

Staffordshire Archery AGM Minutes 9th March 2011

Held at Stone Bowling Club

Present

Stafford J Dunster, C Thorpe, P Wilson, C Beardmore, P Beardmore, B Warburton, B Warburton, T Warburton, H Pooley, S Taylor, W Taylor, W Taylor, C Thorpe, A Doughty, D Doughty, G Jones, L Jones,

County T Goad

Lichfield D Cooper, H Heeley, M Cross, K Greatrex, P Greatrex

Chase L Ankers, K Ankers, L Ankers,

SMAC, A Hines

Trent Valley G McLeary, Q Edwards, H Parrish, V Oakes, G Brooks, J Brooks

Leek R Rigby, M Turnock

Dove Valley S Thomas, N Neighbour

Apologies P Shipley, P Pooley, N Goad, T Mudan, , R Hall P Jones, A Stevenson

The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by CT as a true record and seconded by AH. This was passed unanimously by the meeting.

Matters Arising None

President's Report was presented by Harry Heeley. Juniors were especially congratulated as was Dot Cooper for the retention of the BBS championship. Charges made by GNAS may have an unfortunate affect upon the County.

Presentation of Year Bars to Juniors and Seniors. Archers gaining 12 dox scores should be encouraged to present these and it was hoped that there might then even be selection shoots.

Auditors' Report was presented by GM who appreciated help from QE. Things have gone well however he expressed concern about the number of medals purchased in quick succession. MC was congratulated for the efficiency of his work.

Treasurer's Report

In respect of medals, stock is now available for use and all will be used by the County shoot this coming Sunday.

MC pointed out that two sets of applications for disability grants have been received during this financial year due to technical issues. He expressed concern about the new GNAS system of collecting fees from County which seem to be cumbersome and ill-considered. MC invited ideas for spending monies that we now have.

DC questioned whether Juniors will now get financial help that was previously provided by the GNAS rebate. NB HP would appreciate clarification on this for the Minutes.

WT pointed out that equipment purchased by County is available for others to use.

Honorariums

TG suggested that there be a restructuring of those eligible for honorariums to reflect recognition of those doing important jobs within County structure eg Junior Squad Manager, President etc. In all 8 people should benefit. When asked, MC and HP said that they had been unaware of honorariums when they took on roles to be of service to the Association. HP has returned what has been gifted.

TG propose the restructure, MC seconded and it was passed unanimously.

West Midlands Regional matters were communicated by TG. Region want to raise affiliation fees which means that we too should now be more aware of accessing their funding this year whenever eligible.

Records Officer Report was presented by KG who was congratulated on his work this year.. TG was saddened by the lack of support with the Field Party on Sunday. He asked again for volunteers.

Coaching Officer's Report was delivered by GM in the absence of RH. L2 courses are currently not being run, L3 being indefinitely on hold. GM, RR and MC now have

L2 coaching qualifications. TG mentioned that there were opportunities for coaches on Senior Days.

Junior Squad report was presented by WT. Things continue to be extremely positive. MC stated that he would like to set up an International competition between Staffs and Sydney, Australia. TG said that from the perspective of a judge, our Juniors are a credit to the County.

Adoption of Constitution.

TG asked for the meeting to adopt the revised constitution upon which he had been working for many months. He stated that it had been on the website for a considerable time for people to read and consider. He invited questions. TM questioned P6 and it was agreed that it should read that both fees should be highlighted. TG proposed the adoption of the constitution, MC seconded, however as less than 2/3 of members were present and because some members stated they were unaware of the proposed constitution and its content, they felt they could not vote in favour.

No amendment could be made to the constitution as TG said that technically it did not exist. MC and HP supported TG in the work he had done and dedication to the task, both feeling it a pity that members could not support this.

Election of Officers

President Nom H Heeley Nom TG Sec MC - elected

Chair Prop Tony Goad TG declined this and when asked for clarification by TG stated that this was in view of the issue with the constitution. Nobody else was willing to stand.

Secretary Nom Julia Brooks, Prop TG Sec HH - elected

Treasurer Nom Mike Cross - Prop HH Sec TG - elected

Records Officer Nom Karl Greatrex, Prop TG, Sec M C - elected

Tournaments Officer - Nom T Mckinnon - Prop LA, Sec JD - nominated

West Midlands Delegate - Nom S Taylor Prop TG, Sec MC

Junior Squad Manager - Steve Taylor has been elected by the Junior Squad.

Senior Squad Manager - Harry Heeley has been elected

Coaches have elected Robin Hall.

Auditors - GM and QE agreed to act as auditors..

TG stated that according to our current constitution, fees need to be paid by 1st August however a more practical rime would be 1st October.

In lieu of there now being no Chair and matters of the constitution to be resolved, LA proposed an EGM. 2/3 of members should be needed for quorate. (21 days' notice will be needed)

A County Development Officer is now needed. Volunteers were requested.

TG asked whether Staffs archers would like to take on the Double Fita Star competition previously run by Telford Archers (now given up due to ill health of the organiser). this would be financially lucrative. A volunteer has come forward (later stated to be Steve Taylor). Should this be acceptable then ST will need rapidly to apply for World Record Status. Again TG emphasised the necessity to find volunteers - a more substantial number than in our next County shoot. The meeting agreed to ask ST to go ahead and apply.

MC thanked TG for his work as Chair and TG commended HP for her work as Secretary despite the initial misgivings of some archers at the time of her election, also MC in his capacity as a very efficient and capable Treasurer.

NB TG was unable to deliver his Chair's' report due to what he said was difficulty over his own position re the constitution and his declination of Chair for 2011.

Helen Pooley

County Secretary

11th March 2011

Staffordshire Archery Association



Amendment to the constitution

Amend all references to GNAS to read Archery GB and all references to FITA to read World Archery.

3.1.2.1 Junior Members are not eligible to vote, however, one vote will be afforded to each Junior Club registered with the Association to be cast by the nominated senior member of the Club.

Add: as though they were one senior vote.

Rational: As it stands rule 4.5.1 *convening regular general meetings* says ... 'any senior member may vote'. However 3.1.2.1 just says the juniors get a vote. It's nit picking but...

3.2 Individual Members of the Grand National Archery Society, wherever they reside, who wish to represent or be associated with Staffordshire Archery Association, may become members of the Association upon payment of the appropriate subscription provided that they are not members of any other County Association in the current subscription year.

Add:

3.2.1 All individual members who are members of the Association agree to abide by the rules and constitution of the Association and the GNAS as though they were a club

Rational: As it stands the individual member is, by inference, not bound by the constitution and rules laid down for the clubs.

4.5.3 No business shall be transacted at any General Management Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum shall be ten members of the Association representing at least three Associate Clubs and at least two members of the Executive.

Amend to:

4.5.3 No business shall be transacted at any General Management Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum shall be eight members of the Association representing at least three Associate Clubs and including at least two members of the Executive.

Rationale: We have been unable to make decisions at a meeting twice in the last eighteen months because a quorum was not present. As we only meet 6 times per year, and one of those is the AGM this makes the efficient running of the Association difficult.

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Proposal to increase the County fee

The Executive Committee, in agreement with the consensus at the last general meeting, proposes that the County Fee for the coming year be increased by 50pence to £4.25 per senior member and by a similar percentage increase on Junior and University clubs



Staffordshire Archery Association

In accordance with rule 4.3.3.4.1 I would like to invite nominations for the posts on the Executive and the Association. Anybody nominated must be willing to stand and to submit a brief summary of their experience or interest for the following posts before 20th February 2012:

President
Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Records Officer
Tournaments Officer
Two West Midlands Archery Society delegates.

Nominations

The nominations received to date are as below. Anybody nominated must be willing to stand and to submit a brief summary of their experience or interest for the following posts before 20th February 2012:

President - Harry Heeley

Chairman - Tony Goad

Secretary - Julia Brooks

Treasurer

Records Officer

Tournaments Officer – Tara Mckinnon

Two West Midlands Archery Society delegates.