

OLD BASING ARCHERS

Annual General Meeting 2007

The Bolton Arms
Monday 5th March 2007, 19:30

MINUTES

Present	Su Elliot (Chair)	Debbie Campbell	Nigel Veitch
	Robin Foster (Acting Secretary)	Geoff McCann	Steffie Westbrook
	Stephen Learwood (Treasurer)	Geoff Machin	Terry Cootes
	Amy Pullen	Harry Holt	
	Andrew Hutchison	Helen Ricketts	
	Bob Hughes	Ian Boreham	
	Charlie Philip	Jack Stiles	
	Chris Wilgar	John Newman	
	Dave Stiles	Julian Ricketts	
	David Westbrook	Margaret Holt	

1) Matters arising from previous Minutes.

- a) The financial viability of indoor shooting is currently sound as plenty of members are supporting this activity.
- b) Possible alternative venues for indoor shooting were being examined by David Westbrook. The "Totally Tennis" venue has been identified but would require the terms of the lease to be changed with the council.
- c) Club records on the website would be updated as Kevin Deighton has been given an up-dated set of data.
- d) Geoff Machin has retired from the post of treasurer to the ANDOBA FITA. Iain Fletcher has taken over the role. A vote of thanks for Geoff's 17 years of service was recorded.

2) Adoption of previous Minutes

Proposed: Terry Cootes

Second: Geoff Machin

3) Chairman's Report

Good evening everyone and thank you for making the effort to attend the meeting.

I hope you'll agree that the pub skittle alley is preferable to the pavilion committee room. Please help yourselves to the food.

If much of this sounds familiarly like George's speech of last year, it's because I've cribbed the format.

2006 was my first year as Chairman. I don't seem to have done much, partly due to circumstances, she says by way of excuse and I think I did say early on that delegation was a favourite word, but thank you to the rest of the committee for just getting on with things. If re-elected I shall try harder this year!

The club's success continues and the coaches were kept busy with several beginners' courses. We gained new members but lost old stalwarts. – George finally moved to Scotland and he is missed, especially by those of us who like to shoot weekday mornings.

Fund raising, in particular the Old Basing Carnival, presented problems in 2006 as only a handful of people turned up to help. Having been given a very visible pitch again, there was a queue for the entire afternoon and it was hard graft. It would be a shame if we can't keep this going because it's extremely good PR on all fronts but we do need more volunteers to help out.

The FITA went off smoothly, more thanks to all who took time out to come and help. Geoff will probably give more details but he and Reg Press have now stepped down from active duty so a new chapter begins. Geoff helped set up the FITA in 1990 and has never missed a year. As well as bringing in a huge amount of money for the club, the FITA, which is one of the largest and best run shoots in the country, puts Old Basing on the map so I'd like to thank Geoff for his efforts over the years.

We have already had an extremely productive start to this year's FITA. We have managed to find new sponsors who are offering very good terms and they will have a shop on site as well. Watch this space.....

I am hoping that our other on-going problem, that of communication with the Rec committee, has now been resolved. TC and I went to several rec comm. meetings to put our points across and changes have been made. - We will no longer have to give up shooting times and days on a whim because someone else wants the rec. This was a real problem in 2006. Communication is not yet perfect but the pressure is on.

This year we need to sort out the clubhouse to make it waterproof and more user friendly. Improvements have started with the addition of a sink and water which EVERYONE is welcome to use!!! We are now getting tenders for work on the roof.

On to the proverbial old chestnut! Shooting times. Shooting could become an issue this year if we aren't sensible. The new safety regs mean that the safety rope has to be much further out than previously. In order to organise targets so that EVERYONE can shoot, we really have to make sure that we're there half an hour early. We no longer have the flexibility that we used to have and it may be that on some days, if you are the last to arrive, you may not have a choice of distance. Apart from anything else, help in setting up the field is needed and some of our older members should NOT be shifting bosses.

Now to the committee.

This is where I should be reading out resignations, names of those prepared to stand again, names of those wishing to be on the committee...

I believe Simon is standing down as equipment officer due to work commitments but unfortunately haven't got organised early enough to find out about everyone else.

The rest of the committee have gone about their business doing things as and when required. It's sometimes a thankless, time-consuming task and we need to get a few more volunteers on board for various jobs.

A vote of thanks, at this point, to Kevin, our webmaster, who is no longer a club member due to work and family commitments, but who continues to make sure our website is one of the best around. He has also organised a separate site for the FITA.

2007 has been a poor year so far with miserable weather keeping people away but we are already preparing for our next round of beginners' courses from which we should gain new members and as soon as the weather improves I hope you will all come out of hibernation.

Add ons.

Congrats to Steffi Westbrook who won the Basingstoke award for a handicapped athlete last week.

I also mentioned the fun shoots; North Hants, Burleigh.

4) Secretary's report

The formal role of the secretary is to be the contact with GNAS, mainly the task of renewing memberships; liaise with the Parish Council and to minute the committee meetings/AGM etc – apart from this year's AGM as I will be away – apologies.

I also deal with numerous emails, mainly from people interested in beginner's classes, but also from HAA and other archery clubs, and always a couple of emails from people wanting information and parts for their old compound bows, as well as the junk emails selling cheap prescription drugs amongst other things.

Old Basing Archers now comprises of 49 adult members, 9 Ladies and 40 Gents – the term Gents being used in a fairly loose sense.

We have the lowest percentage of Ladies in the club that we have seen in several years, so I think more effort is required in recruiting members of the fairer sex where possible.

The Junior club has 19 members, 5 girls and 14 boys.

Liaison with Old Basing Parish Council still has its ups and downs, as you might note by the absence of distance lines despite much communication regarding the subject. On a slightly happier note, we seem to be doing better with communication with the Cricketers. Last year, after reviewing GNAS rules once more, we had to stop any Archery occurring when Cricket was being played in order to comply with the 25 Yard (to the rope) safety rule. As a consequence the Wednesday evening shoot was changed to Thursday evening, and a couple of our all day shots were moved or cancelled. Last October I sent the dates we would like for our shoots to the Chairman of the Cricket Club, so this year they have arranged for away matches on those dates and we have full use of the grounds.

Paul Richards

5) Treasurer's Report

Income for 2006 came from 7 sources: Membership, Beginners, ANDOBA FITA, Have a go sessions, and Open Shoots.

Membership	£5147.02
Beginners	£1840
ANDOBA FITA	£1000
Have a go Old Basing Carnival	£120
Have a go day Dell Computers	£300

The North Hants Shoot	£246.64
The Siege Shoot	£253.65

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

Current Account	£1.87
Savings Account	£7.46
Deposit Bonds	£238.25

Thanks should go to Terry Coates, Andrew Hutchison, Julian Ricketts, Geoff McCann who is under going his coaches training, and other club members whose efforts in guiding potential archers through their courses are greatly appreciated, also for the revenue that this generates.

Membership at the end of 2006 stood at 68 shooting members: of who 23 were not members in 2005.

The 3 most significant expenses in 2006 were: GNAS, Equipment and Insurance:

GNAS/SCAS/HAA	£1617.50
Equipment	£2593.27
Insurance	£808.16

On the Equipment front: we purchased 6 straw butts, 10 indoor foam centres, 4 recurve bows, 1 compound bow, 2 dozen arrows, New style compound bow press, tabs/bracers as part of new members welcome packs.

It was nice to see that in 2006 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, which will require doing in 2007, starting with a new roof.

Matters arising from Treasurer's Report

Harry Holt suggested that the beginners' fees should be increased and a larger discount given on joining. The fees have been set at £50.00 to discourage time-wasters and is already £10 more than the fee charged by Andover Archers.

6) Records Officer's report

This report covers the period January 1st to December 31st, 2006.

The number of scores submitted was 1,257, down on the previous year, due I think, to George moving, interrupting his and Harry's annual Shoot Out! But Harry still managed to put in more rounds than the rest of us, with a total of 57 rounds.

The following members improved their handicap during the year:

Archer	Start Handicap	End Handicap	Improvement
Geoff McCann	45	36	9
Richard Hutchison	71	65	6
Steffi Westbrook	29	24	5
Dave Stiles	60	55	5
Paul Richards	19	16	3
Iain Fletcher	40	37	3
Simon Goodwin	41	39	2
Hary Holt	39	37	2
Rachael Hutchison	45	44	1
George Matthews	42	41	1
John Newman	48	47	1
Margaret Holt	52	51	1
Robin Foster	33	32	1
Kate Youll	55	54	1

The GNAS Improvement medal goes to Geoff McCann.

Classification Badges

Bowman

1st Class

Dave Westbrook
Iain Boreham (LB)
Rachael Hutchison

Geoff McCann

2nd Class

3rd Class

Amy Pullen
Andrew Hutchison (LB)
Dave Westbrook (LB)
Debbie Campbell (LB)
Mark Hussey
Terry Cootes (LB)

Bob Hughes
Charlie Philip
Dave Stiles
Helen Ricketts
Jonathan Philip

New Club Records

Juniors

Seniors

Jonathan Youll
Maize Westbrook
Amy Pullen
Lydia McCann
Rachael Hutchison

Julian Ricketts
Dave Westbrook
Paul Richards
Steve Learwood
Iain Boreham (LB)
Terry Cootes (LB)
Steffi Westbrook
Debbie Campbell (LB)
Su Elliot (LB)

Notes:

Reference away Shoots and Competitions, please ensure that all scores are submitted to me within 3 days if possible with all information i.e. score, number of hits and golds, to ensure that records are kept up to date.

Postal League

Frostbite Recurve	Lost	2-1
Frostbite Compound	Won	3-0
Portsmouth Recurve	Won	2-1
Portsmouth Compound	Lost	2-1

5) Committee

Equipment Officer Simon Goodwin had resigned as equipment officer for health reasons. Geoff McCain was proposed as equipments Officer by Julian Ricketts and seconded by Harry Holt.

Secretary it was quite probably that Paul Richards would be moving away during the current year. An understudy is required to learn the job and take on the role after Paul's departure. Bob Hughes was proposed by Terry Cootes and seconded by Su Elliot. Terry Cootes proposed that the rest of the committee should be re-elected. Seconded by Harry Holt.

Chairman -	Su Elliot
Secretary -	Paul Richards transferring to Bob Hughes
Treasurer -	Steve Learwood
Records Officer -	Debbie Campbell
Tournament Secretary -	David Westbrook

Other committee members; Terry Cootes, Geoff Machin, Robin Foster (Newsletter), Julian Ricketts, Kevin Deighton (webmaster), John Newman, Andrew Hutchinson (beginners)

6) Approval of club fees

The treasurer proposed that the club fees should be:

£65.00 for adults

£55.00 for OAP

£46.00 for juniors

Although the GNAS fees are currently unknown, it was proposed that the club would charge £34.00 for adults and £6.00 for juniors. If GNAS fees are set higher than this, the club would absorb the difference.

Seconded by Harry Holt

8) ANDOBA FITA

The 2006 FITA event was, as traditional, a success with many favourable comments from competitors. It sustained its reputation as the best UK event in the annual calendar.

The financial summary is as follows :

Opening balance	£1569.21
Income	£5832.57
Expenditure	£3674.61
Surplus	£2157.96
Distribution – AA	£1000.00
Distribution – OBA	£1000.00
Closing balance	£1727.17

Both Reg Press and I have decided to retire from the administration of the event. The new Event Organiser is Dave Greenslade (Andover Archers), the Treasurer and holder of the purse strings is now Ian Fletcher from OBA.

The event is in its 18th year, 1990 being the inaugural year, and the environment exists for a new era of co-operation and friendship between our two clubs. The event has quality reputation and good support from quality archers. I trust that our club and its Committee grasp the opportunity to play their fair share in the staging of the 2007 and subsequent events. Under Dave Greenslade and Paul Flippance, Andover already have a good squad.

It is essential that a new team is developed to provide the field marking service on the Friday of the event. This involves expertise in using a theodolite and team work to get the white lines painted. We have a reputation for absolute precision in the measuring of the competition range.

I wish to record my thanks to Robin Foster for his audit services of the account for the 2006 event. A copy of the account has been passed to Steve Learwood for attachment to the OBA account and is available for examination should anyone so desire.

7) Archer Supreme

Geoff McCann was nominated as Archer Supreme

8) AOB

Alençon

Robin Foster advised that he would be unable to go to Alençon this year and an organiser is required to co-ordinate the visit.

John Newman volunteered to perform this role.

Jack's Word Search

The editor announced that the recent word search competition published in the Newsletter had been won by Geoff Machin. Jack presented a bottle of wine to Geoff.

Dave Stiles suggested that the club finance a small prize for future competitions that he and David might compile. This would be discussed by the committee.

ANDOBA FITA Work Party

Geoff Machin advised that should Paul Richards move away, a replacement would be required to learn how to mark out the field for the FITA using the theodolite. This was an OBA task that must be performed the Friday morning prior to the FITA week-end.

Julian Ricketts volunteered for this role.

Geoff also reminded the club that other volunteers would be required on the Friday to assist with the white-lining. A list will be posted in the club house so that members can see the jobs that need doing and sign up for them as appropriate.

Clubhouse Refurbishments

The clubhouse has reached the stage of needing substantial work. Terry Cootes is obtaining quotations for re-roofing the club house and will be looking at the flooring. Members were asked to assist as required and to note that substantial expenditure will be needed.

Condition of The Range

The membership voiced concern at the condition of the shooting range. In particular the white lining is not being done, the rabbit diggings at the far end of the field are not being filled in and the area around the club house is a boggy mess and potentially dangerous.

Action

The secretary was asked to write to the parish council about these matters and to request that the previously discussed service level agreement should be instated.

Club T-Shirts

Steve showed the club T-Shirts and caps available from Harlequin with the revised logo. Members are encouraged to wear green and white on the Sunday morning club shoots.

Junior Club Constitution

Harry Holt asked about the constitution of Old Basing Junior Archers.

Action

The secretary was asked to bring a copy of the constitution of OBJA to the next AGM

Clubhouse Electrics

Geoff Machin reported that he had received an electrical shock from the metal door frame of the clubhouse.

Next AGM

The new venue of the Bolton Arms was unanimously felt to be most successful and the food had helped to make it into a more social event. It was proposed that next year's AGM should again be held at the B.A.

The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs