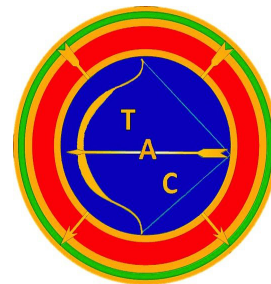


Thanet Archery Club
Committee Meeting minutes

**August 8th 2019 7:30pm – Royal British Legion, Allenby House,
16 Cliff St, Ramsgate CT11 9HS
(upstairs)**



1/ Apologies – Lee Burns, Frank Pullen.

2/ Present – Dick Bailey, Mike Davis, Ann Fretwell (thanks for the biscuits!), Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler (thanks for the drinkies!), Roy Holden, Andy Mair, John Marshall, Pete Verrall.

3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting – Accepted

4/ Officers Reports

a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)

- Watkins shoot went very well – email of thanks from Steve Bolton on behalf of his staff, as well as a note that they underpaid us by £5/head (£100). Steve was going to drop off a cheque - don't know if that's happened yet...

- Three of holiday camp shoots completed – going OK, but difficult to tutor people /maintain interest when English not first language, and there can be a bit of a delay in shooting each time - can we keep them engaged more if they help to collect arrows? *[Bob - Apparently that happened with the 3rd shoot and it worked well – one youngster was particularly adept at ferreting out missing arrows]*

- Thanks to Irene, Ted & Jenny for urgent re-fletching and bow maintenance. Apologies to Andy Doyle for misunderstanding over bow maintenance.

- Pat visited on Sat 27th and he was thanked for his service to the club and presented with gifts on everyone's behalf . Letter of thanks received by Bob.

Correspondence

- No further enquiries about beginners courses – what are the current numbers of people signed up for September? *[Current numbers (deposits received) - 10.]*
- Passed on to Pie Factory info on have-a-go's; reply back from Francesca asking for possible dates in September or October; Bob G cc'd in on reply suggesting possible dates (21st September, 5th or 12th Oct). Tuesday eves at the Ursuline also a possibility.

b/ Treasurer – New bank account is up and running, with the first online payments going through without any problems. Can now arrange to close the old account.

As of 8th August 2019 account balance:- £10820.76

Paid field rent arrears of £2858.52 (Rent now up to date)

Income:- July have-a-go's - £574.00

Sunday field shoot - £37.00

c/ Membership – Barry Finch renewed his TAC membership on Tuesday evening. Four renewals of AGB membership already (one by bank transfer). Mark Blay is also intending to renew his as well. With 10 signed up for the beginners, Bob is a little concerned in case any on Pat's original list turn up on the day as well, as only two of those have actually paid. New event created on FB for beginners course, with reminder to all those who have previously enquired.

d/ Captains report - I have taken on the club captains roll since Pat retired. I took on two beginners (Jade & Gary) who have both completed the course, and have since joined the club. We have had two successful have-a-go's one for King Ethelbert Teachers & one for Watkins, both with B.B.Q's. They went off very well - thanks to all that helped, especially Fred Hammond & his wife for doing the B.B.Q. The Folkestone 2nd leg was moved to 27th July & Lullistone attended the 1st leg of our interclub shoot we won this leg by 43 points. Thanks to all members that turned up; unfortunately Folkestone failed to show, so we have won that leg by default.

The Field shoot went very well; finished off with bacon rolls.

We have now run three summer camps for St Lawrence one more to do 29th August. Lullistone away is still on for 15th September.

We host the clout on 22nd September; need help for that and also marking out the field on Friday 20th.

e/ Records officer – We have some people who are due badges, as well as quite a few club records broken. Best to announce at the field how club members can access their records, so you don't then get a flood of people trying to access the system. Mike Davis said he had downloaded the competition version of their records software. As it's a trial version, he intends to try using it for the club championship. From what he's seen of it so far he thinks it's no good, the reason being it's no help with working out handicaps, as it relies on the user to work out the handicap scores and put them in manually, so it doesn't save any time/hassle. Ann said that the one we already use does that for you. Mike said that the problem is if we use it for shoots other than club shoots, we won't know anyone's handicap, so if this software isn't going to automatically calculate the handicap, why use it?

f/ Junior rep – None.

g/ Equipment officer – Andy has decided to stand down as equipment officer as he doesn't really have the time at present to look after things, inventorying, etc, but will continue to maintain the website. Bob said Ted has not taken over from Andy as equipment officer, and is doing the arrow and bow maintenance as long as it is done to a decent standard. We need to check that all the equipment is ready for the beginners shoot. Will discuss the lack of an equipment officer under AOB.

h/ CPO – Will provide separate update to Bob & Mike after main meeting.

5/ Matters Arising. - None.

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 has printed out an iteration sheet with a number of different designs for us to peruse and offer comments. There were a couple of designs which looked good, and were worth combining the best features of each. Andy took committee comments on board and will come up with an alternative design for next meeting]*

Action 4(c) 3/19 – Lullistone shoot – Barry and Alice Friend from Lullistone visited for the Folkestone return shoot on 27th July – **[Action closed]**

Action 4(g) 3/19a - Inventorying all the equipment in the shed, and clearing out the junk. *[Andy Doyle not had the time to do it not even with John Marshall offering to help. Jenny Walsh has started itemising some of the stuff in the bow cupboard – see below. Would be good to ask her to itemise the other cupboards, a corner at a time. The stuff higher up on the top shelves needs to be done by those who can reach it a bit easier. Perhaps we could work through it over several Saturday afternoons? One of the issues that the have-a-go's have thrown up is the astonishing array of arrows, - fibreglass, aluminium, carbon, etc, with a variety of knocks, points, fletchings, etc that don't match the bows they're being used with. It would be worth purchasing distinct sets of arrows specifically for have-a-go's to use with the jelly/snake bows and keep them separate from the club bows we use for the beginners courses.]*

- 10 x Snake bows
- 27 x Recurve bows
- 6 x Jelly bows
- 12 x Longbows
- 1 x wooden flatbow
- 3 x All-in-one recurve bows
- 1 x brown bow

On the bottom shelves there were:

- 2 longbows w/out strings
- 4 recurve bows w/out strings

Total:- 60 bows with strings
6 bows w/out strings

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's not seen his neighbour to discuss this, but we have until next May to sort this out in time for Archery Big Weekend]*

Action 5(b) 7/19 – Honorary club membership for Pat Powell to be voted on at November AGM. *[Bob said that Pat's feeling is he's retired, finished, etc; he may visit from time to time, but won't be shooting again. Consequently, he's very happy with the gifts that he got from the club, but wouldn't be interested in honorary membership.]* **Action closed**

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. Mike putting together a checklist of things we **must** tell people during the September beginners course. Is that all ready? *[Regarding the World Archery information that Ann emailed us, Bob contacted World Archery first and apparently if you've been in archery for over 2 years and have entered at least two World Archery (record-status) shoots, you are eligible to do the online course for £14, and you then get a token from Archery GB (except that Archery GB doesn't "know" anything about it yet) that allows you to do the online multiple-guess course. If you pass that, that gives you a coaching certificate lasting 4 years, during which time you have to keep a diary of your archery activity/experience. If you fail the online course, they recommend you do a hands-on coaching course. Archery GB then said they wouldn't recognise it. That doesn't prevent us putting on our web site that our coaches are trained to World Archery standards.*

Archery GB will shortly be announcing it on the onTarget club development Learning Curve Hub. We look forward to getting more details in due course when Archery GB officially "know" about it.

*As regards checklist, not discussed but will need to discuss in September – **Action ongoing]***

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 for the day at the end of the beginners course to show us the rental scheme he does and the equipment covered by that. Would make sense to have September committee meeting after beginners shoot so we can discuss this fully. *[Mike said it seems a very long way to drag the guy all the way down from Grimsby just for one day (looked on their web site and they're not quite that far, actually Rugby in Warwickshire) and suggested we put it on hold for the time being. This does affect the clubs ability to expand beginners shoots though.]*

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. Something to bring to AGM to gauge support? *[Would avoid complaints about beginners shoots slowing people down, but two weekends would be enough either 1-5pm or 12-4pm, need to ask St Lawrence if they are OK with a later finishing time. It does make it a long day though for those who arrive in the morning before 9:30am. Could*

provide a barbeque as a bit of a carrot (although people would probably prefer burgers!) Worth giving it a try and see if we get more helpers that way.] [Action ongoing]

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? *[One issue with the beginners shoots is that we really want to encourage juniors and also people taking up recurve as hardly any of our beginners continue with it. Most stick with barebow or longbow, with the odd individual shooting recurve or compound. Mike said it's maybe a consequence of the way we run beginners shoots. We start them off with barebow and then try to introduce the recurve sight on the 2nd Saturday, by which time most opt to continue without it. We should perhaps go back to starting beginners shoots with the sight and Mediterranean draw (one finger over/two under).]* **[Action ongoing]**

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. John Marshall to chat to Dave Ash about borrowing 3D targets – progress? *[John Marshall hasn't approached Dave Ash yet as he need to have specific dates, however we need to know their availability before we can set a date to borrow them. No point deciding on a date if they're in use then. Another complicating factor is that they are independent from AGB from 1st October, so for insurance reasons they wouldn't be able to shoot at our field, although we would be able to shoot at their field. Future inter-club shoots would have to take place at their field for the same reason.]* **[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]**

- Latest result from the Surveymonkey poll, as of 3rd August we have 41 respondents; 20 in favour of independence from AGB, 21 against independence from AGB. What's the response from voting box in hut? *[Two votes in the box – both against independence, hence 20 for independence, 23 against.]*

With respect to possible changes to constitution, etc, what needs to 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.]*

How to maximise attendance at AGM? *[Taking it forward, we will need to make a recommendation to the membership at the AGM and Mike said that given the result of the*

online survey, we should recommend staying in Archery GB. However, if there is to be a physical vote at AGM, then there is still the opportunity to point out the financial benefits of independence and the financial concessions for those who for competitive reasons wish to maintain their individual AGB membership. Since after fully 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 we should have held off the survey until after people had renewed their AGB/GNAS fees, and then people would have understood the financial costs of AGB membership (esp. for families) vs independence. 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?) **[Action 7(a) 8/19]**

8/ A.O.B.

- Vacant equipment officer slot; *[According to the club constitution Section 4(c) "Vacancies occurring in the elected Committee during any one year may be filled by members co-opted by the Committee." Therefore we do not need to wait until AGM to fill the post, so if anyone in particular springs to mind please pass suggestion to Bob or Mike.]* **[Action 8(a) 8/19]**
- Christmas meal – Bob has booked a table for 24 for a meal in the evening after the Christmas shoot (14thDecember) first come, first served, partners welcome. **[Action 8(b) 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. **[Action 8(c) 8/19]**
- Next meeting – Thursday 12th September (same venue?)

Meeting closed at 9.05pm