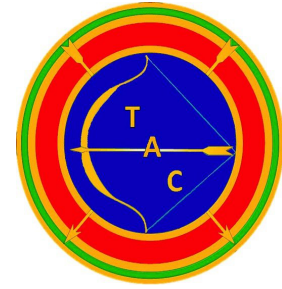


Thanet Archery Club
Committee Meeting Minutes



March 28th 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, Roy Holden, Ryan Holden, Pat Powell, Frank Pullen.

2/ Present – Dick Bailey, Mike Davis, Andy Doyle, Ann Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Andy Mair, John Marshall, Pete Verrall.

3/ Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting – Accepted.

4/ Officers Reports

a/ Secretary (including Correspondence)

One or two more enquiries about beginners courses, plus info on various away shoots – see correspondence.

Correspondence

- Re:- Enquiry from Vicki regarding a have-a-go session in March (no actual date) as a birthday present for her partner and a few of his friends. I contacted her to remind her and she and her partner are now interested in a beginners course. Have sent her an Introduction to Archery form and suggested she come up to the field for a chat with Pat.
- A number of contacts about various away shoots – all forwarded to club members.
- Archery GB have posted a Membership Conference/AGM pack to me; includes agenda – see Matters Arising.
- Email from Parasport re: creating a club Parasport account, which has been done but not sure if I did it properly. Will contact Toby Andrews (as he emailed me about it) and ask him about it **[Action 4(a) 3/19]**
- Email from Archery GB about signing up for the Archery Big Weekend 17-19th May.
- Email regarding **Ontarget** scheme
- Shane Hickley (due to do the May beginners course) saw the ad for promotional booklet and offered his graphic design services. Pete V cc'd Andy M in reply. Mike & Colin commented that while we're talking about promoting the club, what would be good would be a credit-card sized Club card with Club information on it to hand out as well as QR codes for web addresses. Colin suggested getting a thousand or so

cards made to share out to club members. Does raise once again the issue of doing enough beginners courses and having enough kit to cater for the increased demand that might result - see Action 7(c) 2/19.

- Email from Barry Friend asking if we could move the Folkestone/Lullistone home leg from Sunday 14th July to Saturday 6th July as a couple of their people can't do the 14th. Saturday 6th clashes with a longbow shoot at Canterbury though. Straightforward solution is for them to pick a normal club Saturday and for them to come over and join us. Message passed on to Barry – watch this space **[Action 4(b) 3/19]**

b/ Treasurer – latest statement; balance stands at £11,455.34; Income:- £789/
Outgoings:- £336; don't have figures yet for the Ursuline Tuesday evenings, but we have made a profit.

c/ Records officer – Ann managed to get the download link and the license key from Dave Mather who told her not to mess/play with the software, so she downloaded and messed/played with it, deleted and reinstalled a clean copy. So it's all ready to use, but DM is apparently reluctant to give Ann the old record file until the 16th April because he doesn't think they'll be needed until then. Ann is quite happy to create new record files and wants to get on with it and have time to prepare things in advance. Colin said the membership list he got from Dave was out of date anyway, and will change a bit more as people renew their membership (or not as the case may be). Ann said it's straightforward enough to add members details from scratch so it may well be simplest to just get on with it rather than wait for Dave.

PS from Ann (9th April) "Pleased to inform you that David Mather came yesterday for handover and we:-

- (i) Successfully uploaded all information onto my laptop*
- (ii) Inputted the scores from Saturday 6th April American Round*
- (iii) produced PDF of Club Records for summer 2018 (to be forwarded to Andy Doyle for Clubs webpage)*
- (iv) queried Alex having scored KAA record for St Nicholas Round. Looking at the KAA website there is no current record for this in the U12, however the records are only up to 2014. Also David thinks there was some changes made and that some groups were amalgamated. **(PV - This is correct, all age-delimited junior records have been merged and there are now only Junior Boys & Junior Girls records – see Dave Mather's Record officers reports from Oct 2018 committee minutes and Nov 2018 AGM minutes.)** I have checked their website but could find no information so it seems an appropriate time to contact their records officer and query this with him so I have the up to date information if this is acceptable to you*
- (v) David gave me the remaining badges. We have Bowman and 1st Class but no 2nd or 3rd Class badges. David said he used to source them as required - are you happy for me to do the same and submit a receipt or as there was discussion at the last committee meeting about getting badges for beginners would it be better to get all the badges together?" **[Action 4(c)v 3/19]***

d/ Membership – quite a few haven't paid, so Colin will be reminding people on Saturday or via email – no membership, no shoot. John M raised again the idea of paying electronically, but we have looked at this before and discounted it because of the hassle of setting it up and managing it. Too many members will forget to include a reference on their transaction, so we won't be able to

link payments to membership. Being an old TSB account, it's a lot of hassle just to add/remove names to/from the account.

e/ CPO – None.

f/ Junior rep – None.

g/ Equipment officer – Nothing to report but Andy needs to inventory all the equipment in the shed, and sort out the stuff that's not worth keeping. John M said he would be happy to give Andy a hand with that, and it doesn't have to be done on Saturdays. We can have access any day. Perhaps Bill Terry might like to take anything of interest. We also need to check all the beginners equipment before May 4th. **[Action 4(g) 3/19a]** There is also the possibility of lease/purchase scheme where you hire bows out and over the year you can change the limbs as many times as you want. You can then buy the equipment later on with the rental deducted from the price. Would be worth finding out if they might provide the same service to clubs as they do to individuals. **[Action 4(g) 3/19b]**

5/ Matters Arising.

a/ Archery GB Membership Conference/AGM – voting, attendance, etc. Bob said that we normally send in a postal vote – how does that work? From info received, we only seem to be able to do that by an appointed proxy. Bob said last year was the first time we voted, and that a lot of clubs don't bother to vote. However, with AGB's proposal to move to one member - one vote, it would be good to have club members views on anything particularly controversial. None of the votes are very controversial mainly some updating of the wording “elector” changing to “voting member”, with AGB directors no longer entitled to vote except as proxy voters for other clubs/members. *PV forgot to bring the bumpf but will bring up to field on Saturday and discuss with Bob.*

b/ Archery Big Weekend – signing up, comes just after the first beginners shoot, any thoughts on that, a fun shoot, etc? PV has a work colleague (Dr. Jen Hiscock) who does horse-mounted archery, she is no. 2 in the country and runs a show team. Would we be allowed as a one-off to host her and her horse so she could do a horse archery demonstration? *Will also pass on her show team's web site details to Toby Archer and also KAA. Mike D commented 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 able to attract the horsey set as well.* **[Action 5(b) 3/19]**

c/ & d/ – Meeting with Toby Andrews regarding **Ontarget** scheme at Mike Davis' house – County/club development plan template – any comments Frank, Mike, Bob? Mike:- *Toby mentioned that some funds have been made available to KAA for club development purposes, and the way to make your club eligible for those funds is by using the **Ontarget** form to register. There are 3 specialisms to go for as a club, Community, Excellence & Juniors. The form is to enable a club to assess where they are and to and what they do already, and to then look at those things we don't yet do, and prioritise some goals for the future. The more specialisms we choose to adopt/or improve on, the eligible we would be for some funding. The objective is not to push for funding by playing up our weak points, but to come up with coherent strategies to improve, and where those improvements might need some financial support to implement, that's where the funding comes in. Mike has now completed the form giving an unembellished assessment of what we currently provide and (in the last section-see below) what we would like to provide both in the coming year and over the next 3 years.*

<p>1. (actually item 4) A plan of action should be in place that highlights the barriers to club growth and improvement.</p>	<p>To follow this year?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train new coaches 2. Review beginners equipment capacity 3. Offer assistance with away travel? 4. New award scheme 5. Social activities <p>Next three years</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase club membership 2. Retain more beginners 3. Increase attendance at away competitions 4. Attract and keep new committee members
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However we are also limited in our scope for expansion by the size of the field (e.g. we couldn't accommodate more than 4 targets at 100yds – that's a maximum of 16 people shooting at 100yds at any one shoot, although we rarely have more than ½ a dozen at present – club champs, Sylvia handicap shoot), and also parking facilities, unless alternative parking can be found elsewhere at St. Lawrence College, there is some additional space up the side road as well which could be used (except during a field shoot).

e/ Sylvia – we have enough volunteers? Answer:- Yes. Bob was intending to ask Dave Batchelor and/or John Holton to help with the handicap scoring. Mike is happy to show people how handicap scoring works and how to use the handicap spreadsheet.

f/ Key rota – who currently has a key? Ted & Jenny, Jerry Choo (for gate/door only not cupboards), Colin G (not able to go on rota at present), Bob G, Mike D, Keith P, Jerry, Ryan, John Walsh (can go on rota for summer evenings but not Saturdays). We don't keep a set of cupboard keys in the club house for security reasons (though 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).

6/ Outstanding general action points.

Action 4a(ii) 1/19 – Hosting coaching courses; other coaching sources available for £100/applicant; possibility of a SCAS grant through Toby Andrews. Any further info? *Apparently Archery GB expect their coaches to charge £3000 to run a coaching course (which is rather more than Peter Drury was intending to charge us (£2000 - see January minutes) and then charge £100/coach to register. A lot of discussion on this, but the general feeling was that the best time to do coaching courses would be on a Saturday afternoon after the club shoot. Also Bob is still looking into trying to get arrange some subsidy from a local business, and then ask other east Kent clubs to chip in as well. Whether Toby A's club development plan might be a means of subsidising coaching would depend on how that fitted into the development plan as a whole. The AGB rules don't*

demand that all coaches do a coaching course, but we should have a couple who have done one.

[Ongoing]

Action 5(b) 1/19 - Keeping juniors interested – alternative shoots. Ryan had found some ideas on the web, which were going to be looked at. Any information on that yet? *Mike has been looking with Ryan at a scheme (see Action 5(b) 1/19) used in Grimsby (TAC 36) and similar to that given a plug on p30/31 of Spring 2019 Archery UK magazine, which is designed as an intermediate awards scheme for beginners until they start to reach the 3rd/2nd/1st class awards where you aim to score 200 with 36 arrows at gradually increasing distances and and you get different coloured badges for each distance. Will need to purchase badges. Also discussion on making newbies welcome, buddy system would be promising, and happens on an adhoc basis already. The main concern is that beginners are helped in a consistent way that leaves them neither floundering or over-“helped”.* **[Ongoing]**

Action 5a 2/19 - Crack repairs needed to hut – at last meeting we still hadn't heard from the College long-term plans for the field or the possibility of getting repairs. Bob said he would give them another nudge as it's now becoming a health & safety issue, and has emailed Emma Taker at the College. Any response? *Bob gave Emma another email nudge and she came back quickly to say she's waiting for a response from the Bursar. Also to ask about parking on field for Sylvia shoot if dry.* **[Ongoing]**

Action 5b 2/19 – Colin to enquire whether Baypoint would be a possible new club venue if required - any further info? *None yet - Colin is waiting for his contact (Frank) to come back from holiday.* **[Ongoing]**

Action 5e 2/19 - Committee ruled out a specific 'Tonya memorial shoot' but appears to be open to having a charity shoot to support Pilgrims' Hospice (?) if Tonya's family are happy to provide a trophy. What was not decided was whether to definitely have a charity shoot and how/when to do it. Which is easiest, take an existing shoot, like the summer field shoot and make it a charity shoot (e.g. local hospice, cancer charity, etc) with all subs going to specified charity + whatever extra people want to put in. If committee is still amenable to this, Dawn Sutherland-Smith is happy to provide a trophy for best longbow score (as that was what Tonya used to shoot). Simplicity of this is that it requires no additional work, and no handicap scoring. *Plenty of discussion on this, picking a different charity each year as per the frostbite longbow challenge, whether to use the field shoot for a charity shoot, or a scene shoot as suggested by John Marshall, with a trophy donated by Tonya's family, etc. Andy Doyle and Colin pointed out that if it's going to be a club-only affair it would have to be a summer shoot or we'll raise hardly anything anyway. Colin suggested asking the members for suggestions for a charity shoot. Bob eventually suggested that next time it's Thanet's turn to choose a charity for a frost longbow challenge, we ask the members for suggestions for that. It will raise more than a club shoot.* **[Action closed]**

6/ 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? *Not yet – see next item.* **[Ongoing]**

- **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? Although CASE quote not appropriate, it did give some indications of possible cost savings (approx. £35 for members w/out AGB requirements). Further progress, possibility of sharing insurance with Folkestone, etc? *Andy D said he needed to complete the inventory before offering options at next meeting.* **[Ongoing]**
- **Action 6(f) 1/19** - Bob to ask Peter Drewery (sp?) about availability of KAA coaching team availability to an independent TAC. Any further news on that, availability of non AGB coaches? *Coaching discussed but not precisely this issue.* **[Revisit at next meeting]**
- **Action 7(a) 2/19** - Have-a-go for Watkins employees – any further info on that?
None
- **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 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? Thoughts from committee members? *Discussed under Matters Arising 5(c) & (d).*

7/ A.O.B.

- Intro to Archery form - *Andy D to put on website*
- Parking on field for Sylvia shoot – see **Action 5a 2/19.**
- Andy Mair asked how long since logo was updated – *logo updated 2 yrs ago when we reverted to original.*
- Investigate possibility of scene shoot – *Bob reminded all that it sounded fun but would need volunteers to organise.* **[Action for John Marshall for next meeting?]**
- Password for members area of web site is '**Thanetarchery1415**'.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm - a record apparently - "that's 'cos people kept TALKING!" (Mike D).

Next meeting Thursday 2nd May.