



Stafford Archers

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Young Farmers Building, County Showground Thursday 30th April 2009

Present: David Dean (Chairman), Jean Lovegrove (Treasurer), Margaret Brammeld (Secretary), John Dunster, M Dunster, C Thorpe, K Dunster, V Bailey, W Smith, S Taylor, W Taylor, S Taylor, G Taylor, B Belfield, G Wilson, A Southey, G Jones, E M Jones, P Wilson, D Brown, J Lumley-Telford, T Goad, N Goad, I Potts, C Beardmore, P Beardmore, J Wilson, L Watson, A Doughty, T Doughty, H Pooley, P Pooley, D Smith, D Davenport.

Apologies : Jayne Setterfield-Smith, Gerald O'Hara, Richard Birchall.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

Everyone had a copy of the Accounts and Jean talked us through these explaining that we had spent £5561 on equipment, mainly bosses for tournaments. We were now left with £8516.97 as Capital. John Dunster mentioned that we had put on a couple of special events raising money for the Club those being the Festival at Ingestre and the Open Day at Rodbaston. The Chairman mentioned that all special events, including Have a Go Day at Newcastle had raised £1,231 for the year. The Coaching Course had incurred some costs.

These accounts were approved by Tony Goad and seconded by Darren Brown and the Chairman congratulated Jean for doing such an excellent job once again.

Chairman's Report

David reported that we had two major competitions in June, Record Status, both being repeated. Three Counties Championships were to be held in September. We now had 4 coaches and three more in training and 2 were to do the Level 2 coaching.

Membership - Tony had carried out a "cull" on the old membership list and had produced a new membership list. We have never had more people shooting that we have now.

Steve had done a fantastic job with the “Feathers Scheme”, Tony had introduced the “Cord Scheme” which was proving to be very successful. There had also been a new colour introduced for the outdoor season starting on Tuesday.

Clubmark – David reported that the first part of compiling Clubmark had been 80% easy the last 20% being a lot more difficult to put together. The first submission had to be in before the end of May. Once this was all in place we would then be able to apply for funding. Part of the Clubmark requests was to have First Aiders, this had been achieved as we now had 15 qualified First Aiders in the Club following a course.

First Aid - We now have over 15 trained first aiders in the club following the training course arranged recently. This means there will always be a first aider on hand at any club event.

“Have a Go Days” – As we had lost Shugborough we are to all look to see if we can find more events to attend. The Ingestre event proved a success and hopefully we would be able to attend next year as this was a two yearly event. We were down to attend Rodbaston again in June which also proved to be very successful and a new one for this year was to be held at Wheaton Aston Carnival in July. David stressed that we needed more volunteers and asked for help from the members.

Successes – David announced that it was Stuart’s birthday so we all sang to Stuart whether he liked it or not! David also informed everyone that Stuart had been chosen to join the Team GB in the USA which was 5 years to the day from when Stuart attended his Beginners Course.

Congratulations also to Paul Beardmore who had achieved great success this year with his recurve and also well done to Becky and Brett.

Venues – David informed us that we had received a lot of support from the College for shooting at Rodbaston and also from the Grammar school whilst shooting in the Sports Hall. He asked all the members to let him know if they knew of a venue for indoor shooting that would be longer and wider than the school venue.

Finance – David announced that we had two problems with the finances namely the membership fees and the shooting fees. Taking off the rent and the insurance the net gross profit had fallen by 25%.

David asked if anyone knew what the date was when the Club first was founded, he then informed us that it was the 6th February 1970 and the venue was the Stafford Borough Hall. Les Arcall being the Chairman, the cost of membership was 4 guineas a year. So David informed us that this was the start of our 40th year and that he would like the Committee to introduce two celebratory events.

Appointment of Auditor – **Iain S. Elrick, C.B.E., F.C.M.A.**, the present auditor, was appointed for next year.

Election of Officers

Chairman – David Dean asked to stand again and this was proposed by Morag Dunster and seconded by Jean Lovegrove.

Secretary – Margaret Brammeld said she would stand again and this was proposed by David Dean and seconded by Jean Lovegrove.

Treasurer – Jean Lovegrove – Proposed by Steve Taylor and Seconded by Graham Taylor.

Membership Secretary – As Tony Goad had asked to stand down Pete Wilson agreed to stand, this was proposed by David Dean and seconded by Tony Goad.

Tournaments Organiser – Leroy Watson – Proposed by Steve Taylor and seconded by Paul Pooley.

Beginners Course Organiser – Gerald O’Hara – Proposed by Wendy Taylor and seconded by Jean Lovegrove.

Head Coach – John Dunster volunteered to stand and this was proposed by Tony Goad and seconded by Steve Taylor.

Head Junior Coach – Steve Taylor agreed to stand for this position and this was proposed by John Dunster and seconded by Darren Brown.

Equipment Officer – William Smith – Proposed by Pete Wilson and seconded by John Dunster.

Records Officer – Brian Belfield agreed to stand – Proposed by Steve Taylor and seconded by Tony Goad.

Social Secretary – Morag Dunster – Proposed by Jean Lovegrove and seconded by Wendy Taylor.

Child Protection Officer – Tracey Doughty – Proposed by David Dean and seconded by Morag Dunster.

Junior Representative – Charlotte Dunster – Proposed by Steve Taylor and seconded by Adam Doughty.

All were elected unopposed by majority show of hands.

Special Business

Changes to the Constitution – David went through the Constitution talking through all the amendments, each page being approved. Amendments were made to 1.7 regarding the Coaches which Morag brought up stating that coaches must be invited. After much discussion, Steve proposed this and Morag seconded it and a vote was carried. The new constitution can be viewed on the web site.

Membership Fees – It was ten years ago that membership fees were set at the present level and the shooting fee was also set ten years ago. Due to the increase in rent and the cost of insurance and courses it was proposed that we raise our membership fees by £1.50 per year for the next three years, this would only affect the Senior fees and the Juniors would stay as they were. Dave proposed that we implement this increase, Steve seconded it and the vote was carried. It was also agreed that we increase the

shooting fees by 50p and this would apply to all members. Jean proposed this, Darren seconded it and the vote was carried.

The meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.

The following awards were then presented:

Presidents Trophy Recurve:	Leroy Watson
Presidents Trophy Compound:	Stuart Taylor
Presidents Trophy Longbow:	Charles Beardmore
Coaches Award Lady:	Not awarded
Coaches Award Gent:	William Smith
Coaches Award Junior:	Adam Doughty
Record Officer's Shield:	Stuart Taylor
Committee Shield:	Doug Smith
Chairman's Salver:	Brian Belfield
Prize for Most Improve Junior archer	Griff Jones
Treasurers Shield:	Leroy Watson

The evening concluded with a Buffet.

Signed

Date