



STAFFORDSHIRE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on 7th March 2012 Opened at 2000hrs
At Crown Green Bowling Club, Stone

Present:-

Katy Ankers	Lichfield
Lora Ankers	Lichfield
Lee Ankers	Lichfield
Julia Brooks	County/TVA
Dot Cooper	Lichfield
Adam Doughty	Stafford
John Dunster	Stafford
Ben Edwards	Leek
Quentin Edwards	TVA
Tony Goad	County
Karl Greatrex	Lichfield
Harry Heeley	County
Alwyn Hines	SMAC
Griff Jones	Stafford
Liz Jones	Stafford
Tara MacKinnon	Wolverhampton
George McLeary	TVA
Veronique Oakes	TVA
Helen Parrish	TVA
Julian Poole	Leek
Richard Rigby	Leek
Mark Short	Lichfield
Terry Steventon	Lichfield
Dorothy Steventon	Lichfield
Steve Taylor	Stafford
Wendy Taylor	Stafford
Charlotte Thorpe	Stafford
Mary Turnock	Leek

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Mike Cross, David Dean, Nicola Goad, Robin Hall, T J Mudan, Alex Stevenson, Pauline Shipley and Stuart Taylor

2. Minutes of Last Meeting, (02.03.12) were agreed and accepted.

2.1 Tony Goad apologised for errors and omissions in minutes from previous County Secretary. Minutes proposed by Lee Ankers seconded by Steve Taylor and were accepted by all those present.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Presidents Address

A report from Harry Heeley was presented (Appendix 1)

5. Presentation of Year Bars and Medals

It was reported that the following people were eligible for awards

Jane Harper-Otner	Year Bar	Chase
Lora Ankers	Year Bar	Lichfield
Kary Ankers	Year Bar	Lichfield
Andy Otner	Year Bar	Chase
Neil Cox	Year Bar	Lichfield
Lee Ankers	Year Bar	Lichfield
Tejinder Mudan	Year Bar	Lichfield
Dorothy Cooper	Year Bar	Lichfield
Carol Bye	Year Bar	Lichfield
Salvatore Mazzeo	Year Bar	Lichfield
Mark Short	Year Bar	Lichfield
Karl Greatrex	Year Bar	Lichfield
John Park	Year Bar	Lichfield
Ryan Jeavons	Year Bar	Lichfield
Frank Parker	Year Bar	Lichfield
Terry Steventon	Year Bar & Medal	Lichfield
Ian Smith	Year Bar & Medal	Lichfield
Julian Poole	Year Bar	Leek
Simon Whittaker	Year Bar	Leek
Mike Underwood	Year Bar	Leek
Brett Warburton	Year Bar	Stafford
John Dunster	Year Bar	Stafford
Stuart Taylor	Year Bar	Stafford
Veronique Oakes	Year Bar	Trent Valley
Ben Edwards	Year Bar & Medal	Trent Valley
San Doan	Year Bar & Medal	Trent Valley
Mark O'Donnell	Year Bar & Medal	Trent Valley
Quentin Edwards	Year Bar	Trent Valley
Russell Pointon	Year Bar	Trent Valley
Tara MacKinnon	Year Bar	Wolverhampton
Mark Spruce	Year Bar	Wolverhampton
Richard Toth	Year Bar & Medal	Wolverhampton
Nathan Cutler	Year Bar	Wolverhampton

6. Treasurers Report

6.1 Mike Cross was unavailable for the meeting as he is recovering from a detached retina; all of Staffordshire Archery Association wishes him a speedy recovery. In his absence George McLeary who had audited the reports together with Quentin Edwards presented the audited treasurers report. (Appendix 2)

6.2 Mike Cross was thanked for his hard work over the years as treasurer.

6.3 George McLeary and Quentin Edwards were thanked for auditing the accounts and the account overview was accepted. Verification of the accounts will take place when Mike returns from Australia and access to bank statements, cheque and paying in books is obtained by County Chairman.

6.4 There was one anomaly noted that a cash payment of £150.00 had been paid to Cannock Sound Hire, this was questioned as to why it was a cash payment and not a cheque payment. Wendy Taylor confirmed that this was to replace an incorrect cheque documented for Cannock Sound Hire, this cheque has been destroyed. This was accepted by those present.

6.5 Fees: - Tony Goad proposed a £0.50 increase in County fees; this was seconded by Steve Taylor. Harry Heeley proposed that fees remain the same this year; this was seconded by John Dunster which was unanimously accepted by those present.

6.6 An amendment to the proposal of County fees to remain the same and pro rata for new members was proposed by Richard Rigby and seconded by Mary Turnock. This was agreed by all present.

6.7 £750.00 was collected from Staffordshire Fita Star 2011 and majority of this money was allocated to Staffs Junior Squad, Staffs Senior Squad and Stafford Archers, as agreed by Staffordshire County Archery Association, for the assistance provided as the work party for this tournament. An email was sent by Mike Cross to all those who had assisted on the work party.

6.8 It was agreed that George McLeary and Quentin Edwards be appointed as auditors for 2012/13.

7. Records Office/Tournaments Report

7.1 A report from Karl Greatrex was presented. (Appendix 3)

This showed that 69 new records had been ratified, involving 54 juniors.

7.2 Tournaments: - it was reported that in the April Intercounty tournament, Staffordshire came 3rd and in the West Midlands October tournament Staffordshire were 4th overall.

7.3 Karl reported that there is a lack of both recurve and compound female archers.

7.4 Karl confirmed that 33 archers had represented the County during 2011, 6 of which were representing for the first time.

7.5 Alwyn Hines expressed thanks to Karl Greatrex for his outstanding work as tournaments and records officer for the last 6 years, this is a role that has been under appreciated for a long time. This was seconded by Harry Heeley and thanks were given from all those present.

8. Coaching Officer's Report

8.1 A report sent by Robin Hall outlined the main activities/achievements of the County Coaching Group during the year. (Appendix 4)

9. WMAS Report

8.1 Steve Taylor and Tony Goad confirmed that unfortunately they were unable to attend the AGM held on 6.3.12. it was reported that discussions regarding fees from University's was proposed to change to a £50.00 block registration fee.

9.2 Regional fees are expected to rise for the coming year.

9.3 The function of the Regional Association was questioned in relation to its role within Staffordshire Archery Association. Tony Goad to voice these concerns at the next meeting and report his findings.

10. Junior Squad Report

10.1 Steve Taylor congratulated the Junior Squad for all their hard work and achievements over the last year. Staffordshire are very well represented in regional squads and this is thanks to the dedication and hard work from all juniors, parents and coaches associated with Staffordshire Junior Squad.

10.2 Tony Goad congratulated the Junior Squad for their achievements and thanked Steve Taylor for his hard work with them.

11. Amendments to Constitution

11.1 Amendments to Section 3.1.2.1 were accepted

11.2 It was proposed that 3.2.1 requires rewriting – Tony Goad to complete this and present for acceptance. (Appendix 5)

11.3 Tara MacKinnon proposed an amendment to 4.5.3 to be increased from 3 to 5 associate clubs and add proxy votes at one per club if any member cannot attend. This was not seconded and not accepted.

12 Chairman's Report

12.1 A report from Tony Goad was presented. (Appendix 6)

13. Election of Officers

13.1 The following members were elected to serve on the County Committee for 2012/13

President	Harry Heeley
Chairman	Tony Goad
Secretary	Julia Brooks
Treasurer	not appointed
Records Officer	not appointed
Tournaments Officer	Tara MacKinnon
West Midlands Delegates	Steve Taylor and Tara MacKinnon
Junior Squad Representatives	Charlotte Thorpe (elected by Junior Squad members)
Auditors	George McLeary and Quentin Edwards

14. Date of Next Meeting

14.1 It was agreed that the next AGM meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 March 2013, at 7.30pm, at Crown Green Bowling Club, Stone. – post meeting the AGM for 2013 has been rearranged to Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm, at Crown Green Bowling Club, Stone

Meeting closed at 2145hrs

Chairman Date

S.A.A Presidents Report 2011-12

2011 was yet another excellent year for our juniors. Without going into too much detail I have to make reference to all our archers who have been accepted into the England team, the British teams and onto either the Junior Development Squad and onto the Academy. A special mention to one of our juniors who has made the selection scores for the London 2012 Olympics.

I would like to give Pip Taylor a special mention, also after a very good year of shooting making the selection score for the European champs, Pip was struck down with paralysis but now has made an almost full recovery just needing to strengthen up again. Welcome back Pip. Congratulations to all our juniors.

As for the seniors, Dot once again kept her record of winning the outdoor and indoor BBS National Champs. Terry has been accepted onto the Para development squad and is pushing for a GB spot. Congratulations to them both.

The senior team have done us proud at the Intercounty shoots, we can only go from strength to strength.

Lee has broken many records with his longbow prowess and is now a GMB archer. Katy has achieved new heights shooting her longbow, breaking many records along the way.

Coaching, myself and Ollie have had an excellent year running a junior squad at Lilleshall, also coaching some of our senior team and being accepted to coach on the GB Academy.

We are now carrying out a coach development program and we have some very competent coaches coming through, John Dunster, Julia Brooks and Steve Taylor to name just a few. Anyone wishing to gain more development training please contact myself or Ollie.

Congratulations must go to Adam on his continued judging.

I would now like to thank all of the archers, coaches and judges for such a good job done from our County.

Harry Heeley

Staffordshire Archery Association Expenditure Proposal

Comparing the two years 2009, 2010 it can be seen that the annual excess income over expenditure remains much the same. However, it must be born in mind that these figures are calculated only upon the annual expenditure normally given and do not include capital items or unexpected items: they are similar to a profit and loss account not a cash flow account.

If the one off items in the tournaments calculation are removed we actually made a small profit in 2010 due to larger attendances and a cheaper outdoor venue. This was offset by the development conference which it was thought necessary to attend and if this is taken out admin costs remain the same. We also spent out on capital assets such as the camera which are not included here.

Coaching grants have reduced and whilst there is some expenditure for the coming year this is not expected to change significantly from 2010 as, at the moment, only the level 2 is running.

We have no idea what the representation grants might amount to given that this is the Olympic year but could expect a similar level to 2010. Junior squad levels remain the same and although they now have an income stream from the FITA* this is additional to, not instead of, any County grants. This additional money is seen as a way of helping the parents and juniors with the costs of competing without asking everybody else to pay.

We still do not know what will happen to the 5% rebate from GNAS but I suspect that it will be stopped if only to simplify the administration. The Treasurer will say that this represents about £2 per person on the County fee and whilst this is undoubtedly true this would be a major increase in fees at a time when costs are rising. A more modest 25 pence increase is probably more acceptable.

However, if we keep the increase this low then we have to make some changes to the way we award grants. The amounts will need to be kept to the same level with a cap for each year. Representative archers could register at the beginning of each year: in this way we would know how many potential archers we might have who required a grant. Only those willing to shoot for the County would be eligible. Senior squad expenditure would have to come from the FITA* workparty help and their shirts would have to be paid, in part, by the archers. Admin and expenses would, again, be 'capped' and conference attendance restricted.

The County tournaments either break even or make a slight profit, however, Region are talking about a charge for their competitions and we would have to look very seriously at whether we would, or could, or should continue with these.

APPENDIX 2

Proposal for County Expenditure 2012

Expenditure	2009	2010
Tournaments	246	-167
Admin	528	766 ** includes 150 development conference expenses
Junior Squad	268	207
GRANTS:		
Disabled	300	300
Coaches	200	80
National Representation	200	400
TOTAL	1742	1586

income from approximately 430 senior archers and 9 juniors = 1955

Staffordshire Archery Association Audit of Accounts 2011

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Opening Statement and amount Statement No. 241 5574.04

Last Bank statement No 244 amount dated 24 Oct 2011 7422.27

The audit was done without confirmation due to not having the Cheque books or paying in books or bank statements.

(a number of cheques paid out unable to find receipts or payees).

Run down of a few salient points during this financial year as follows.

Honorariums paid amount to £375.00.

Grants paid out £675.00 Benevolent and support. Cty Jrs shooting for National Tournaments.

Tournaments Cost and expences.

Staffs Indoor. £510.70 Hall Hire

£ 41.75 Tgt Faces.

Entry Fees. ~~£1002.40.~~ £271.63

Richard Court. £275.50 Trent Valley Archers.

Telford FITA STAR £5160.19 Total income

£4157.79 Total Expenditure. Profit £1002.40

£1774.95 Hire of Field

£ 354.99 Still Outstanding

Telford FITA STAR Judges expenses.	£529.42.
Target Faces & Pins	£790.82.

A Vote of thanks must go to Mike Cross for all the hard work he has done preparing and keeping the County Accounts. It is obvious that a great number of hours has been spent doing these.

The end of the Year accounts shown on the Computer print out £6108.53 cannot be verified by the auditors as we do not have access to bank statements or cheque books and paying in books.

Any questions regarding these accounts I am sure will be answered by the Treasurer when he returns from Australia.

NOTE : Why was there a cash payment of £150.00 and not payment by cheque as is required.(Cannock Sound Hire)



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5th March 2012

County Records Officers AGM Report

It's been a very busy year with 69 new records, 54 this year being made by juniors, 45 of these made by one junior Phillippa Taylor. Congratulations to everyone.

The Indoor County Champs in March was attended by 100 archers and again the numbers have dropped. Once again Staffordshire juniors led the way in gents recurve, ladies recurve and gents compound, well done Brett Warburton, Becky Martin and Stuart Taylor. Congratulations must also go to everyone else that won their bow type.

In the April intercounty match Staffordshire once again came 3rd but congratulations to Mark Spruce for being the top gents recurve. Lets hope we can do better next month. Thank you to everyone that agrees to represent the county at these shoots as the distance and cost of travelling becomes more expensive.

At the WMAS October match Staffordshire finished fourth overall but we didn't field a full team. Lee Ankers claimed another Roy Mathews medal with the top longbow score.

In total we had 33 archers represent the County and for 6 of these 2011 was their first time.

The Outdoor County Champs were held in October, we had 25 archers shooting at Wolverhampton. The numbers were very poor, this figure included the open entrants. We really need county members to support the shoots being organised.

The next County Rankings list will be compiled in September so can everyone that shoots a 12 dozen round between now and then please ensure they send their scores in.

Karl Greatrex
Staffs CRO

c3 The county champs went well although numbers were low with a total of 25 archers booking in and 24 shooting. A summary of the account is attached which shows we made approx. £91 profit for the shoot although the cheques are yet to be processed (awaiting details from Mike Cross re. address to post them too). Due to the low numbers I would suggest that the shoot be merged with another next year whether it be Wolverhamptons Spril Shoot, Walsall Fita Star or one of Stafford's shoots

c3 Volunteers are required for the Intercounty at Lilleshall on the 9th October. 7:30am start should be finished by 5pm – it is single detail, 3 archers per target, Fita – so 3 target moves throughout the day and face changes. Can you ask the people present to rally support in their clubs and confirm back to me who is coming to work party it – thank you (Also need a Lady P if you can think of one!!)

c3 Paperwork has been sent to GNAS and approved for the County Indoors on the 11th March 2012 at Wenlock Hall, Lilleshall and the facility has been booked. Also the 3 way inter-county on the 29th April has been approved as both record and rose status with a TBC venue of Trent Valley – this is dependant on confirmation from TVA and there being sufficient targets available (or being able to be provided to TVA) for the event. Otherwise we need another club to volunteer which can run with 20 bosses

c3 I believe Leek have volunteered to run the Richard Court shoot next year, a date needs to be set for this shoot please

STAFFORDSHIRE ARCHERY COACHING GROUP
 (CCO Report for County AGM Meeting 07th March 2012)



It has been an extremely busy time for a change (end 2011 / early 2012) and it looks likely to continue for the next couple of months? I have literally had four complete free weekends since October last year, which includes Christmas. As a result some things have moved on swiftly and good progress made, others have to stay on hold yet again, not only because of my commitments, but that of other coaches and theirs.

Coach Training Courses

The Level 2 course was completed on 14th January 2011 and the assessment has been set for 12th May 2012 at Lichfield. There are 7 candidates from Staffordshire and the remaining 5 from various other locations. My thanks to Carol Byde for acting as Lead Tutor, a new experience for her and we both had to get our heads around the new format, it worked in the end. Also Helen Parrish who was Course Administrator, her job is not yet over until everything has been paid off. We have received the £500 Coaching Grant towards the course costs and if there is spare money after everything has been finalised the candidates will be reimbursed.

I have been asked about another Level 1 course. These were being administrated via Archery GB at Lilleshall on behalf of the West Midlands, but they now say they have not got the time and the facilities are heavily booked? Both me and Sue Williamson (Shropshire) have agreed to address the matter after the completion of their L2 course in April, I have been advising people to be patient and not give up.

County Coaching Conference

This was one of the items held back due to time restraints, my apologies, but there was nowhere to fit it in as originally planned. It will be discussed at the forthcoming Coaching Group Meeting and hopefully we can choose a suitable date (I have issued a list of dates for consideration), some coaches have offered suggestions for various topics to go on the agenda and the most popular ones will be included.

Junior Squad

This continues to get better and is obviously very successful; this will no doubt be reflected in the JS Managers Report. My thanks to both Steve and Wendy Taylor for running all this, without their help it would probably not happen? Reflecting back on my weekend coaching commitments over the past couple of years it would be very difficult to work it all in. Thanks also have to go to the parents for their support and the coaches who work on the squad.

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Club Coaching (Workshops)

Workshops are still on offer if any club is interested, these are for both coaches and archers, topics include Bow setup & tuning, Nutrition and Mental Skills among just a few, if anyone is interested please let me know.

Forthcoming Coaching Group Meetings

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st March 2012.
(Notification sent)

The Coaching Group AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st September 2011.

Robin Hall (CCO and Senior Coach)

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.

CHAIRMANS REPORT AGM 2012

I would like to add my thanks to all those who have helped the Association in whatever role and congratulate all who took part in County events.

As I have said in the past, the purpose of this report is to look forward, however, to look forward I suppose I need to look back to see what I said previously. I said that there were changes taking place in our governing bodies and that the changes in communication methods were gathering pace. On both these points the changes that actually happened far exceeded my expectations. The changes to the method of paying the membership fee has reduced our turnover and abolished the rebate; we lose some £500. The role of the Region must now also be called into question as they now seem to have no function other than to instigate – not run – the Regional shoot. Both FITA and GNAS have changed their name, hence the changes to the constitution. One was changed correctly the other, in my opinion, was not but we are stuck with it. In communications the changes are even quicker than I thought, but the cost of travel may prove to be the driving force as we move away from face to face to electronic meetings.

I am still disappointed that so few clubs bothered to update their contact details on the County web page, perhaps with the AGM season upon us the new secretaries will send in their details. I know that people moving to the area tend to use the county site and the clubs who have put details there have picked up new members, my own club gained an International judge in this way.

Previously I promised that I would define the roles of the executive and this has now been done and published on the website. I also promised to finish the update on the responsibilities of the county officers. This has been done and I hope all incumbents and potential officers have looked at these.

Again, like last year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all clubs that it is a requirement that they send a copy of their constitution, together with their J16, to the county and that this includes any amendments; yet again I cannot believe that no changes have been made to any constitution this year. Constitutions are 'live' documents and need to be visited often to keep them relevant, not set in stone.

As you have heard the junior squad is meeting and training regularly. Although we made a start with the senior squad we are still need to do a lot more to become like the juniors. My priority this year is to find a squad manager, any volunteers! Meeting with, and helping to train these squads is a great opportunity for coaches to improve their skills and knowledge and I can only strongly advise them to become involved as this is another area where the pace of change is increasing; methods of teaching and the content have changed a lot this year alone.

The Staffordshire FITA Star went wonderfully well and this was in no small part because of the volunteers for the workparty, however, I would like to single out the organising committee for their hard work over many months and especially Wendy Taylor who kept us all organised with her 'to do lists'.

I believe we need to look at the competitions we are running, and this is another task for this year. Can we combine county shoots with other competitions? Are we competing between clubs to attract the same limited number of archers to competitions? Should we rationalise the ones we run and, maybe, combine some? That should make an interesting meeting!

I would close by thanking all who have supported me this year, especially all the members of the executive.