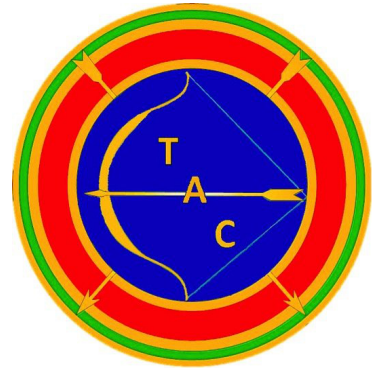


Thanet Archery Club A.G.M Minutes – 2018/19

Held at:-

Newington Free Church, 41 St John's Avenue

at 7.30pm on 21st November 2019.



Attendees

Committee members:- Dick Bailey, Lee Burns, Mike Davis, Ann Fretwell, Colin Gallagher, Bob Gawler, Roy Holden, John Marshall, Frank Pullen, Pete Verrall.

Club members:- Mark Bedingfield, Barry Finch, Sam Gallagher, Toby Gallagher, Linda Gawler, Fred Hammond, John Holton, Sue Holton, David Mather, Darryl Scott, Gwen Smith, Jenny Walsh, Ted Walsh.

Apologies for absence:- Ryan Holden, Brian Horne, Paul Yandell.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Accepted.

2. **Matters arising from last years minutes**

- Independence from Archery GB - Club Secretary will mention in his report.

3. **Presidents Address**

- **Frank Pullen**

Once again, we have had an exceptional year. Your committee has worked tirelessly to ensure that the club has functioned without a hitch, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their dedication and professionalism throughout the year. This club only functions because of the hard work of the committee and they deserve our undying thanks and gratitude. There have also been other club members who have also stepped up and helped out at shoots and beginners courses etc, and as president I would also like to thank them all for their help throughout the year.

We are always looking out for any members of the club who want, or are willing to help out at various activities, such as helping to organise our competitions both our internal and our open tournaments. If you want to get involved, please talk to any of the committee and they will let you know what activities are needing help, and you can also tell them how much time you can commit to helping. Don't forget without your help the club cannot continue to flourish, so you owe it to yourselves and to all the others in the club to help where you can. Only having a few people doing all the work is not sustainable, and the club will go into decline and so I appeal to you all to think about how you can help in any way, we need you all.

I am sure that we will hear about all the various activities that the club has been involved in during the year in the reports from the rest of the committee members, and so I will not dwell on them. However, one activity which I would like to single out is the new achievement award, which was introduced this year. This has challenged us to shoot three dozen arrows at different distances. This has been extremely successful, and I see many club members wearing their badges with pride. I would like to thank our chairman for introducing this award. Hopefully this will inspire you all to consider shooting some of the GNAS recognised rounds next year, for example the Warwick round is only four dozen arrows and the National round is only six dozen, neither of these are too much of a step up from the three dozen award, and look forward to shooting some of those rounds with you all next year.

Prof Frank Pullen.

4. Chairman

- Mike Davis

This has been one of the most difficult years I have ever experienced in Archery. Behind the scenes issues have been happening, the details of which it is not necessary to publish. Due to the nature of these issues they were kept between a small a group as possible. I would like to personally thank Bob and Dick for their support when trying to get a reasonable resolution.

During this time when we expected help and guidance from the County and Archery GB it sadly did not materialise. I was therefore upset that the decision of the club not to go it alone was not conclusive. However, this is a club and the decision of the membership is more important than any one person. I must admit that at the time I was very close to resigning.

As usual I need to make sure you are aware that a very small number of people do a lot of work to provide the varied schedule of shoots, organise the locations and ensure that the equipment is available to allow everyone else just turn up and shoot. This is your club and if no one helps out then the club will no longer function. I implore you to think every time you come and shoot "what can I do to help". I am amazed at the start and end of a shooting session there are people who are so busy sorting themselves out that they do not help setting up or putting away the equipment.

I would like to thank some people who are always there early to help:

- Fred Hammond, George Hirst, Keith Poulton, Ivor Smee

I would also like to thank all the members of the committee for their help over the last year, especially Colin Gallagher, Pete Verrall and Anne Fretwell.

Colin as Treasurer has opened a new bank account to enable electronic bank transfers for club, fees, AGB fees and entry money for shoots and in his spare time looks after all the membership and AGB fees.

Pete has taken the role of Secretary on and made it his own. I have had to ask for notes to be sent out with little or no explanation. He has managed to keep the committee meetings going throughout the year and kept the minutes up together.

Anne took over from Dave Mather and looks after all your scores, having to deal with all the poorly completed scoresheets.

The committee constantly needs new blood and this year one person in particular has decided to stand down who has been invaluable over many years. Bob Gawler has been on the committee as far back as I can remember and carried out all the officer posts in that time. He is a stalwart of the club is it with great trepidation that we enter the new year without his experience in one of the officer roles in the committee. However knowing Bob I am sure he won't be far away when help is required.

The Club Captain's role is very important and required by the club according to the constitution, but not that onerous and Bob has offered to help out so please think about this carefully, as it is exceedingly important that we vote one in.

Looking forwards I think we can change the way we do things to make life easier, more interesting and entertaining. We are still looking for ways we can be more flexible on which society you affiliate too.

We will be revising the "36" scheme to allow an easy introduction to rounds, classes and awards.

We will look at consolidating some of the club shoots to reduce the amount of admin. We will also be reviewing the way trophies are awarded, again to reduce the administration and cost.

We have started a review of the equipment we hold to see what needs replacement and I would like to thank Jenny Walsh for her assistance in getting an inventory together.

Lastly but not leastly there are two people who have helped out with food and drinks at many of the events and shoots we have run. They are not even full members of the club yet they always help out. Roy and Sharon Holden, thanks very much for all you do, - we do appreciate it.

So lets work together next year to make this club a good, friendly, and innovative club that we can all say "We did that."

Mike Davis,
Club Chairman.

5. Secretary's report

- Peter Verrall

Last November, I took over as Club Secretary from Bob Gawler after shadowing the role the previous year. There were minor issues registering my role and that of Treasurer with Archery GB, but we eventually sorted them out. I would like to thank each member of the committee for their contributions at committee meetings and esp. to Colin for minuting corrections over the last year, and to Bob for deputising in September after my knee op. It is always important in a committee situation for each member to have the opportunity to share their views and experience in coming to sensible and pragmatic decisions that benefit the club as a whole, since no one member can be an expert on everything. I must also apologise to club members when I've inadvertently forgotten to Bcc club members email addresses when sending out information. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Lee Burns who is stepping down as Trophy Officer and Andy Doyle (who stepped down as Equipment officer during the summer) for their contributions to the committee and the club.

One particular issue which exercised our little grey cells over the last year was our exploration of the pro's and con's of going independent from Archery GB, and I would particularly like to thank Mike Davis for his clear presentation of those pro's & con's, as well as the well-balanced proposals for a post-independence Thanet Archery Club when we ran the online poll in the summer. However, these proposals did not receive sufficient support from club members, and the committee did not feel it was worth putting the issue to a further vote at this year's AGM. However in the coming year the committee will be continuing to try and find imaginative and creative ways of broadening regular archery activities not normally found at Archery GB - affiliated clubs, such as field and scene shooting. Additionally, Andy Mair prompted us to think about the kind of club we want to be, what is our outlook for the future, what can be improved, etc? Have a think about this during the meeting – opportunity to discuss nearer the end of the meeting.

6. Treasurers and presentation of accounts - Colin Gallagher

Accounts summary 2018/2019 (included on presentation pdf).

This year saw the setting up of the new account which allows us the use of Bacs transfers. This has made the paying of membership fees and competition fees far easier to collect, especially from non-regular attending members and away visitors.

At the start of this financial year the clubs bank balance was:- £11,177.93

Our current balance as of the 31/10/2019 is £13,051.30 with uncleared cheques amounting to:- £989.31

This gives the club a true balance of £12,061.99 + £30 cash float of £12,091.99, which means the account is up on last year by:- £982.09

This year we have spent £12,160.04 on various equipment replacement and repairs, field and hut maintenance, replacement trophies and new awards, plus first aid courses and first aid equipment upgrades.

The biggest earners for the club were;

The clout shoot:- £964.60 less expenses of:- £249.11 (Balance:- £715.49).

Beginners courses:- Nett:- £713.00

Sylvia outdoor:- £533.00 less expenses of £177.17 (Balance £355.83).

Indoor record status:- £921.48 less expenses of £579.90 (Balance £341.58)

Thanks to Watkins for their continued sponsorship of the annual clout of £250.00

The indoor winter shoot at the Ursuline last winter proved to be a success with the introduction of the £6 deposit for adults and with the support of the Canterbury archers meant we kept the cost in the black and therefore will continue with this practice for the future.

Thank you all for your assistance over the last year.

Colin Gallagher
Club Treasurer

7. Matters arising from Statement of Accounts (if any). - None.

8. Membership - Colin Gallagher

Having taken on the additional roll of membership secretary at last years AGM, I thought it would be plain sailing. Like Pete I did not take into account AGB.

As Membership Secretary I was not allowed access to membership details, but had to get the Club secretaries (Pete) permission. In turn he had to be nominated by Bob the outgoing secretary. Anyway some weeks later all was resolved and here we are.

Current membership numbers in T.A.C. are 89 + 6 associate members.

This consists of:

- 69 senior
- 4 young senior
- 10 junior
- 6 disabled

Currently only 69 of those have renewed their AGB membership, not including the associate members in these figures. We have had 4 official resignations, leaving 16 non-renewals. Alas 6 of the non-renewals are from the May beginners.

During this last year we have welcomed 24 new members into the club, 18 of which have come from the beginners courses.

So at present we have 70 active members in TAC/AGB and 6 associate members.

With the introduction of Bacs payment this year it has made membership / renewals much more convenient.

Regards to all and thankyou for your support.

Colin Gallagher
Membership secretary.

9. Records - Ann Fretwell

This is the third year with the Golden Records software and we have given members a free opportunity to access their scores, handicaps and improvement online. If members show enough interest we shall continue to offer this service but with a small subscription charge to cover the cost. To date 20 members have signed up. Feedback from them would be appreciated.

The total number of scoresheets submitted this year was 311, down from 531 last year. However, this is not as bad as it sounds as 40 members submitted scores compared with 54 last year. The fall in the number of scoresheets was simply due to the enthusiasm for Mike's 36 Arrow Awards Scheme which proved extremely popular with members all striving (some verging on an obsession) to achieve all the badges.

Of the 311 scores submitted most were for longbow at 151 (244), barebow 94 (115), recurve 62 (149), and compound 4 (23). The overall standard of presentation of scoresheets is very good and I thank you for this and please continue the good work.

Our most prolific archer this season was Bob Gawler with George Hirst and David Rhodes close on his heels and, as regards rounds, Westerns are still the most popular round.

The main bulk of the membership have also been improving with 27 archers improving their handicap this season.

As regards club records it was a good year with 50 club records being broken this year, compared to 80 last year.

A total of 11 classification badges have been awarded slightly down from last years 16, largely due to the popularity of the TAC 36 scheme, for which there had been 275 entries. The new TAC 48 scheme will be based on the Warwick round.

- 5 (7) 3rd Class
- 3 (6) 2nd Class
- 3 (1) 1st Class
- 0 (2) Bowmen/Junior Bowmen

So finally, thanks to all members for their enthusiasm and let us look forward to enjoying an even better 2020.

Ann Fretwell,
Records officer.

10. Club Captain (Acting)

- Bob Gawler

I took over as temporary Club captain when Pat Powell retired, I have decided to stand down this year as I feel we need new blood to take over the role, someone with new ideas. I must say I have enjoyed being club captain, I believe this is the third year. We need someone who is willing and enthusiastic and I am quite willing to help anyone that takes over the role if need be.

We have so far managed to complete all the club shoots. The Clout shoot was a great success this year, and the indoor record status shoot was probably the best ever, thanks to Mike and all those that made it happen. None of these shoots could happen without an organizer and a band of helpers.

We have had a thought though on how to make things easier. We run several shoots during the year, (Millennium shoot, French Plate, the American, Folkestone & Lullistone away, the Sylvia Hogbin, the Kent Clout, Folkestone & Lullistone at Home, Indoor Record status shoot, End of season shoot, and two field shoots, plus the Christmas shoot. If one person took one of these shoots and was responsible for that shoot only then I would be prepared to organize the clout shoot. That way whoever takes on the role of field captain their job would be much easier. None of these roles are difficult but we do need willing volunteers. You have to remember that this is your club and you only get out of it what you are willing to put into it.

I would like to thank all those that have helped over the year; I am not going to mention names but without your help these shoots would not happen and without beginners we would have no new members, so don't forget we will also need helpers at the next beginners course. I am willing to stand as an ordinary member if needed. Remember we put on more shoots than any other club to try to make it more varied and interesting.

11. Child protection officer - Dick Bailey

As child protection officer, I think we'd all agree it's good when I don't have to say a lot. There has been one matter which was ongoing for some time this year which Mike has already touched on, but for reasons of confidentiality, I won't be going into the details. There are no current issues to talk about, but if there are any welfare issues anyone needs to bring up regarding junior members or vulnerable adults, please talk to myself or any of the committee and it will be dealt with in confidence.

12. Equipment Officer - Brian Horne

The equipment officer is having a lovely holiday, but you can see the November committee minutes for his most recent equipment update.

13. Junior Rep - [Vacant]

14. Election of Committee members

- Two officers (Child protection officer & equipment officer) were appointed after last year's AGM, and therefore the committee asked members to confirm these two appointments.

<u>Post</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote no's</u>
Club President	Frank Pullen	Sue Holton	Fred Hammond	
Club Secretary	Pete Verrall	Sue Holton	Fred Hammond	
Records officer	Ann Fretwell	Sue Holton	Fred Hammond	
Trophies	Lee Burns	Sue Holton	Fred Hammond	
Child Protection officer	Dick Bailey	Sue Holton	Fred Hammond	
Treasurer	Colin Gallagher	Sue Holton	Fred Hammond	
Membership secretary	Collin Callagher	Sue Holton	Linda Gawler	
Club Chairman	Mike Davis	Sue Holton	Linda Gawler	
Equipment Officer	Brian Horne	Sue Holton	Linda Gawler	
Ordinary member 1	Roy Holden	Sue Holton	Linda Gawler	
Ordinary member 2	Ryan Holden	Sue Holton	Linda Gawler	
Ordinary member 3	John Marshall	Sue Holton	Linda Gawler	
Ordinary member 4	Bob Gawler	Sue Holton	Fred Hammond	
Club Captain	None			

Brian Horne and Dick Bailey were confirmed respectively as Equipment & Child Protection officers with no objections, Lee Burns withdrew his resignation and so continues as Trophies officer. There were no volunteers/nominations during the meeting for Club Captain. John Marshall asked what the responsibilities of the Club Captain were. Mike Davis said that the main job was organising the fixture list for the year, and ensuring there were people available to run them. The Club Captain is not required to be present at all club shoots. John Marshall then agreed to have a chat about it with Bob Gawler afterwards. *[Secretary's note:- After the AGM, John Marshall indicated his willingness to shadow the Club Captains role alongside Bob Gawler, who has agreed to continue as Club Captain for the coming year. John Marshall's candidature for Club Captain will therefore be voted on at the 2019/20 AGM – assuming he is still able/willing to take over the role.]*

15. Proposition on changes to Club Constitution (also included on presentation pdf) – Frank Pullen

– Presentation of proposed changes to Club constitution followed by vote on said changes. Proposed changes provided separately, but included below. To be approved/rejected as a whole.

a/ Clause 2a(2) Senior members with special needs can shoot but need to be accompanied by a guardian or someone who is prepared to take responsibility for that member present when shooting. The Committee reserves the right to allow any Senior with special needs to shoot unaccompanied if they feel that the person is capable of shooting without supervision.

This change is to bring the constitution up to date with current H&S practice.

b/ Clause 2b (b) All applications for membership shall be considered by the Committee and approved or not according to the current circumstances.

The Committee shall have the power to expel from the Club or refuse to renew membership of any member

who commits a gross breach of the safety regulations or who persists in objectionable conduct, bringing the Club into disrepute, **or any action that the committee unanimously considers unacceptable.** The Committees decision in this matter shall be final and not open for debate unless revoked by due resolution at an Annual General Meeting.

It is a condition of membership that archers shall provide their own tackle.

With the increased use/misuse of social media, it was felt that we needed to find a way covering all the various means that intimidation/harassment can occur. It is not intended to give committee members arbitrary power to remove people on a whim, hence the requirement for unanimity.

Dave Mather raised the issue of removing a committee member unanimously without that member having to agree to their being removed. Frank Pullen accepted this could be a problem, and said we can bring a suitable update at next year's AGM.

c/ Clause 7 (e) & (f)

(e) A written record of the proceedings of all general and committee meetings will be produced and signed by the current chairman and kept **for three years** or until such time as their disposal shall be agreed at an A.G.M.

(f) **Emails received by the Club Secretary shall be retained electronically by the Club Secretary. These will only be shared within the committee if necessary. Once any required action is complete all copies of emails should be deleted except the original which will be retained by the club secretary.**

With current GDPR rules, we cannot store personal information indefinitely. This is to formalise in the constitution what has been club practice since the new GDPR rules came in.

d/ Clause 8 All archers must be covered for Public Liability Insurance during shooting, by affiliation to the **Archery GB**

This a wording change to reflect the general change across Archery GB-affiliated clubs from GNAS to Archery GB.

Proposer:- Bob Gawler
Seconder:- Fred Hammond
Objections:- None.

16. Other propositions previously circulated - Pete Verrall

a/ Committee proposes to run beginners courses slightly differently next year. That is, to run beginners courses from 1pm – 5pm, allowing members to shoot a round as usual in the morning and then be available to assist with the beginners in the afternoon. Of course, to work it would need members to be prepared to help out, otherwise there would actually be less interaction between members and beginners than at present. Show of hands as to how many are (i) happy with the change and (ii) prepared to help in the afternoons.

A good show of support – clarified for Ted that we aren't adding two afternoons to the existing courses, but moving the courses from the morning to the afternoons. We'll see how well that works in the summer.

b/ Mentoring – with everyone shooting together during the frostbite season, it's an ideal time for more experienced archers to be available to mentor those beginners who joined the club over the summer, esp. those who joined in September. While this already happens informally, it would be good to identify anyone willing to do so on a more formal basis.

c/ Scene shooting – Something we will introduce during the frostbite season; John Marshall to give a brief description/presentation.

It's a cross between field shooting and target shooting. The shooting line is set out the same as in normal target shooting, but as in field shooting, a range of targets are set out at varying distances which groups of archers work their way round. What is different is that each group isn't necessarily shooting at the target directly in front of them, but depending on the instructions at each shooting point you may be shooting at a target which is on your left or right, high or low. So you have the variety of a field shoot without the risk of losing arrows in the bushes. Our first one will be on 25th July 2020, and will be run by John Marshall and Brian Horne.

17. Any Trophy/Award Presentations – Lee Burns

The Beginners trophy –

Awarded to the member attending a Beginners course in 2019 and finishing the season with the lowest handicap.

Winner: Leon Goodbody (barebow) with a final handicap of 62 (reduced by 38)

2nd David Rhodes (longbow) a final handicap of 68 (Reduced by 32)

The Quicks trophy –

Awarded to the member who is in their second year of membership and has reduced their handicap by the most. Only two people reduced their handicap in this category.

Winner: Fred Hammond (recurve) reduced his handicap by 12 to 60

2nd Dick Bailey (recurve) reduced his handicap by 7 from 72 to 65

3rd George Hirst (longbow) reduced his handicap by 5 from 70 to 65

The GNAS Handicap Medal –

Awarded to the member who has reduced their handicap by the most during the season.

Winner is – Fred Hammond (recurve) with a reduction of 12 from 72 to 60.

2nd place - Daniel Verrall (barebow) handicap reduced by 11 from 79 to 68.

3rd place (joint) - Frank Pullen (recurve) reduced by 10 from 60 to 50, & Peter Verrall (longbow) reduced by 10 from 81 to 71.

John Marshall raised the need for a trophy cabinet for the clubhouse. If any members have something suitable please tell one of the committee.

18. Christmas Shoot – the theme revealed! (also included on presentation pdf) - Frank Pullen

Christmas shoots are fun shoots which have been something of a club tradition for the last 25 years, over which time we have not repeated a theme. This years theme is anniversaries, there have been quite notable ones this year, 50 years since Moon landing, Woodstock, first flight of Concorde, 30 years since end of Iron Curtain, opening the Channel Tunnel, Sesame St., etc. The idea is to wear anniversary-themed fancy hats, any anniversary you like. Also, don't forget to bring secret Santa presents (<£3), festive food.

19. The vision thing; what kind of club do we want to be, what can we do better, etc? If anyone has ideas or suggestions please pass them on to the committee. We will be looking again in the new year at the various specialisms supported by Archery GB, (Community, Youth & Excellence – with our own focus likely to be on Community).

20. Any Other Business.

- Colin Gallagher raised the issue of whether we need to raise club fees. As far as we know, the field hire of £5.80/hr is not increasing. Ursuline fees are £30/hr which is why we need healthy numbers on a Tuesday evening. If they do increase it, we will need to review it at next AGM.
- TAC info cards – we have a stock of credit card-sized cards with a QR code web address and Club Secretary's email address to pass on to interested parties.
- Bowling night – Lee reminded everyone of the bowling night coming up in the new year. Mike suggested sending out a reminder after Christmas.

21. Presentation on Scoring, Handicaps, and Classifications (Mike Davis)

Powerpoint available as a separate pdf. Also includes:- Treasurers report, Constitution changes & Christmas shoot theme.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm - Thanks to Fred Hammond & Ann Fretwell for organising refreshments.