

# OLD BASING ARCHERS

## Annual General Meeting 2006

Parish Meeting Rooms  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2006, 19:30

### MINUTES

<b>Present</b>	George Matthews (Chair)	Geoff McCann
	Paul Richards (Secretary)	Ken Denyer
	Stephen Learwood (Treasurer)	Phil Lamb
	Geoff Machin	Andrew Hutchinson
	Robin Foster	Ian Boreham
	Julian Ricketts	Harry Holt
	John Newman	Pete Hebdidge
	David Westbrook	Jack Stiles
	Debbie Campbell	David Stiles
	Helen Ricketts	

#### 1) Matters arising from previous Minutes.

Matters arising: None

#### 2) Adoption of previous Minutes

Proposed by Geoff Machin, seconded by Harry Holt

#### 3) Chairman's Report

This year has continued our success with increasing membership and encouraging all forms of archery. Usually I try to cover what the club has been doing over the past year but I thought this year would give you a view of the year from the committee

Fund raising in the form of "Have a go" and shoots always present problems. We like the money they raise, but getting active support to make them happen is more difficult. This year we were at the OB Carnival but insisted that the organisers gave us a more "visible" pitch, not tucked behind the bouncy castle. Su did the negotiation and was very successful, we all enjoyed and profited from what was a very hot day. We were approached by others; The Vine, Cranbourne School, Hook Youth group, but rather than run the "Have a go" and take whatever profit, we decided to charge £150 and leave it to the organisers to set how much they charged the public. As a result we only ran the one; Cranbourne School but it was much easier to do.

On the shoot side we did the FITA with Andover, again a very successful year with all running very smoothly. The Siege was well supported and a very enjoyable day. Over the last 3 years we have made it an invitation shoot raising money on the raffle and food. The question is do we return it to a full "any entry fee paying shoot"? Our Lady paramount for the day, Mrs Helen Ricketts, was tasked with the "Mata Hari" role of quizzing the visitors as to whether they would pay. All agreed that it is one of the most enjoyable shoots they go to and would be happy to pay.

One of the ongoing problems from early last year is the Rec. Comm. intention to replace the

grounds man's workshop. We tried unsuccessfully to make a bid to increase the size of the proposed building so we could own or rent part of it. The last update we had was that the painfully slow planning process has meant it is unlikely that the building will start until after the summer season, probably September. This means we will have to keep the pressure on the Rec. Comm. over the state of the ground in front of our hut and we will have to consider what needs doing to our building.

So what are next year's challenges? I've mentioned the grounds mans store and the fact our hut, though serviceable, needs some TLC. We seem to be managing the numbers and the enlarged shooting area on Saturday and Sunday mornings is working well. But all day shoots in the summer and late season overlap with the Cricket and Football fixtures is a bit of a headache. So we do need to keep our lines of communication open with them, things are better than they were a few years ago but need nurturing.

Finally what about the committee itself?? Following Andrew's suggestion last year we have split the Sec. Job; Paul has done the main secretary work, Robin the newsletter, Mike and Andrew organising the beginners courses and Simon our equipment officer. Steve has picked up as our very able treasurer managing the money as carefully as his own. John has been our tournament contacts something we haven't managed well in the past. John has had difficulties over the past year due to work commitments, however Dave and Steff 's pot hunting activities at various shoots enabled them to build up a god set of contacts and understanding of what's needed so they have offered to take over this year. Kevin has continued as our Webmaster. We don't unfortunately see much of him on the shooting line but I know our web site is a good one and as first contact for increasing numbers of beginners is very important so thanks Kevin.

So who's up for next year's committee? I'm standing down, as chair and I believe we have one nomination Su Elliot. I'm happy to continue on the committee and advise Su (if she'll listen). Paul, Kevin, Robin, Julian Terry, Simon, John and Geoff are willing to continue. Dave Westwood is prepared to be tournament contact. Mike has continuing domestic problems so Andrew is willing to return to the committee and organise with Julian the beginner's courses. I'll pick up Mikes role as Child Protection Officer for the time being. Geoff has stated that this defiantly his last year as FITA liaison, so we need a very active understudy for him this year either from the above or somebody else.

*Matters arising from Chairman's Report.*

Comments were received about club records being updated, particularly those on the website. Comments were also received about updating of pictures

#### **4) Secretary's report**

The formal role of the secretary is to be the contact with GNAS, mainly the task of renewing memberships; liase with the Parish Council and to minute the committee meetings/AGM etc.

I'm also responsible for circulation of information – normally be email these days, particularly the brilliant newsletter put together by Robin. Other items this last year included the OBA booklet – hopefully everyone has a copy, Membership forms and other information.

This year I formed Old Basing Junior Archers as a separate club to take advantage of the en-block GNAS, Region and County fees instead of paying individual fees for our Junior members. This means that all juniors are now members of Old Basing Junior Archers and their GNAS membership reflects this. The officers of the Junior club are the same as those for Old Basing

Archers.

Old Basing Archers now comprises of 45 adult members, 12 Ladies and 33 Gents. This last year we had 11 new members, including the welcome return of Philip Lamb. One subject the Parish Council brings up on a regular basis is our non-parishioner ratio. The parish rules specify that the club must be comprised of greater than 60% parish or former parish residents, this rule also applies to the executive committee. We currently have 12 members who are or were formerly parish residents and 4 out of 11 committee members, meaning that we are outside of the Parish rules in both cases. Our standard response has been that Archery is a Minority sport and as such Old Basing Archers would not be viable if we complied.

The Junior club has 17 members, 5 girls and 12 boys.

I have responded to numerous emails, mostly from people asking for information about beginners courses, I now have a list of approximately 30 people who are interested in beginner's courses.

This past year I have had some excess time on my hands and have managed to help in with purchasing, collecting and making target butts and stands, maintaining equipment and marking out the ground.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes and I believe that recognition of the amount of effort made by the usual suspects (particularly Pete, Geoff and Terry) should be made.

*Matters arising from Secretary's report.*

It was suggested that we should advertise in the Old Basing area for Members and Beginners in order to increase our Parishioner ratio.

Comments were received regarding funding, especially with Olympics coming to the UK in 2012. Efforts to get funding have been made in the past with little success.

## **5) Treasurer's Report**

Income for 2005 came from 5 sources: as in previous years: Membership, Beginners, The AndOBA FITA, and Have a go.

Membership:	£4781.50
Beginners:	£725
AndOBA FITA:	£750
Have a go Cranbourne	£150
Have a go Old Basing Carnival	£144

Interest on savings, this came from 3 sources this year, the current account, the savings account, and for the majority of the funds we have invested in fixed term deposit bonds, each time fixing for 3 Months.

Current Account:	£4.20
Savings Account:	£44.31
Deposit Bonds:	£102.28

Thanks should go to Mike Ayling, Andrew Hutchison, Terry Coates, Julian Ricketts and other club members whose efforts in guiding potential archers through their courses, with the significant revenue that was generated.

Membership in 2005 stood at 61 shooting members: of whom 20 were not members in 2004, and 1 was a returnee.

The 3 most significant expenses in 2005 were: GNAS, Equipment and insurance:

GNAS/SCAS/HAA:	£1547.50
Equipment:	£1539.02
Insurance:	£801.88

On the Equipment front: we purchased 2 new junior recurve bows, 2 new foam compound targets, 2 straw butts, 5 new indoor foam centres and the theodolite.

It was nice to see that in 2005 we were self sufficient, generating the income that we need to sustain the club without the need for outside help, and also building up the club reserves for future clubhouse overhaul.

#### *Matters arising from Treasurer's Report*

Questions about the viability of the winter indoor shooting – the indoor shooting is currently breaking even.

There were also comments indoor shooting was expensive - £84 for Autumn/Spring season

## **6) Records Officer's report**

This report covers the period January 1st to December 31st, 2005.

The number of scores submitted was 1,619, an increase of 2 on the previous year!

Harry Holt managed to increase his record of the number of rounds shot in a year from 89 to 100!

Handicaps

The following members improved their handicap by more than two points during the year:

Archer	Start handicap	End handicap	Improvement.
Jonathan Youll	70	58	12
Jack Stiles	82	72	10
Su Elliot (l/b)	71	62	9
Jeff Epton	54	47	7
Julian Ricketts CP	34	28	6
Simon Goodwin	48	42	6
Rachael Hutchison	50	45	5
Kate Youll	60	56	4
Andrew Bell	60	56	4
Richard Hutchison	74	71	3
Geoff Machin CP	31	28	3
Paul Richards	22	19	3

The GNAS Improvement Medal goes to Jonathan Youll.

New Club Records.

2005 saw a huge increase in the number of club records broken.

This was mainly due to Steffi Westbrook changing from recurve to Compound ( 15 records at the last count!!).

Steffi also did extremely well in the National Rankings, making 27th place in her first year of Compound.

Other records were as a result of juniors moving into a new age group, Paul Richards smashing Compound scores and Debbie Campbell and Su Elliot taking up longbow.

Juniors.

Jack Stiles  
David Bell  
Richard Hutchison  
Jonathan Youll  
Andrew Bell  
Sam Wilson  
Rachael Hutchison

Seniors

Paul Richards  
Ken Denyer  
Julian Ricketts  
Steve Learwood  
Stephanie Westbrook  
Debbie Campbell  
Su Elliot

*Matters arising from Records Officer's report*

We did win some team prizes – Hampshire Championships

## **7) Re-election of Officers**

The committee was unanimously elected as follows:

Chairman -	Su Elliot
Secretary -	Paul Richards
Treasurer -	Steve Learwood
Records Officer -	Debbie Campbell
Child Protection Officer -	George Matthews
Tournament Secretary -	Dave Westbrook

Other committee members; Terry Cootes, Geoff Machin, Robin Foster, Julian Ricketts, Kevin Deighton, John Newman, Simon Goodwin, Andrew Hutchinson.

## **8) Approval of club fees**

Main club fees to remain as 2005, GNAS fees increased to £34.50.

Proposed change in Junior GNAS fees to £12 to take into account the savings due to en-block fees for the new junior club. It was felt that the club could not pass on all of the savings as the Junior archers require more club expenses in terms of club bows and other equipment.

Dave Westbrook suggested it would be better to increase the OBA club fees and reduce the GNAS fees further to fully reflect the situation.

Revised proposal for Juniors:

Club Fees - £46, GNAS - £6 Proposed – Paul, Seconded - Dave

## 9) FITA Accounts

£4573 from Archers, £596 from Raffle - proposing to improve prizes giving £1616 surplus and £750 each to Andover and OBA

A website has been created to support & promote the event – [www.andobadoublefitastar.co.uk](http://www.andobadoublefitastar.co.uk)  
Links to site are on the OBA and Andover archers web site.

29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> July this year – support required from OBA members

Thanks go to Robin for auditing accounts.

## 10) Dave's Quiver Competition

Presented by Robin. Winner: Steve Learwood.  
Many thanks to Dave Stiles for organising any providing prize.

## 11) AOB

### Archer Supreme

Paul Richards was nominated as Archer Supreme

### Club T-Shirts

Steve showed T-Shirts available from Harlequin with the revised T-shirt logo

### Alencon

Robin updated the situation regarding the Alencon visit

### Putting out targets

Phil made comments about the lack of people putting targets out on a club shooting day and about the amount of noise on the line while shooting.  
Field captains should organise archers to help.

### Handicap / Birthday Shoot

Dave was concerned about the Handicap Shoot arrangements and confusion from last year. The dates were confused and the Compound trophy should have gone to Steff but was assumed to be a Gents trophy.

A date will be organised, original date for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> August not available this year.

### HAA County Records Change

A note will be put in the next newsletter regarding the change in rules. Will also be adopted by the club for club records.

### Next AGM

The Parish Meeting Room was very cold and uncomfortable, Paul proposed that next year's AGM be held in the Pub

