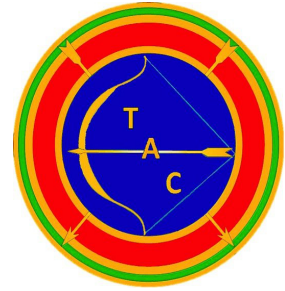


Thanet Archery Club
Committee Meeting Agenda



January 17th 2019 7:30pm - Ursuline Sports Hall tea room

- 1/ Apologies** - Lee Burns, Natasha Crouch, Ryan Holden, John Marshall
- 2/ Present** – Gerry Choo, Irene Crouch, Mike Davis, Andy Doyle, Anne Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Roy Holden, Andy Mair, Pat Powell, Frank Pullen, Pete Verrall,
- 3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting** – Accepted.
- 4/ Officers Reports**
 - a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)**

Thanks first to Bob for handling the handover – I think we worked out the best way to do it in future (outgoing secretary to make the contact detail alterations before handing over – helps with Google's ID verification!

After much exchanging of emails between ourselves and Archery GB, Colin and I now have the required access to the Club AGB account.

The Christmas shoot was a success - thanks to Natasha for organising and Irene for providing the sustenance! We had a fun start to the year with the Millennium Shoot; congratulations to the Club presidents team aided by the dastardly machinations of the Club chairman. Memo to Pat – have your scope in position from the start in future!

Correspondence

- **AGB one member one vote.** *Archery GB magazine mentioned a possible move to “one member one vote” on various aspects of AGB decision-making in place of the old system where Club Secretaries would take soundings from their members before voting on behalf of the club. Could be seen either as a democratising move or an attempt to take power away from club secretaries disgruntled by the way AGB does things. A number of us have already voted, but it's entirely up to members if and how they vote.*
- Upcoming coaching courses Aim4Sport, (see also Matters Arising.) *Pat commented that the Level 1 course at Lilleshall, Beds that runs in February, (cost £270) and that they have one place left if anyone wants to take it on. It runs over 4 sessions, and so requires 4 trips up to Lilleshall to do it. Bob commented that the one offered by Kent Police is the Leadership course – they don't do a proper coaching course. Mike said it seemed a lot of money/inconvenience to do it and asked about the possibility of hosting one locally. Bob said it was quite possible and that there would be a lot of interest from Folkestone and other clubs around the area. One issue with doing it is the Kent coaching team would require a classroom as well as most of the course is paperwork. It*

could be possible to do it at the field if Emma at St. Lawrence College was able to provide us with a classroom. Mike suggested we should find out some details cost, etc as Andy Doyle and Mike would both be interested in doing it. Bob to look into the possibilities – he's got plenty of time (so he says...)

- Upcoming away shoots Allington, Crystal Palace, Tonbridge Birthday, Gravesend Shrimp shoot.
- Quite a few people contacting us enquiring about beginners shoots – looking good for the summer!
- Also had Sheila Pocock contacting PV about the clash of dates on April 14th (Frostbite presentations at Folkestone vs Crystal Palace) – our calendar had the Crystal Palace on April 21st, while the AGB magazine has it down for the 14th. *Bob corrected it after being originally told by the person who runs the Crystal Palace shoot that it would be on the 21st April!*

b/ Treasurer – *As of 31st December, the bank balance was £11,118.66 – will have to adjust slightly as Colin has just sent the cheque payment for December Ursuline booking. He's also given another cheque to Irene to cover food for Christmas shoot. Shouldn't have to spend out so much this year having bought defib, a dozen bosses and 1st Aid courses/equipment last year. Still running a couple of quid short on subs each week.*

c/ Records officer – *Linda doing indoor/frostbite records so nothing to report. Dave Mather is working on some instructions to assist Anne in her endeavours in the summer season.*

d/ Membership – *No assistance from Dave M yet. TAC club membership fees due last Saturday of March - £25 for seniors and associate members, £10 for juniors, £5 for non-shooting members. We have approx. 60-odd members.*

e/ CPO – *Dick Bailey has agree to take it one so Irene can now stand down as CPO. Thanks for your input Irene and thanks to Dick for taking it over.*

f/ Junior rep – *nothing to report.*

g/ Equipment officer – *nothing to report.*

6/ Matters Arising.

a/ Use of TAC Official Facebook page for ads - review interim practice, workable, adequate, necessary, etc?

Ryan and Natasha have already expressed their view via email that the risk is very low, and that we are being overly cautious given how common online selling is these days, and Pete (who also sells/buys a lot online) was inclined to largely agree with that. However several committee members, (Mike, Colin and others) were still concerned about the risks of come-back from disgruntled buyers buying unsuitable/defective equipment from people we do not know. The general feeling from the meeting was that we should err on the side of caution, so the issue was put to the vote, and committee voted to limit Facebook ads on TAC Official page to members and ex-members only, with the existing agreed guidelines remaining in place.

b/ Junior membership – maintaining/increasing/ keeping them interested. Developing Natasha's suggestion from October committee meeting; further ideas - inviting all the juniors to shoot together at beginners shoots, incl. Junior beginners? Allows the newbies to make friends quickly. Have more regular fun shoots like the Christmas shoots? Caricaturised photos of committee members? Any other ideas?

Mike suggested using the badges we use during frostbite season for attaining certain scores, (200, 250, etc) for beginners to give them a more of an incentive before they get onto shooting for 3rd and 2nd class awards. Worth trying try some of these suggestions during the summer and see how they work out.

c/ Beginners handicap award for the lowest handicap at end of season - went to Darryl Scott partly because he's a natural, but also because he shoots recurve, compared to George Hirst & Dick Bailey (longbow). Not to take anything away from Darryl's obvious ability, but somehow didn't seem quite fair on the other two. Is there a better way of doing it? Separate trophies? Base it on the results of the club handicap championship, or on the improvement in handicap through the summer? Thoughts?

*Mike Davis said this isn't the case – the awards are based on handicap **improvement**, so it's still a level playing-field.*

d/ Apparently Pat's Level 1 coaching qualification has lapsed - is there an AGB/insurance requirement to have an up-to date qualification? See also action points on going independent. Would it make sense to increase the number of qualified coaches in the future? *See Matters Arising – Pat said that in his view he didn't there was an insurance issue from AGB with having coaches with up-to-date qualifications - anyone with a 2nd class or better ought to be experienced enough to coach their family or friends. The only issue might be any stipulations that future insurers make on our coaching practices. Revisit when we have more info on possible insurers. In any case it would be useful to have a larger group of people qualified to do coaching, so that it doesn't always fall to the same few individuals to do it.*

e/ Dick Bailey taking over as CPO – any further news on that front? *See CPO report.*

f/ Dates for beginners shoots – *The first one is 4th/11th May which is almost booked up. To leave suitable time gap to ensure availability of club equipment, the second one will be in September (7th/14th).*

7/ Outstanding action points on going independent – some of these were raised at AGM, others have occurred to me since due to correspondence received

- family/couples concessions from AGB? *Not known though they may be considering something in that vein.*
- everyone on the line has to be AGB-covered or no-one is covered – clarification from AGB? *Andy Doyle said that everyone who shoots at our field will be covered by our insurance – GNAS wouldn't be relevant. AGB may tell their own archers something different, but in reality most insurers (though not all) are going to stipulate that we follow the safety rules of the sports governing body (in this case Archery GB), but we don't have to belong to that body. **This is going to be a key point on a lot of these issues.***

- going independent, who's going to deal with issues needing clarification? *Bob, Mike and Andy have started investigating on a number of fronts – will address issues as we go.*
- Issues to clarify (i) AGB archers able to shoot at TAC? (ii) choosing suitable insurance cover, contact Dave Ash - who are Folkestone intending to use, prices, cover? *Mike, Bob and Andy have been doing some investigations into alternative insurance to GNAS, which is a first step. Alternative insurance will cover more than GNAS insurance anyway, (e.g. clubhouse and contents, etc.) Will also cover us going elsewhere, or others coming to us.*
- Kent record status clout shoot; if we can't host it, who would? *General feeling is that it doesn't really matter to us; we can run Tassel-award clout shoots.*
- Coaching – would we still be able to avail ourselves of AGB coaching courses, or would coaches be required to have AGB membership? Would an independent insurer require us to have qualified coaches to run beginners courses? *Bob said that the club that he contacted who have always been independent chose to have their 4 coaches as AGB members but the rest of the club were all independent.*
- Andy Doyle expressed his concern that this process could drag on and asked about an end date. *PV said that at the AGM, we did set a rough time-scale of up to 6 months to address all the various issues, collate the info, prices, etc so that we can bring all the facts to the members for a vote at an extraordinary general meeting early in the summer season (late April/early May?). That should give us plenty of time to make the necessary arrangements for going independent over the rest of the summer. In the meantime, any further questions, please forward them to Pete Verrall to be discussed at committee.*

8/ A.O.B.

- Email from Carly Miles at TDC re:- Sport & Well-being directory – *No objections from committee to us being registered, fascinating to discover what they can do for us.*
- Linda Gawler commented that there was a little bit of confusion over the 2 Sylvia Hogben shoots last year. Is it worth changing the name, or do we just need to make clear the distinction between the Sylvia Summer Outdoor and the Sylvia Autumn Indoor? *Mike commented that the Sylvia Hogbin shoot was always the outdoor handicap shoot, and the indoor record-status (which would be the last such shoots should we go independent) should be called the Thanet Indoor Record Status shoot, for this year at least.*
- September Clout – Bob said that he's been in touch with Emma (St. Lawrence College) about 8 times about having the top field for the clout on 21st September. He also emailed about the cracks in the hut, and if we're not having to move for some time we could do something about them, but if we have to move, there's no point. She has now replied apologising for the delay but the top field is now booked for

the clout, and Bob has booked a judge as well, as well as judges for the indoor record-status.

- Mike has had correspondence via the website from a Cally Henderson (connected to NHS in some way) about the possibility of hosting a have-a-go/taster session for approx. 5 adults and 2 or 3 staff. Mike told her that doing it out doors at this time of year is likely to put people off, and suggested she talk to TADSAD on a Friday night to see what they could offer, and if not possible to come back to us. Bob said that another possibility with numbers down on a Tuesday, was to accommodate them at the Ursuline at one end of the hall. So if no joy with TADSAD, we'll see about doing something for them on a Tuesday.
- Colin has been discussing with Bob re: putting a package to take to Quex to explore the possibility of relocating there if required. If we don't need to move, we're better off where we are, because Quex is likely to cost us about £5k, but it's worth doing some exploratory info-gathering if we find ourselves looking for a new home. Wherever we go, we need a long-term agreement.
- Andy has agreed to take over as web master, but Toby has yet to hand over. Colin to give him a gentle reminder when he sees Toby next. On a slightly connected topic, Andy Mair will be doing some more publicity photos for the site.
- PV asked if Manston ATC ever got back to us regarding us linking up with them and the possibility of using their facilities. *Bob said we've had no more communication from them, and we can probably assume that avenue is a dead end.*
- PV also asked if it's possible to do committee on a different evening in the week as it's quite a mad rush getting over to the Ursuline before 7:30pm after collecting Dan from Ramsgate station at 7pm. *Friday and Wednesday are out for several committee members, so maybe we will sometimes have to start a few minutes later.*

Thanks to Anne for supplying the biccies and Bob for the tea/coffee.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm - next meeting 7:30pm 28th February