

COMMITTEE MEETING 21ST NOVEMBER 2008

MINUTES

Present: Carol, Keith, Jackie, Diane, Hugh, Tony, Adrian, Nigel, Mick.

Apologies: Melanie

Minutes: It was proposed, and agreed, that henceforth the minutes should be read and signed, and the minutes of the last meeting were duly read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Keith has returned all the money from the Lucky Squares draw.

Adrian asked whether the matter of the Child Protection Officer had been resolved. Diane said she had contacted Archery GB and been informed that LPB could simply appoint an officer – no special course or training was required, but Archery GB will provide back-up and advice if necessary. Diane has completed a CRB check and has volunteered to take on the role. As Hugh is the only other Committee member who has undergone a CRB check, he has kindly agreed to deputise if Diane is away or ill. A notice to that effect has been posted on the noticeboard. Adrian asked that this also be posted on the website. Mick said he was willing to undergo a CRB check. Carol has a spare form which she will pass on to him.

Adrian asked about the money for the Club T-shirts. Keith said they have now all been paid for.

Carol informed the Committee that two of the current beginners are unable to come on the next two Mondays as they will be on holiday, but she has agreed that they can come to the second shooting sessions on the Mondays after their return, as long as they let us know they are coming, so that a Committee member can be there to watch them. She said the beginners' course was going well and everyone seemed keen. Carol thanked everyone who has helped with the coaching.

Jackie said that the Christmas Dinner has now been booked at the New Inn, Wendron for 14th December, following the Christmas Fun Shoot.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on Deposit Account:	£5,234.38	
Balance in Current Account:	<u>488.92</u>	£5,723.30

Main Income since last meeting:

Tea/Coffee	21.00	
Target Fees Outdoors	26.90	
Target Fees Indoors	357.85	
Beginners	225.00	
Club T-shirts	<u>81.48</u>	£ 712.23

Transfer to Deposit:	£1,050.00
Rent of Field (paid by S.O. into Deposit A/c)	80.00

Main Expenditure since last Meeting:

Rent of Village Hall/October	205.00	
Field Expenses	28.00	
Printing & Postage/AGM		
Christmas Dinner	45.24	
League Entry Fees	20.00	
Wine gift to Auditor	17.94	
Fun shoot prizes	23.06	
Newsletter printing and postage	<u>57.29</u>	£ 393.53

Records Officer's Report:

1. Dennis Gibson has been awarded an **Outdoor Bowman** classification badge for Longbow. This was unfortunately missed from the last report and so did not make it into the Newsletter.

2. Many thanks to Adrian for donating indoor and outdoor Barebow cups for the End-of-Season tournaments.

3. Indoor Achievement Awards to date:

Recurve:	David Cousins	400
	Paul Bennett	450
	Treve Stock	500
Compound:	Josh Portas	450 and 500
	Nicole Challacombe	525 and 550
Longbow:	Richard Bates	300
	Phil Guffogg	400

4. We have entered Senior and Junior teams in the DCAS Frostbite League, and also a Recurve, Compound, Longbow and Junior team in the DCAS Postal Portsmouth League.

Amenity Officer's Report:

1. Hugh said it seemed a pity to buy the picnic tables and not look after them. He will buy some oil to treat them.
2. The mower is to go in for servicing.
3. Hugh asked especially that if anyone goes to the field, could they please not drive in the ruts, but use as much of the area as possible, as the ground is very wet. The dog trainers have made a mess by the gate, turning round etc.

Proposal to elect Vice-Chairman and stand-in for Secretary: Mick offered to take this on. Carol proposed, Jackie seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Proposal to elect President: Diane suggested Vanda Trotman. Adrian asked if there was any other candidate if Vanda refused. Diane said she had only thought of Vanda as she was a Founder Member of the Club, had done so much for it and it seemed a pleasing way to thank her. It was agreed that Diane will write to Vanda and ask her if she will agree to stand. Her duties as President would entail being Lady Paramount at the Open Tournament and the two End-of-Season tournaments, and chairing the AGM. Keith said the Constitution would need to be changed and then ratified at the AGM. Adrian said he had not got a copy of the Constitution. Keith will see that he has one.

Club T-shirts: Carol wondered how we could order more – beginners who join the Club will soon be wanting to wear Club colours. Alex had originally ordered the shirts, but the last batch came from South Africa and it was agreed that a simpler way of ordering should be found. Diane agreed to source shirts on the Internet. Adrian will approach Torch Embroideries and see what they can offer. Jackie suggested having a word with Alex and Sue.

Mower-friendly but better marks where the bosses should stand on the field: Adrian said that as the outdoor season progressed it had become harder to see the marks. Hugh apologised and said that usually he and Keith creosoted the marks so that they were easy to see, but that last season had been so wet he had not been able to creosote as often as usual. It was suggested that holes could be dug with a golf dibber and filled with cement, but Nigel pointed out that eventually the cement would stand proud of the surrounding earth. A plastic plug would be more mower-friendly. Hugh will see what he can acquire, and will experiment.

The Club's Library. Phil has been looking after it but is no longer on the Committee. It was agreed that the library is part of the Club's equipment and should come under the charge of the Equipment Officer. Mick agreed, and said he will make a catalogue and promote the books to the members. Adrian said the library should be advertised in the password-controlled section of the website.

New Ladder for the Pavilion: Hugh said that a new tall ladder was needed, especially when painting the pavilion. He proposed to buy one for £60 from B & Q. Adrian said that a very flexible ladder, which could be set up as step-ladder, platform, etc., could be bought for around £110. He had one, and found it extremely useful.

Keith thought it might be too elaborate for the Club's needs, but Mick proposed, and Carol agreed, that we should buy it.

Beginners buying Club Bows: Diane was worried that some of the beginners who may not have much money would spend £20 on a Club bow when perhaps a couple of months later they would want a better one. The two beginners who will miss the last two sessions are especially keen to buy bows and were anxious that they would miss out because they were not here. Hugh said we had plenty of bows to sell, at 24-26 lbs draw weight. Mick said that he would advise beginners, if they were keen to have their own equipment, to start with a Club bow and buy their own bracer, tab and quiver to begin with, then gradually add sight, button etc. Mick suggested that at the next beginners' session he should do a demonstration on the components of the bow. It was agreed that this would be very helpful to beginners.

Any Other Business:

GNAS Junior Handicap Medal. Diane read out and then passed to Jackie a letter from GNAS saying that as long as we have 10+ junior members and have been associated to the Society for at least 12 months, we only need to write stating that the Club meets these requirements, together with our request for a medal and a cheque for £25 'which acts as a refundable deposit' should the Club close and the medal is then returned to the Society. GNAS suggested that the words 'which acts as a refundable deposit' should be entered in the Minutes. Diane will write accordingly when she has the cheque.

Sue has let Carol know that there is a possibility of coaching lessons. Carol will draw up a list of those who are interested. The drawback is that at present the lessons are likely to take place in Yelverton. Adrian asked if it was worth contacting other local clubs to see if any of their members are interested. Diane will contact them. Carol mentioned that Club members have asked if it would be possible for a coach to come and watch them shoot. It was agreed that last year's Coaching Day had been very successful and a repeat could be arranged. Miles video'd archers last year, which was extremely helpful, and Keith mentioned that David Hill has a laser bow tuner. Diane will contact Mick, Miles and David Hill to see if they will participate and when it would be convenient for them.

Carol asked if the date of the Open Tournament was already fixed. Jackie said that it was. Carol said that Sue may not be able to organise it next year. Carol and Diane will talk to Sue about organisation. Tony asked why Alex and Sue had resigned from the Committee. Carol explained that both of them are very busy at work. Sue is going for promotion and has just done an MA. Alex is now working full time.

Adrian would like to let everyone know that he has a DVD produced by Archery GB, 'The Way of the Champion', which he is willing to lend to anyone who asks.

Keith asked if everyone was happy for the proceeds from the Christmas Fun Shoot to go to St Julia's Hospice as usual, and this was agreed. The Christmas charity box will also be out.

Keith will give a New Member's pack to Carol for updating. The pack contains a letter from the Chairman.

Following Alex's question at the AGM about why we lost roughly 25% of our members, Keith has done an analysis. Two families of three joined, shot twice and never came back. In one case, one person went to university and the others were not particularly interested in shooting anyway. Three more people shot once and never came back. Jonathan Coutourier has also gone to university. Jim Ayres has had health problems. The remaining members hadn't shot for at least a year.

Mick said a club was lucky to keep 50% of those joining from beginners.

Keith asked Mick, as the Equipment Officer, to make an inventory of all the Club's equipment. Mick said that Hugh had given him some figures of what there was at the Clubhouse. It was deplored that the tunnel was in such a mess, and Mick suggested that maybe at the end of a session everything could be got out and everyone help to sort it out and put it back tidily. Mick suggested that the Club should lay in a stock of platform tabs, and longer length arrows were urgently needed. The longest Club arrows we have are 30". Keith pointed out that we have a large number of shorter arrows at the pavilion. If juniors join, they could buy arrows from us. Mick suggested selling arrows with the Club bows. Hugh said that one rainy Wednesday he and Keith could sort out the equipment at the pavilion. Mick said he would try to join them. Hugh asked if the Club owns fletching jigs. Adrian said we have two. Keith again said it was vital to have a proper inventory – we need to know what we have got – and were we all right for target faces as none had been bought for some time. Mick said there were plenty for indoors. The average life of a target face was about a week, and Jackie said that sticky centres could be used perhaps twice, but after that the face was shot out. Keith said that the Club has enough money in hand to supply decent faces at Club shoots.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th January at 7.45. We can go back to Mondays as the beginners' classes will be over by then. Adrian gave his apologies in advance.

Meeting Closed: 9.05 pm