



***LEDBURY ARCHERY CLUB***  
***MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***  
***HELD IN THE BARN AT PUTLEY, 31 AUGUST 2019***

***Those present***

Stephanie Barton, Mark Beaumont, Pat Beaumont, Graham Blandford, Chris Brown, Rachel Cecil, Martin Cowley, Andy Deeble, Pete Dobson, Dorrie Gaylard, Simon Gaylard, Sarah Halliday Quinn, George Hancock, Jan Lee-Buxton Richard Lee-Buxton, Robert Oates, Steve Powell, Dave Quinn, , James Ridge, Katie Ridge, Caroline Shaw, Graham Shaw, Malcolm Speight, Justin Twigg, Mike Woodhall, Gordon Woolley. (Officers *initials* are used below)

***Apologies for absence***

Joseph Barton, Robynne Brown, Daniel Farr, Tracy Farr, Tony Fussey, Lyndon Hunt, Chris Outtrim, Rita Woolley

***Chairman's Welcome***

MB welcomed all, thanked them for such a good turnout and handed over to RO to proceed with business.

***Minutes of previous AGM, 26 August 2017***

Last year's Minutes as distributed with today's Agenda were approved without comment.

***Matters Arising from Previous Minutes***

Matters arising had been dealt with during the year and attention was drawn to the Reports from each of the Club Officers.

***Officer Reports***

Annual Reports had been received from the Chairman (MB), Treasurer (TF), Secretary (RO), Lead Coach (JR), Records Officer (PB), Equipment Officer (CO) and Landowner (GB) and were adopted without question. A copy of each Report is attached to this original copy of these Minutes held by the Secretary.

RO said that the Annual Accounts were now fixed for the year ending 31 July to give accurate year-on-year financial comparisons and the Treasurer had reported that we were in a strong financial position.

The Annual Accounts were approved and adopted unanimously.

RO wished to express to TF the Committee's thanks to him for his careful guardianship of the Club's books for several years and that they were sorry he was leaving his post and probably also leaving the area soon.

RO also wished to thank CO for his good works in looking after the Club's equipment and maintaining the assets register for a year or more, especially after acquisition of the Lugg Valley equipment and the consolidation of all items into the container in the barn.

Both of these thanks were endorsed by the meeting.

### Election of Officers

There being no other candidates, the following members replacing those retiring were deemed elected by acclaim:

Treasurer: Malcolm Speight (taking over from TF as soon as practicable at the start of the new season)

Equipment Officer: Rachel Cecil (to take over from CO for the new season). If necessary, Rachel would seek to appoint an assistant.

The following incumbents were also elected by acclaim;

Chair: MB, Secretary: RO, Lead Coach: JR, Records Officer: PB.

GB, as our landlord, would continue to sit on the Management Committee *ex officio*.

In addition, Caroline Shaw had offered to act in the new post of Examiner of Accounts to undertake the financial audit function for the Club and was appointed.

In answer to a suggestion from Dorrie Gaylard, JR agreed to accept the position of Safeguarding Officer to add to his functions in the Club.

### Annual Subscriptions

The rates of annual subscriptions proposed by the Committee and attached to the Agenda were approved and were commencing to be paid.

### Club Constitution

RO explained that although this had gone through a number of drafts since the Club was founded, it had never been ratified by the Members. Thus, after many changes, the latest draft had been approved by the Committee and put forward for acceptance as distributed with today's Agenda. It was approved unanimously and would be signed off, in authentication, by the Chair, Secretary and current Treasurer on behalf of the membership.

### Any Other Business

- (1) George Hancock asked if there could be another midweek shooting session. GB said he was content for this to happen provided there was a minimum of two members present to comply with AGB Rules of Shooting. GB added that he would be happy, as an alternative, for shooting to continue into Saturday afternoon. This would be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

- (2) Regarding our indoor activities on Thursday evenings in the darker months, MB said that he had searched for alternative venues to Tarrington, with a longer shooting range and with adequate storage, but had found nowhere yet within the vicinity. He and other Committee members would also try local schools and riding schools with an indoor arena. RO said that until we find such a location, we would continue using Tarrington, had contracted with them for another Winter season and, in view of the increased number participating, had agreed an extra hour's rental from 5pm to 6pm before our usual 6pm to 8pm. The Committee would make proposals to the membership as to how the 3 hours might be allocated, such as an early and a late shift with equal shooting time.
- (3) Dave Quinn asked if the Club could arrange instruction on barebow techniques. JR said that this is not a distinct part of shooting tuition but would raise the matter at the next area coaches meeting to see if there was significant call for this. Perhaps the higher-level coaches outside the county might assist – Justin Twigg said that he had received higher-level (paid for) coaching with Xperience Archery operating from Deer Park Archers (experiencearchery@hotmail.co.uk) in Cheltenham.
- (4) Dorrie Gaylard suggested the Club should operate a Whatsap group and possibly a Facebook account. The former was generally approved by the meeting. MB said that although there is already an LAC Facebook account it could not be unlocked as the password holder was no longer a Club member and cannot be contacted. It was thought that if the site remained inactive that it would be terminated and we could open a fresh account. However, at present we do not need the extra publicity this might attract.
- (5) A vote of thanks was passed praising and thanking Anne Blandford for all that she did for the Club. GB was also thanked for the extra efforts he makes in the running of the Club beyond that required in his renting to us and servicing the facilities at Putley.

### *Chairman's Closing Remarks*

MB thanked all for coming to the AGM and said that he was encouraged by the many members who were now becoming competitive in outside events. He wished the Club to continue as a family orientated and friendly venue.

### *Date of next AGM*

Yet to be determined but will again be towards the end of August 2020, thus a few weeks after the Annual Accounts are closed and allowing subscriptions to be paid promptly before the AGB subs close-out on 30 September.

The meeting closed at 10:30