Assoc. AGM. (19th January). Also enquired via email to KAA secretary at the same time about precise responsibilities of KAA Club Development officer role but received no response, so didn't offer my name.

Correspondence

- Several enquiries about beginners shoots and have-a-go's. Some already signed up for May.
- Also an enquiry from Jane Rous, teaching assistant at the Lighthouse School in Margate regarding an autistic pupil (Ellis) doing a have-a-go one Saturday. Came with Ellis and his mum and had a chat with Bob after the Millenium shoot. After a bit of discussion, decided to go to TADSAD.
- Email from Helen Smedley re: Range Registration renewal forwarded to committee. Needs to be completed by end of March. See Matters Arising.
- Toby Andrews in touch with self & Mike D re: Archery Big Weekend, *ontarget* Club competition (April-Sept), various club workshops and Club & Volunteer Awards 2020. See Matters Arising.
- Message from Ryan re:- Indoor shoot. The Record status has been applied for and he is currently in the process of creating the target list. Things are looking good on the scoring side, I'm still working with someone on it but it looks like we are going to have live scoring.

- Proposed changes to KAA policy manual; forwarded to club.

b/ Treasurer – As of 21st January, we have £11037.29 – that's after paying out £1000 for 20 3D targets in December. Two outstanding cheques to clear, £25 outgoing to register the record-status shoot with Archery GB and £300 outgoing rent for Ursuline. Invoice through for St Lawrence rent from last July for £895 just needs Bob to confirm that.

Comments:-

Bob mentioned that they've been asking for our fixture/field hire list for this year, so Colin will send that through.

Frank commented that with this extra subs income from the Canterbury archers, we should earmark it for the indoor Tuesday shoot, which gives us more of a cushion for Tuesdays. Colin agreed it would make sense.

c/ Membership – Nothing to report. No more renewals or resignations since last committee meeting. Colin's also had a couple of enquiries about beginners courses which he's passed on to Bob.

d/ Captains report –

(i) Main points of the KAA AGM held on Sunday 19th January.

The only KAA shoot being held this year is the WA720. There is no tournament organiser for the WA1440 so will not go ahead unless someone can be found to run it. This year's KAA springboard shoot is on the 26th July, was cancelled last year as there was only one entrant. Please encourage club members to take part, even those with Bowman classification, although they will not be able to win.

New Kent records officer is Mel? Vacant KAA posts:- Safeguarding officer, Membership secretary + more junior judges needed.

Invicta coaching not being run at the moment as there was no take-up.

After a consultation period up to the 7th April, with comments welcomed, agreement with clubs, looking to bring in new rules regarding records and record entering. Each member to be able to enter their own scores via email. Email address to be available after consultation period.

(ii) Bob has applied for and been awarded Tassel-status for the Clout. Also sent the entry form off to KAA. Andy has sent it off to Brighton & Dover and they've got it on their sites.

(iii) Archery GB have now created a category for American flat bow and we have a few at the club; will we have an award for them after the winter frostbite like the others? *Mike asked if they were now upgrading the software to add flatbow scores. Anne said they've already done it. Mike said it would make sense to leave things as they are for this frostbite season, but change it for next year.*

(iv) Query from Linda G – How much will her AGB fee be from 1st Feb? *Colin said it will be full fee, as she has not been out of membership for long enough.*

(v) John M is doing a tremendous job as Saturday field captain. John M said that he did agree to shadow the captain's role but he does want to learn what's going on. PV said he is cc'ing John M into all (or almost all!) the emails he sends to Bob.

e/ Records officer –

1/ Score sheets – how long does Anne need to retain them? *Mike said to keep them until the end of next season.*

2/ Records certificates – Anne has 4 designs to hand round for us to peruse. She suggests we give them out at the end of each month where necessary. No need to back-date to last year. Start from this summer season. *Frank said that the one with the arrows, and those with the border will look better in a frame, and some of our members will want to frame theirs. Lee asked if it would be possible to brighten up the colours (Anne said Yes – these are just drafts.) Majority of committee voted for the style with a fancy border, which Anne said would be easy to adapt the wording for other occasions. Brian H said that he'd forgotten to order the badges we needed, but will do so tomorrow.*

f/ Junior rep – Vacant. *Bob said we can co-opt someone from the committee to do that if we want. Think about that next meeting. [Action 4(f) 1/20]*

g/ Equipment officer – Everyone's quite pleased with the arrow sale. We've a few more but they've sold well, and with a bit of work have come up looking very good. Mostly been bought for field archery. We've also got some more target pins. Brian H and John M are going to make some time to go up to the hut and give the 3D targets a bit of TLC. A few repairs needed that they can do between them. There are also one or two target stands in need of repair. A couple of the legs are looking a bit shakey. Another has a pin missing. Brian will make a list of what needs doing. Brian has also had quite few requests to make strings and the club has string-making materials – how do we go it? Up to now Brian's been using his own supply of string. Costing, buying string, labour, etc. *John M that if Brian's doing it privately, then he may as well use his own kit. We should keep the club stuff for maintaining club bows. That way the costing doesn't get complicated. Bob asked Brian if he would like to do workshops on string-making, etc, and Brian said he would very much like to do that. Bob said we could use the club string-making stuff for that and use an Ursuline class room to run it in, or set up a gazebo at the field after a summer shoot, or on one of the summer evenings. Brian suggested one designated evening each week if there is the demand. Frank suggested including arrow-making, bow tuning, etc as well. Dick said he would be happy to help.*

h/ CPO – Nothing to report.

5/ Matters Arising.

a/ Fred Hammond has offered to join the committee as an ordinary member. Therefore the committee must agree to so co-opt him. All those in favour said, "Aye", and Fred is now an ordinary member of the TAC committee.

b/ Suggestions for rounds/records

- Inventing badges for Nationals in a similar format to TAC36 with avg'd scoring over 2 distances (suggested by Frank). These don't need to be ready before April.
- A5-sized certificates for club records (suggested by Ryan). *Dealt with in Records officer report.*

c/ Range registration renewal process. *PV to re-register online, no changes to risk assessment required. [Secretary's note:- Registration now complete]*

d/ **ontarget** Club competition (April-Sept) £30/team (Early bird £15 before 31st Jan). Club events April – August (finals at Lilleshall Sunday 6th September) [**ontarget** round – 4 archers mixed gender shooting 2 dozen in ends of six at 50m; Barebow & longbow use 122cm face, compound & recurve use 80cm face. Teams drawn Home or Away and winning team advances to next round.] *A nice thing to try and do but with all the other summer fixtures, inter-club Kent shoots, committee felt it was a huge amount of organisation and extra travelling, being in Thanet we're that much further from everywhere as well, so a bit of a non-starter.*

e/ Club & volunteer awards – nominations from **ontarget** clubs only by 28th February. Only members, coaches and volunteers from **ontarget** clubs or the club itself may be nominated. *John M nominates Bob Gowler (sic), Frank seconded. PV to look into how to do that.*

f/ Club development workshops available around the country; nearest one at Guildford on 7th March; no pricing info for any of them. *The Guildford one is related to the AGB club development process, other than that details sketchy. Committee felt that with not many details, hard to tell if they'd be any use.*

g/ Jenny Walsh has created a FB page called Cherub Selection Archery for putting club photos on. I think she was getting frustrated by not being able to get them onto the official club page. It doesn't really make sense to have a second club page, and she seems to know what she's doing, so suggest we add her to the list of admins so she can add photos and create albums herself. *Ryan commented "In respect to this, the Facebook page is set up with only committee members in control, I feel this is the best way and it should stay. Also it took me a long time to set up with all the little settings which could easily be mistakenly changed. I would give her the suggestion that if she would like anything put on she could email Ryanholden13@hotmail.co.uk I will then put them on as it is a lot easier to upload straight from an email plus the picture quality will be better."* *Bob said he gave Jenny Andy Doyle's email to put them on the club web page, but Andy doesn't seem to be adding photos, although the AGM and committee minutes are up to date (end of 2019). Roy said that Jenny had been putting photos up without getting permission which raises GDPR issues - even though it's her own page, the photos are of club members. There is also the issue of web page maintenance – John M said that if Andy Doyle isn't in a position at the moment to regularly update the website, perhaps we need to sort out a reliable system of getting photos uploaded, so Jenny doesn't get frustrated with the process. The best thing at present is for (a) Jenny to send all photos to Ryan so he can check that we have permission before they go online, and then Andy Doyle (or A.N.Other) can periodically transfer photos from the Facebook page to the club website. While her new FB page is entirely her own, if Jenny is going to continue to put unauthorised photos of club members on that page then the club cannot have any official link with it; (b) John M to ask Andy Doyle if he is still wants/has time to maintain the website. If he isn't then we need to sort out an alternative. [Action 5(g) 1/20]*

6/ Outstanding general action points.

Action 4(g) 3/19a - Inventorying all the equipment in the shed, and clearing out the junk. Needs a working party one Saturday afternoon to finish it off. John M suggested offering a membership fee discount for those who are prepared sign up to those during the year. Any dates? *Colin G, Bob G, Brian H, Roy H, John M (and probably Frank as well) all available to complete the inventory during the week. To liaise and arrange time(s) to complete over the coming weeks.*

Action 4(e) 9/19 – Club shooting records from online database to be to be put on board in hut. Action for new year. *A monthly update suggested, but Anne not sure of the practicalities since there are not that many club records created. KAA soon to make club record available online, so best to hold off for a month until we have a better idea of how that will work and what else is necessary if anything. As an aside, on the issue of mixing up experienced archers and newbies, Anne suggested having a bag of counters to pick out which targets, with groups of numbers so people pick out which target they are meant to shoot at. Anne to take that on...* **[Action 6(a) 1/20]**

Action 5(b) 3/19 – Horse archery demo for future Archery Big Weekend event (15th -17th May 2020) – either on field with School's permission or on field nr. Mike D's house. *Mike said he has not been able to get permission to use the field adjacent to his home, so it seems this is not going to be doable. Mike's suggested alternative for the Archery Big Weekend is to run a Have-A-Go on the 16th May, with the possibility that any punters might then do the full beginners course either in May if there are still spaces free, or later in the summer. Will need to register that before end of March.*

Action 5(a) 11/19 - Putting a whiteboard out with upcoming shoots & other announcements. *White board available for that.* **[Action closed]**

Action 8(a) 11/19 – Trophies – Obtaining trophy cabinet to put the older trophies in; purchasing cheaper trophies for people to keep at future club competitions. *Brian's daughter has a lockable glass-fronted cabinet available if it's suitable. Lee to look for suitable cabinet <£100. Regarding trophies, Lee can get hold of trophies, with pre-engraved removable plaques so that they can be repurposed. A number of different trophy styles available which can be earmarked for particular shoots.*

Action 8(b) 11/19 – Sign-up sheet for running club events. Are all events covered?

6/ Outstanding action points on club development

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. When would be a good date? Should we arrange that for the May beginners or after the May beginners? *Mike said he doesn't think that's going to happen now.* **[Action closed]**

Action 5(a) 10/19 - 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? *Mike D said that what we need to know is if/how we have the capacity as a club to cater for more coaching both in terms of time & personnel.* **[Ongoing.]**

Action 6(a) 7/19 – First beginners 23rd & 30th May; 1-5pm. Start calling for helpers from start of summer season and discuss further at April meeting? *Agreed.*

Action 7(d) 3/19 – Adding scene shoot(s) to programme; date set for 19th July 2020; organiser John Marshall; start calling for helpers from May, discuss further at May meeting? *Mike D suggested using the time after the frostbite to spend ½hr or so to test out the idea.* **[Ongoing]**

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? *Still need to talk to the school before discussing further. [Ongoing]*

Action 7(a) 10/19 - 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. *Mike said that Folkestone have done something similar by deregistering their shooting field and registered Dave Ash's paddock as their home ground instead. They then took up separate insurance on their field which is now available to AGB & non-AGB archers. Bob suggested we invite Emma to one of our committee meetings this spring so we can discuss some of these issues.*

8/ A.O.B.

a/ John M would like the committee to consider sending out an advert asking for info on wooded areas in/near the Thanet area for use for field archery. Lee suggested checking with real estate agents. Mike suggested using NextDoor, an online Facebook-type app so you can select the area to send enquiries about. The other is Facebook Marketplace which gets lots of responses. John said we will obviously need to draw up a draft advert with all the main advantages of field archery as an environmentally sound use of land. Brian suggested Symondswold which was located at Northbourne School near Tilmanstone. Mike suggested the old hoverport site, owned by TDC. John M to draft advert for next committee meeting. **[Action 8(a) 1/20]**

b/ Frank raised the possibility of organising a club trip to Bill Terry's archery museum.

c/ Fred suggested a fun shoot for the last Ursuline indoor shoot. He's happy to help organise that.

d/ Pete brought up Lee's pre-Christmas suggestion of a social night at Buggy's ten-pin bowling and they do a deal for about £20/head for 2hrs bowling with food/drink included. Lee to email it out again to gauge interest for 28th February. **[Action 8(d) 1/20]** Other suggestions from committee members included indoor bowls boules, bat-and-trap, Mahjong, etc. Talk to Paul Yandell about bowls?

Meeting closed at 8:45pm. Thanks to Bob for buying the drinks.

Next meeting Thursday 12th March.