

LIZARD PENINSULA BOWMEN

MINUTES OF THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 30TH OCTOBER 2009

Present: Vanda Trotman, President. Carol Raines, Chairman. Keith Harris, Jackie Harris, Nigel Hopkins, Tony Bush, Trystan Stock, Phil Ferris, Peter Cawley, Hugh Rowe, Maureen Gibson, Dennis Gibson, Jon Vinnell, Sarah Pinder, Mark Worrall, Diane Johnstone.

The Chairman introduced the President, who chaired the meeting.

Apologies: The President asked if apologies had been received, and these were read out: Adrian Leach, Peter and Sue Jennings, Layla Astley, Robyn Davies, Cathy Ferris, Margaret Hopkins, Richard Stock.

Minutes: The President moved that last year's Minutes be accepted as a true record. Dennis proposed, Mark seconded, by a show of hands the motion was carried and the President signed the Minutes.

1. Chairman's Report:

I think everyone will agree that the past year of archery has gone very quickly.

Membership currently stands at 54. The Club continues to be well represented at tournaments and on the county team. We are very proud of these archers and hope that they will soon be joined by some of our promising recent new members. Congratulations, not only on their successes, but also for their commitment at weekends and their willingness to travel throughout the country and beyond. Although entries were slightly down for our own Open Tournament, it was successful financially and we had many compliments from people who enjoyed the day.

Our club is not just about competitive archers, however; 'leisure' archers are just as important. Many members enjoy the social side as well as trying to improve personal scores and technique. It is great to see how mutually supportive and encouraging everyone is. Archers who are relatively new to the sport have made really good progress gaining achievement badges. Some members always help to set up and put away the equipment and help make the tea and wash up with great club spirit. The more the merrier.

The weather miraculously allowed us to hold all three of our Taster Sessions, plus one for Culdrose personnel and Have-a-Go events at Mullion School and Halvasso. As a result, so

many people wanted to do the 6-week beginners' course that we are currently running two classes a week and we already have a waiting list for February. Hopefully this will eventually increase our junior membership as well as the number of adults. Thanks to those who help and to members for their patience in losing a couple of sessions while the classes are going on. However, holidays and other summer commitments meant members' attendances throughout the summer were down. The End of Season Tournament was particularly disappointing.

We have tried to improve our equipment this year in order to keep up with the more powerful bows and arrows now on the market. The new H frames have been successful. We renewed the straw bosses and bought two long-lasting foam bosses mainly for compound archers. One of these is permanently set up in the field for qualified archers shooting alone with any type of bow. We now have a variety of training bows and we are trialling finger guards on the string as opposed to using tabs. Many people have donated various pieces of equipment for which we are very grateful. A special thanks to Jon for making and donating the indoor H frame.

We are so lucky with all our venues. The refurbished hall is great and the field has been looking particularly lovely this year, thanks to the ground crew led by Hugh, who is to be found hard at work every Wednesday morning. Another big thank you goes to Bob and Doris, who recently donated a lovely tree.

Communication in any club is nearly always a problem. We communicate through our website, newsletter and the notice board, and Diane has done a great job e-mailing and phoning people. Many thanks to Sue, who continues to maintain the Club website with up-to-date information. I think you will all agree that we have an excellent newsletter, again thanks to Diane. It helps to keep us all in touch and pulls us together as club but it needs your contributions to make it work and make it interesting. If you don't want to lose it in its present form, then please help Diane by sending her articles and any interesting information. It doesn't always have to be directly about archery! Some feedback would be encouraging too, as it disappears into the void and then Diane thinks no one reads it! Communication is a two-way process.

Thank you to all Committee members for all their support and their commitment to making the Club run smoothly. The past year's Committee members have a lot of knowledge and experience between them and willingly give a great deal of their time, but for the future of the Club we also need young fresh blood! It is sad that not more people were nominated

or put themselves forward for the Committee. There is a lot to do, but it is good fun and rewarding. We are fortunate, however, in having many active Club members who have made suggestions or kept us informed of members' wishes. It is your Club and a Club to be proud of.

The President moved that the Chairman's report be accepted. Hugh proposed, Tony seconded, and by a show of hands the motion was carried.

2. Treasurer's Report:

You should all have a copy of the audited accounts for the past year. They show a deficit of £425.50. We have not made a deficit for five years, but you may remember that at last year's AGM I did say that we would be spending a lot of money this year.

The main reason for the increase in expenditure is due to equipment repairs and renewals of £2,450.31. This was for new straw bosses, new foam bosses and new stands. The other expense which has increased is servicing the mower. Again I did warn last year that the mower would not last forever. It was decided by the Committee that it was worth repairing the mower and also that we did need a back-up mower. So you will see on the balance sheet that a second-hand one was purchased, which necessitated the purchase of a garage/store-shed.

Perhaps another expense which needs a mention is the donation to Gweek Village Hall. The hall wanted a grant to carry out refurbishment of the toilets etc. A condition of the grant was that a proportion of the cost had to be raised from the 'hall users'. As we are one of the main users and the hall is vital to the Club during the winter, the Committee therefore decided to donate £100.

As you know, in April we lost the rental income from the dog training area. This means that next year's income will be reduced by £560.

I would like to thank Gill, Sue's sister, for auditing the accounts.

Income and Expenditure Account for Lizard Peninsula Bowmen for the year ended 30th September 2009:

Income	2009	2008
Membership Fees	£3,177.00	£3,669.00
GNAS rebate for prompt payment	73.45	55.30

Donations	3.58	51.50
Tuition Fees – Beginners’ Course	650.00	858.00
Taster Sessions	400.00	60.00
BBQ for Taster Sessions	33.50	0.00
Mullion Have-a-Go	0.00	450.00
Target Fees – Indoor	1,988.56	2,006.46
Target Fees – Outdoor	1,192.65	1,100.35
Sale of Refreshments	187.80	254.15
Sale of Club Badges	7.50	37.50
Tournament Receipts – Entry Fees	175.00	224.50
Food/Drinks	165.88	160.00
Raffle	91.00	74.00
Mower Hire	480.00	420.00
Rent of Field (dog training area)	560.00	560.00
Fund-raising - Fun Shoot	70.11	58.95
Clout/November 5 th BBQ	0.00	58.00
Club Shirts	350.48	190.13
Interest on Deposit Account	155.98	158.25

Expenditure

GNAS affiliation fees	£2,363.00	£2,466.50
Rent, Gweek Village Hall	1,379.00	1,155.50
Equipment – Repairs and Renewals	2,450.31	500.27
Printing, Postage, Stationery, Newsletter	238.08	174.98
Purchase of Badges/Medals	281.05	273.50
Advert for Beginners	34.50	0.00
Expenses, Taster Session	15.00	0.00
Cost of BBQ Tasters	27.19	0.00
Donation to Gweek Village Hall	100.00	0.00
Insurance	355.00	355.00
Entry Fees League	20.00	36.00
Field Expenses – Petrol	273.00	326.29
Service of Mower	805.55	199.99
Creosote/Preservative	101.94	99.00
General	143.59	89.03
Donations to St Julia’s Hospice –		
Christmas Fun Shoot	70.11	58.95
Expenses Mullion Have-a-Go	0.00	125.00
Sundries	50.31	40.94
Tournament Expenses and Food	154.69	230.73
Prizes Fun Shoots	49.03	103.66
November 5 th BBQ	0.00	10.73
Land Registry Fees	0.00	40.00
Club Shirts	507.36	271.50
Purchase of Ladder/Charger	145.92	293.85
Depreciation – Generator	14.00	24.00
Equipment	409.35	662.00
Have-a-Go Equipment	60.00	100.00

Mowers	215.00	175.00
Strimmer	25.00	41.00
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INCOME	9,852.48	10,446.08
LESS EXPENDITURE	10,277.98	7,853.42
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	-425.50	2,592.66

**BALANCE SHEET FOR LIZARD PENINSULA BOWMEN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009**

ASSETS	2009	2008
PAVILION AND GROUND AT GARRAS (A professional valuation was carried out 23/08/07; a figure of £35,000 was deemed to be the market price)	23,917.20	23,917.20
STORAGE/GARAGE	1,359.00	0.00
REVALUED ITEMS:-		
Equipment	1,620.00	1,924.11
Additions during Year £210.24		
Less Sold during Year £105.00		
Generator	56.00	70.00
Have-a-Go Equipment	240.00	300.00
Mowers	860.00	525.00
Purchase of Mower £550.00		
Strimmer	99.00	124.00
CASH ON DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	2,940.00	4,024.38
CASH IN CURRENT ACCOUNT	508.36	1,106.78
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LIABILITIES		
SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD 2008	31,991.47	29,398.81

SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR ENDED 2009	-425.50	2,592.66
ACCRUED EXPENSES	33.95	0.00

The Treasurer asked for questions from the floor. None were forthcoming, and the President moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. It was proposed by Nigel, seconded by Dennis, and by a show of hands the motion was carried.

3. Records Officer's Report:

You'll find classification and handicap tables for the commencement of the next season in front of you. If you have any questions please ask. I am pleased to report that the Club has had another successful year. 25 outdoor records have been set or broken and 18 indoor records.

The winner of the GNAS Handicap Improvement Medal for 2008 was Bob Jeary, shooting barebow, reducing his handicap from 76 to 67. The Junior Handicap Improvement Medal was awarded to Jake Hemsley-Harding. He reduced his handicap from 95 to 73. The Club's Indoor Handicap Improvement medal for 2008/9 will be awarded to Tony Bush, who reduced his handicap from 58 to 48. Alex kindly donated a medal which will be awarded as a Junior Indoor Handicap Improvement Medal to Nicole shooting compound, who reduced her handicap from 44 to 22.

During the Indoor Season 2008/9 we entered Recurve, Compound, Longbow and Junior teams in the DCAS Postal Portsmouth competition. The Recurve team came 3rd in Division 2, the Compound team 3rd in Division 2, the Longbow team 1st in Division 3 and the juniors 2nd in Division 1. A senior and junior team was entered in the 2008/9 Frostbite League. The senior team came 3rd in Division 2 and the juniors came 4th in Division 1.

During both the winter and summer seasons a number of our archers entered tournaments all over the region with great success. At the Indoor County Championships Nicole became the under-18 Girls Compound County Champion and Reece became under-15 Boys Compound County champion. On 18 August 2009, Nicole became Outdoor Under-18 Junior Ladies Compound County Champion. Again we had members of the Club invited to join the county team.

The Indoor End of Season Tournament was held on 8 April. This was a normal and handicapped Portsmouth round and the trophies were awarded on straight scores as follows:

Pednavounder Cup	David Hill
Eileen Worrall Cup	Robyn Davies
Trenethick Trophy	Alex Greig
Mixed Longbow	Dennis Gibson
Treleaver Cup	Treve Stock
Junior Compound Cup	Reece Greig
Barebow Trophy	Adrian Leach
Novice Cup	Robyn Davies

The Outdoor End of Season Tournament took place on 13 September. Various Western rounds were shot. The trophies were awarded as follows:

Chairman's Tankard	Hugh Rowe
Founder's Shield	Sarah Pinder
Peninsula Vase	Mark Worrall
The Longbowman	Tony Bush
Lady Vyvyan Cup	David Seymour
Gibson Trophy	not awarded
Masters Barebow Trophy	Phil Guffogg

It was nice to see some different names winning trophies, but disappointing that no juniors shot, thus the Gibson Trophy was not awarded this year.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone good shooting in the coming year.

No questions were forthcoming, and the President moved that the Records Officer's report be accepted. Phil proposed, Mark seconded, and by a show of hands the motion was carried.

4. Equipment Officer's Report:

Due to Mick Glanfield's resignation in August, it had been agreed to leave vacant the post of Equipment Officer until the AGM, though Tony and Hugh had stepped in to help.

5. Amenities Officer's Report:

Hugh thanked all those who had helped at the field over the past year, especially Keith, Tony and Nigel. It had been a wet summer, with the result that the grass was still growing and being cut. A new mower had been bought, and also a garage to put it in, which has made a lot more room in the pavilion. During the winter Hugh will close some of the shooting lanes near the hedge, as these are most often used and the ground is being worn away. Hugh thanked Carol for the doughnuts she brought to the 'Wednesday group's' coffee break.

The President moved that the Amenity Officer's report be accepted. Keith proposed, Diane seconded, and by a show of hands the motion was carried.

6. Election of Officers:

The President read out the nominations. The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Records Officer were returned unopposed. Tony Bush was unanimously elected to the post of Equipment Officer. Hugh has resigned from the Committee, though he will remain in charge of Amenities.

Adrian Leach, Nigel Hopkins, Layla Astley, Sarah Pinder and Jon Vinnell were elected as Committee Members. The new Committee is as follows:

Chairman:	Carol Raines	Committee Members:	Adrian Leach
Secretary:	Diane Johnstone		Nigel Hopkins
Treasurer:	Keith Harris		Layla Astley
Records Officer:	Jackie Harris		Sarah Pinder
Equipment Officer:	Tony Bush		Jon Vinnell

7. Any Other Business:

Maureen thanked everyone for their regular enquiries about her health during the past year while she has been away. She has much appreciated it.

Jon asked if the Club had finite membership, or would it continue to grow and grow?

Carol replied that the Club reached a natural level of membership. No ceiling was imposed, and we did not want to turn away anyone.

Keith said that over the 17 years he had been in the Club, the tendency had been for membership to remain steady at roughly 45, though occasionally it went up. A lot of members pay their fees but don't shoot. If there was a fully active membership of 70 or so it would be difficult to accommodate everyone indoors. Two sessions have been held on Sundays in the past.

Maureen said she could remember there being 3 details, which usually dropped back to 2.

Dennis said there was always a natural influx of new members at the end of each beginners' course.

Jon confirmed that these comments answered his question.

Sarah thanked the 2008/9 Committee for their help and encouragement since she joined the Club.

Keith thanked Hugh for his long service on the Committee.

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm.