



LEDBURY ARCHERY CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
IN THE BARN AT PUTLEY, 6 OCTOBER 2018

Those present

Mark Beaumont, Pat Beaumont, Graham Blandford, Rachel Cecil, Martin Cowley, Pete Dobson, Tony Fussey, George Hancock, Ellen Jones, Geoff Langley, Richard Lee-Buxton, Robert Oates, Chris Outtrim, Malcolm Speight, James Ridge, Katie Ridge, Victoria Williams, Gordon Woolley.
(their *initials* are used below)

Apologies for absence

Brian Allman, Chris Brown

Chairman's Welcome

MB welcomed all who had braved the cold and wet for this, the first AGM to be held in the barn and his first, as Chairman for 2017-2018. Space limitations for increasing numbers had meant that we could no longer use the farmhouse dining room and the date of the AGM had come later in the year because of other pressing matters involving the Club.

Minutes of previous AGM, 26 August 2017

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes AND Approval

A Club mobile phone had been provided by MB and was in use, although rather 'thirsty' and its settings need tweaking therefore.

Other items were dealt with later under AOB.

Treasurer's Report

TF presented his Report and Accounts (as attached).

TF added that he was very encouraged by the presently good state of our finances although these had been boosted by an anonymous donation of £500.

We had no major items of expenditure currently planned other than plans to improve perimeter drainage and flooring at the south end of the barn.

There was a new online registration and subs renewal system introduced by Archery GB and it was to be seen if this is indeed an improvement.

Dealings with our TSB, our bank, were tedious as online banking was presently impractical because

we are a club needing two signatories to be logged in together.

TF was thanked for a clear report and accounts which were adopted as read.

Chairman's Report

MB summarised his Report (as attached)

He stressed that it had been a good year for the Club especially with our ability to obtain and fit out the new container to house most of our equipment.

We were continuing to participate in external events, such as Have Gos, which raised the profile of the Club, attracted interest from potential new members and brought in supplementary income allowing us to add further to our equipment and facilities. Events to come are the Cider week event on 20 October at the Hereford Cider Museum (for which members' assistance is needed) and next year hosting a number of members of Herefordshire WI.

He wished especially to thank GB and his wife Anne for all that they do for the Club as well as hosting us as landlords.

Secretary's Report

RO summarised his Report (as attached).

He wished to emphasize his admiration for PD (from whom he had taken over) who as well as holding down a stressful job in teaching, had combined being Secretary, officiating at external events, Tasters and Beginners Courses as well as undertaking regular coaching duties, a lot of work. Praise also goes to fellow coach JR on the sporting aspects as well as for all those Club members stepping in to provide assistance at our various events, both external and domestic.

Our membership was now at an all time high, and the target, discussed in the Development Group, of adding five new members net each year was now being well exceeded and we hoped could continue.

Coaches Report

PD summarised the Report of the two coaches (as attached).

He wished again to thank all helpers on the external and internal events and was pleased that the Club was conducted in a friendly atmosphere.

The Taster and Beginners Courses were now taking place on a regularised basis which meant that carrying out routine coaching of Club members could now be more systematic.

Additional coaches were needed and a few members had expressed interest, including 'shadowing' the coaches to glean both subject and methods.

MD interjected that anyone wishing to go on a coaching course would be fully reimbursed their course costs by the Club (and by the county) provided there was an undertaking to provide coaching within the Club for a minimum reasonable period when qualified.

PD and JR now meet regularly to discuss Club coaching matters and are always pleased to deal with any questions arising from members.

Records Officer's Report

PD summarised her Report (as attached)

She wished to emphasize the necessity of scoring correctly and fully in accordance with the directions she has issued, otherwise score sheets had to be rejected.

Also, members may be able to achieve an award or standards level while aiming for a specific goal, hence the need to consistently filling in score sheets and submitting them to her.

JR added that we needed additional standard scores for indoor use and also for junior members who may not yet be able to reach the longer distances on the Putley range.

CO had represented the county recently and had done well individually but the county team, with a small member base, was placed last overall.

MB said that the records would be posted on our website.

Equipment Officer's Report

CO summarised his Report (as attached).

He added that his job had been eased by the arrival of the new container so that all of the loose equipment was in one place.

The many items of equipment from Lugg Valley would now be added to our inventory.

He asked that any member noticing damage to any Club archery equipment notify him and/or leave a message on the chalkboard on the inside of the container door.

Election of Officers

There being no other candidates, the following were deemed elected by acclaim to continue to sit on the Management Committee:

Chair-MB, Secretary -RO, Treasurer -TF, Lead Coach - PD, Coach -JR, Records Officer -PB and Equipment Officer -CO. GB, as our landlord would sit on the Committee as *ex officio*.

Annual Subscriptions

The rates of annual subscriptions already requested and paid were approved.

Any Other Business

- (1) GB said that the method of charging for use of electricity in the barn would change and be more evenly allocated between Club use in the barn and his domestic/business use.

He also queried whether the Club should donate a sum to the HAA in recognition of the large amount of equipment coming to us following Lugg Valley Archers closure.

MB remarked that HAA would inherit almost £2000 from the cash assets of Lugg Valley. Any equipment we had inherited was available for lending to the other remaining county clubs.

The consensus of the AGM was not to make such a donation.

- (2) MB said that a new noticeboard would be provided for the blank end of the container and we were researching the best materials to withstand the barn environment at all times of the year.
- (3) He said that we had acquired several bosses, mostly in good condition, the foam bosses had been refurbished and setting-up flaps added to the container, all steady progress.
- (4) GB repeated his offer to widen the range field boundary to give more space for bosses at the

higher distances; 10 metres would probably be sufficient. Before this is implemented, we need to measure out and check the respective splay angles for boss and clout shooting for compliance with AGB requirements. It was agreed that we would not implement this yet but wait to see if congestion increased with regularity. GB would advise of the rental charges he would make for the extra space.

- (5) GB said that he was content if shooting hours were to be extended on Saturdays to allow for members to complete the longer rounds comfortably.
- (6) PD asked the AGM to give a vote of thanks to Anne Blandford who did much for the Club in the background.
- (7) RO asked if GB could place some hardcore/scalping on the track alongside the barn where large puddles were forming in wet weather GB would cost this and advise the Committee.
- (8) GB would investigate the cost of a french drain on the south-west end of the barn to limit the damp emanating across the seating/kitchen end of the barn and would advise the Committee in due course.
- (9) In his first year of membership, GL wished to thank all those managing the Club where he had a found warm and friendly welcome.

Chairman's Closing Remarks

MB thanked all for coming to the AGM and hoped that, although the Club was not very successful in competitions at present, it would remain as family orientated and friendly venue.

Date of next AGM

Yet to be determined, but probably at the end of August 2019 to allow subscriptions levels to be agreed in the AGM and payment made before the AGB subs close-out on 30 September.

The meeting closed at 11:15