

# LIZARD PENINSULA BOWMEN

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT GWEEK VILLAGE HALL 31st OCTOBER 2011

### MINUTES

**Present:** Vanda Trotman, President. Carol Raines, Chairman. Diane Johnstone, Mike Selmes, Marion Smith, Cherilyn Woolford, Alex Greig, Peter Jennings, Philip Ferris, Andrew Mitchell, Nigel Hopkins, Keith Harris, Sarah Pinder, Jon Vinnell, Trisha Miners, Alan Hunt, Hugh Rowe, Jackie Harris.

**Apologies:** Adrian Leach, Sue Day, Margaret Hopkins, Cathy Ferris, Sue Jennings.

**Minutes:** The President moved that the Minutes of last year's meeting be signed by her as a true record. Diane proposed, Nigel seconded.

#### 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Looking back over the year there have been several memorable and enjoyable club events, including the tree planting in the snow, the Christmas and Easter meals, the well-attended summer have-a-goes, the clout shoots, and the fun overnight camp and BBQ.

As usual we have had considerable success in external tournaments, although it has always been the same few archers flying the flag for our club. With regret we had to cancel our own open tournament in the summer due to insufficient entries. Other local clubs have reported their tournament numbers being down too, possibly due to the increased price of fuel and the reluctance of people to travel far.

Beginners' courses have been very popular and over-subscribed, and we have recruited many new members, although only a few of those shoot regularly.

Membership at present stands at 54, though we have seen a drop in attendance at our regular sessions, both indoors and out, which is disappointing and cause for concern. The numbers have even been down at the fun shoots and our end of season tournaments. We are particularly short of junior members.

Talking of juniors, we miss our champion Nicole now that she has gone away to University where she is studying for a degree in physiotherapy. To mark their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Archery GB issued a limited edition President's medal and invited clubs to apply and say why they wanted to present it to one of their members. At Andrew's

suggestion at a committee meeting, Diane wrote to apply for one for Nicole, saying that she has achieved more than anyone else in our club, and at such a young age. The result was that we have a well-deserved medal to present to Nicole on a suitable occasion when she is home. In short, Nicole holds numerous Devon and Cornwall and Grand Western records and has been shooting for the Devon and Cornwall adult team. Last year many of you will remember that she came 1<sup>st</sup> in the U18 compound at the Junior National Indoor Championships and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Junior National Outdoor Championships. Nicole has achieved the top awards of both Junior and Adult Master Bowman. What a fantastic feat!

Sadly as most of you know, Tony and Bob, two of our experienced and long-standing members, are not able to shoot due to ill health. Both have served on the committee at different times, Tony the most recently up to this meeting, and both contribute a huge amount to the club. We are missing them terribly, both as friends and archers, and send love and best wishes to them and their families.

Nigel is also resigning from the committee this year after many years of invaluable service. Nigel can be seen most weeks at the field on Wednesday mornings, cutting grass, strimming or mending one or other of our mowers or even attending to the plumbing! He has been Equipment Officer and also prints the club newsletter. In addition Nigel helps with the coaching at have-a-goes and beginners' courses.

Another very long-standing committee member resigning this time is Jackie. Jackie was recognised last year for her work as records officer and this year she has been supporting Sue Jennings who as you know has ably taken over that job. With the benefit of her experience Jackie also gives us valuable advice on archery matters.

The club relies heavily on a few hard working committee and non-committee members. The vital website which is full of up to date information continues to be maintained by non-committee member, Sue Day. The essential work of caring for the equipment, field and pavilion is carried out week in and week out by Nigel, Keith and Tony led by Hugh, a non-committee member, who gives so freely of his time and expertise. The improved storage for bows indoors has been built by Jon. Sarah has produced some interesting and informative newsletters which are printed by Nigel. Peter looks after the finances and keeps us solvent. Sue J spends many hours updating club records, working out handicaps, organising trophies and medals and making sure achievement awards are received. Diane looks after the membership, correspondence, minutes of the meetings and keeps everyone informed by e-mail. Often from the far oceans of the world, Adrian contributes ideas, researches information on the internet and orders equipment. Andrew has helped at events and contributed ideas at meetings. David Seymour, a non-committee member, deserves a special mention as he is always there at courses and events, ready to lend a hand with the BBQ, or setting up and clearing away. All of the above mentioned plus David Hill and Alex Greig help to coach beginners. Mike Selmes also is learning to teach beginners and I believe, along with Jon and Peter, is hoping to do a level 1 coaching course when one becomes available in the South West.

Best of all is the fact that all these people are such fun and very supportive. The club is very fortunate to have such a dedicated enthusiastic group of people but should always be looking for newcomers to safeguard the future. I have very much enjoyed

working with everyone and sincerely thank them for their friendship. I feel privileged to have been the chairman of such a friendly club and my best wishes go to next year's committee.

## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

As you will see from the Income/Expenditure sheet before you, last year we had an operating deficit of £1301.91.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

INCOME	2011	2010
Membership fees	£3,458.65	£4,192.00
GNAS rebate for prompt payment	86.50	76.00
Donations	10.00	23.35
Beginners' Course	200.00	1,225.00
Taster/Have A Go sessions	571.00	425.00
Refreshments	180.94	137.40
Target Fees Indoor	1,422.08	1,596.90
Target Fees Outdoor	581.72	1,087.45
Sale of Club Badges/Shirts	71.78	61.28
Tournament Receipts	0.00	391.90
Mower Hire	603.00	201.00
Xmas Fun Shoot (for St.Julia's)	34.22	70.42
Sale of Books	8.50	0.00
Christmas and Easter Dinners	<u>1,322.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b><u>£8,551.98</u></b>	<b><u>£9,532.42</u></b>

EXPENDITURE	2011	2010
GNAS Affiliation fees	£2,672.15	£2,949.00
Rent for Gweek Village Hall	1,288.00	1,345.00
Equipment	1,321.33	548.52
Print/Post/Stationery	301.31	222.17
Purchase of Prizes	34.02	127.71
Purchase of Food/Refreshments	159.41	180.19
Insurance	355.00	0.00
League Entry Fees	20.00	15.50
Field Expenses, Petrol and Mower	959.91	659.95
Field Expenses — other	282.10	400.95
Coaching Course	0.00	540.00
Donation to St Julia's	34.22	70.42
Depreciation	1,034.95	919.00
Gifts	68.99	16.22
Christmas and Easter Dinners	<u>1,322.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b><u>£9,853.89</u></b>	<b><u>£7,994.63</u></b>

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Pavilion and grounds at Garras	£23,917.20	£23,917.20
Storage/garage shed	872.00	872.00
Revalued items:		
Equipment	£ 1040.00	1,300.00
Generator	36.00	44.00
Have A Go equipment	154.00	192.00
Mowers	552.00	690.00
Additional during Year		
Strimmer	127.00	0.00
Target Butts	1,368.00	0.00
Cash on Deposit	2,586.67	4,285.08
Cash Current Account	1,148.98	1,586.48
	<b><u>£31,801.85</u></b>	<b><u>£33,103.76</u></b>

## **LIABILITIES**

Surplus brought forward from 2010	33,103.76	31,565.97
Surplus/deficit for year 2011	<u>-1,301.91</u>	<u>1,537.79</u>
Accrued Expenses	<b><u>£31,801.85</u></b>	<b><u>£33,103.76</u></b>

Our income was down on the previous year, particularly for:

- Membership fees (we have fewer members)
- Beginners Course (we only had 1 last year)
- Outdoor target fees (halved)
- Tournament receipts (no tournament this year)

Expenditure was up, particularly for:

- Purchase of equipment
- Insurance (change in renewal date last year)
- Field expenses relating to the mowers — thanks to Hugh, Tony and Nigel for keeping these operational — but servicing and repair costs have been high.

I would like to thank Gill, Sue Day's sister, for auditing the accounts and making them balance.

If there are any questions I will try to answer them.

The Treasurer asked for questions from the floor. None were forthcoming, and the President moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Keith proposed, Diane seconded and the motion was carried.

### **3. RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT** (read in her absence by the Treasurer)

Here are the classification and handicap tables for the start of the next seasons. Please contact Sue Jennings (Records Officer) if you have any questions.

The winner of the Archery GB Handicap Improvement Medal for 2010 was Diane Johnstone, who reduced her handicap from 81 to 65. The Junior Handicap Improvement Medal was awarded to Nicole Challacombe, who reduced her handicap from 28 to 22. Although Archery GB does not have handicap improvement medals for the indoor season, the Club presents its own. The Indoor Senior Handicap Improvement Medal was awarded to Cherilyn Woolford, who reduced her handicap from 74 to 62. The Junior Handicap Improvement Medal went to Nicole, who reduced her handicap from 16 to 9.

Congratulations to these archers for their excellent achievements.

### **DCAS Portsmouth Postal League**

Last indoor season (2010/11) DCAS had problems in running the league. The results for each team (Compound, Recurve, Longbow and Junior) were forwarded each month but only the November results were available on the DCAS website and no league tables have been recorded. We have since received an apology for this and the cheque for the entry fees has not been presented for payment.

This year, after consideration of the changes to the rules, the Committee has decided not to enter teams for the Portsmouth Postal League, although the Frostbite competition will continue.

### **External News**

Congratulations are due to our archers who entered tournaments throughout the region during the winter and summer seasons; particularly Sue Day, Alex Greig and Nicole Challacombe, who continue to represent the Club so ably. At the DCAS County championships, 30 July 2011, Nicole won the gold medal and also gained an Adult Six-Gold End (shooting a York).

The President moved that the Records Officer's Report be accepted. Mark Worrall proposed, Diane seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

#### 4. EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

In the absence of Tony Bush, Hugh Rowe made the report.

**Equipment** is in good condition and we are up to date with everything we need. I would be grateful if anyone noticing equipment in need of repair would bring this to my attention.

**Amenities.** The field is looking good and the big mower has been mended again. It is getting old, however, and will need replacing in a year or two. Cornwall Farmers have suggested that a more powerful mower would be more suitable for our needs. Tony has collected several mower leaflets for us to look at.

The tree planting last December was most successful. We were told that a survival rate of 70% would be very good; in fact we have lost only about 15 trees. Thank you to everyone who helped with the planting last year, and thank you also to those who painted the pavilion. The garage now needs a coat of preservative and I would be grateful if anyone can help with this.

Are there any questions?

Carol asked if it was possible to obtain a secondhand mower. Hugh replied that it was unlikely. Vanda asked how much a new mower would cost, and Hugh replied that it would be in the region of £5,000. Vanda suggested that it would be a good idea to start looking for a mower well before we needed one; a secondhand mower just might turn up. Cherylyn suggested that the Club could hold some events to raise money for a new mower.

The President moved that the Equipment Officer's Report be accepted. Mike Selmes proposed, Peter Jennings seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

#### 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President read out the nominations. All were returned unopposed. The Committee for the year 2011/12 is:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Alan Hunt	<b>Committee Members:</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Diane Johnstone	Sarah Pinder (newsletter)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Peter Jennings	Jon Vinnell
<b>Records Officer:</b>	Sue Jennings	Adrian Leach
<b>Equipment Officer:</b>	Hugh Rowe	Andrew Mitchell
		Mike Selmes
		Trisha Miners

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Diane** thanked Carol for her unstinting service in her three years as Chairman. Carol had worked extremely hard, and it was thanks to her leadership that several emails and letters have been received, thanking the Club for their warm and welcoming attitude at beginners' courses, Have A Goes and the like. Carol was presented with flowers, and all present applauded her.

**Diane** also thanked Nigel for his long service on the Committee and presented him with wine, again to applause.

**Cherilyn** thanked the Committee for all their hard work and for making archery so enjoyable.

**Keith** said that not everyone knew that he was the Club's representative on the Gweek Village Hall Committee, which was holding a meeting the following evening, Tuesday November 1. He had been asked to approach us because there were several groups in Gweek eager for time to become available at the Hall, and he asked whether the Club would consider altering its shooting times, for example having only one session on a Monday, and shooting from 8pm to 10 pm on a Tuesday. Vanda said that she was the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee; nothing had been decided yet, and the Hall Committee did not want to upset long-standing and regular users of the Hall. Diane replied that unfortunately the Hall's Committee meeting was bad timing from the Club's point of view, as the next committee meeting was next week. As attendance was currently so low, it was hoped that something could be worked out to everyone's satisfaction, but Keith's suggestion ought to be discussed by the whole Committee.

**Keith** also said that when speaking to two of the beginners on the current course, he had discovered that they lived in St Buryan, and asked them why they came here instead of Redruth Archers, which would be nearer. They both said that they had been to one of our Have A Goes in the summer, and had had such a friendly welcome and such an enjoyable day that this was the club they wanted to join, so he thought we could pat ourselves on the back again!

**Alan** said he would like to introduce himself, as several of the members might not know him and be wondering why he was elected Chairman. He has recently moved here from up-country, has been shooting for ten years, and was chairman of two other clubs in Buckinghamshire, Centaur Archers from 2002-2005, and Whiteleaf Bowmen from 2008-2010. When first approached regarding being chairman of Lizard Peninsula Bowmen, he had refused, but had then been persuaded to change his mind. He looks forward to taking on the role.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.20 pm.