

OLD BASING ARCHERS

Annual General Meeting 2008

The Bolton Arms
Monday 25th February 2008, 19:30

MINUTES

Present	Su Elliot (Chair)	Debbie Campbell	Iain Fletcher
	Paul Richards (Secretary)	Geoff McCann	Peter Bramhall
	Stephen Learwood (Treasurer)	Geoff Machin	Kathleen Bramhall
	Robin Foster	Harry Holt	
	Amy Pullen	Ian Boreham	
	Andrew Hutchison	Jack Stiles	
	Bob Hughes	Margaret Holt	
	Chris Wilgar	Terry Cootes	
	Dave Stiles	Phil Lamb	
	David Westbrook	Martin Anderton	

Apologies received from

John Newman
Stephanie Westbrook
Charlie Philip
Julian and Helen Ricketts

1) Matters arising from previous Minutes.

Old Basing Junior Archers Constitution:

Andrew Hutchison suggested an amendment to to the OBA constitution that incorporated OBA juniors, T.C. proposed to accept the change and wording suggested by Andrew, accepted unanimously.

2) Adoption of previous Minutes

Proposed: Robin Foster
Second: Terry Cootes

3) Chairman's Report

This year our success as a club has continued thanks to stalwart support from the committee and regulars who have kept things going. I cannot claim any glory as I have been absent for most of the time for one reason or another.

There will be reports from other officers but this is a short overview.

Old Basing Carnival and the FITA once again provided income that enables us to keep our fees down. It could be argued that we could manage without this extra work but the carnival brings in new members and the FITA is now a tradition that is legendary among archers. The 2007 FITA was one of the most enjoyable for years.

We ran the Siege shoot in September as a non-paying event and it was enjoyed by all who attended.

We also had our annual bash against Burleigh but all I can remember was the pressure of providing rhubarb and strawberry pie yet again for Ian. I can't even remember who won, probably them!

Much of my time has been spent dealing with Parish Council business. There were occasions during the year when we couldn't shoot because of football, cricket etc. All the clubs were being threatened with tremendous increases in rent and relationships with the PC were at an all time low. A joint letter from all the club chairmen to the PC expressing our concerns, was sent in August. Without going into all the detail, the joint initiative has been very successful thus far, and the 4 clubs now send a rep to every rec committee meeting. – They are much shorter now that a rep is there taking notes!

We have recently been given a draft service level agreement but much work has to be done on it and I would like volunteers to form a sub committee. We need to formulate a response as soon as possible.

So, what's on for 2008? I am standing down as Chairman. It's been two years so time to move on. It's an interesting job. There are some unusual requests!

This weekend I have been asked to provide a male archer for a photo shoot for Mercedes Enthusiast magazine. If you fancy being involved, see me afterwards.

So to the business end of things.

We all have very busy lives and it isn't easy juggling work, home, family commitments and archery. - My 'absent chairman' newsletter messages illustrate that.

I have always said that as we are a voluntary, social sporting club, members should be under no obligation whatsoever to do anything other than pay their fees and enjoy the shooting.

Unfortunately, in reality, in order for this to happen, some of us have to do the work. There are legal requirements, financial requirements, health and safety regulations, etc. etc.

We come back again to juggling but where there's a will there's a way. If more of us took on responsibility for one thing it would make life easier all round and it needn't involve attending all the committee meetings or giving up hours on a regular basis.

I think Robin's suggestion to elect committee members separately is a much better way of doing things and hopefully, you'll see that it isn't too onerous.

The one job he forgot was catering!! Debbie and I could do with a sous chef or three to help out with the goodies and bacon butties that OBA are renowned for!

I'd like to finish by wishing everyone some brilliant shooting this year, records being broken, handicaps being smashed and OBA coming away from shoots showered in glory!

4) Secretary's report

This will be my last report as OBA secretary, a role I have performed for the last three years.

My main tasks are to be the contact with GNAS, mainly the task of renewing memberships; liaise with the Parish Council; organise our shoot dates; minute the committee meetings/AGM, circulate information to the OBA membership and deal with emails, mainly from people interested in beginner's classes, but also from HAA and other archery clubs.

Also this year in conjunction with other members of the committee there has also been the re-roofing, re-flooring and general refurbishment of the Club Store to organise (officially we have to call the building a Store and not a Hut due to OBPC rules) which has for the moment been finished

and I believe given OBA a much improved facility. All we need now is for the ground outside the Club Store to be made good, which it was before OBPC decided to 'improve' the drainage and dig it up a couple of years ago, giving rise to what we have at the moment.

This year Su has gallantly taken on the Parish Council Liaison role, and although we are still struggling to get the state of the ground dealt with and a sensible Service Level Agreement, we are much further forward than we would have been without Su's tireless efforts.

Our membership has fallen by almost 20% this year, Old Basing Archers now comprises of 41 adult members, 8 Ladies and 41 Gents, the Junior club has 15 members, 5 girls and 10 boys.

The following is the membership over the last few years

Year	Ladies	Gents	Girls	Boys	Total
2004-2005	12	44	4	11	71
2005-2006	12	33	5	12	62
2006-2007	9	40	5	14	68
2007-2008	8	33	5	10	56

Our numbers do fluctuate, however this year sees our lowest numbers for several years.

I note from Andover that their numbers are flourishing and have reached an all time high of well over 100 members,

Paul Richards

T.C. said that although our numbers have dwindled somewhat he felt that there were more regular shooting members.

Geoff Machin said that he thought that Andover's numbers had peaked and were now back to approx. 70 members.

I have since confirmed with Andover's chairman that they currently have about 120 members, with approx. 70 adults.

5) Treasurer's Report

Income for 2007 came from 4 sources: as in previous years: Membership, Beginners, The AndOBA FITA, and Have a go.

Membership: £4427.49	Beginners:	£1600
AndOBA FITA: £800	Have a go Old Basing Carnival	£208.65

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: £0.22
 Savings Account: £1.92
 Deposit Bonds: £191.34.

Thanks should go to Andrew Hutchison, Terry Coates, Julian Ricketts and our newest coach Geoff McCann, and other club members whose efforts in guiding potential archers through their courses, also for the significant revenue that was generated.

Membership in 2007 stood at 58 shooting members: of whom 17 were not members in 2006.

The 4 most significant expenses in 2007 were: Equipment Store Overhaul, GNAS, Equipment and insurance:

Equipment Store Overhaul £6142.36	GNAS/SCAS/HAA: £1667
Insurance: £845.82	Equipment: £813.67

On the Equipment front: we purchased New Recurve Bow Sights to update the old and broken items, 1 pair of Recurve bow limbs for intermediate bows, 1 additional foam compound target and new spotlights for the indoor shooting.

On the Equipment Store Overhaul the breakdown in costs were:

Roof	£4688.25
Floor	£1151.50
Additional Expenses	£302.61.

It was nice to see that in 2007 we were self sufficient, generating the income that we need to sustain the club without the need for outside help.

6) Records Officer's report

The number of scores submitted was 1,236, down on the previous year, due to several factors ie; bad weather etc.

The following members improved the handicap during the year:

Archer	Start Handicap	End Handicap	Improvement
Steve Learwood (c)	50	21	29
Julian Ricketts	30	30	8
Charlie Philip	57	49	8
Bob Hughes	50	43	7
Dave Stiles	55	50	5
Dave Westbrook 24	20	4	4
Bernado Martinez 34	30	4	4
Mark Gales	45	41	4
John Newman	50	47	3
Ian Boreham	54	51	3
Helen Ricketts	61	59	2
Steph Westbrook 23	21	2	2
Amy Pullen	64	63	1

The GNAS Improvement medal goes to Steve Learwood with 29 point improvement on handicap.

Classification Badges

Master Bowman

Steph Westbrook

Bowman

Ian Boreham LB
Iain Fletcher
Rachael Hutchison
Steve Learwood
Paul Richards

Ist. Class

Debbie Campbell
Robin Foster
Mark Gales
Simon Goodwin
Bob Hughes
Geoff Machin
Bernado Martinez
Geoff McCann
Julian Ricketts
Chris Wilgar

2nd Class

Martin Anderton
Andrew Bell (LB)
Debbie Campbell (LB)
Terry Cootes (LB)
Ken Denyer
Su Elliot
Ellie Hawtin
Harry Holt
Margaret Holt
Andrew Hutchison (LB)
Richard Hutchison (LB)
Geoff Machin (R)
Charlie Philip
Amy Pullen
Dave Stiles

3rd Class

Alex Dugan
David Foyle
John Newman
Helen Ricketts
Jack Stiles
Minesh Tank

Notes

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

7) Committee

Robin Foster's suggestion of electing committee position separately was adopted.

OBA constitution (Para 5) defines three officers. These are:

Chairman: **Robin Foster**, nominated by Paul Richards seconded T.C.
Treasurer: **Steve Learwood**, nominated T.C. seconded Su Elliot
Secretary: **Ian Boreham**, nominated Su Elliot, seconded Steve Learwood

In addition we obliged by GNAS to fulfil the following roles (Para 6):

Records Officer: **Debbie Campbell** nominated and elected
CPO: **Andrew Hutchison**, willing to stand, but can be seen as a conflict of interest being both coach and CPO, asked for other volunteers, Chris Wilgar volunteered to shadow Andrew.

Other duties which are required:

Tournament Organiser: **Iain Fletcher** 'half' volunteered, Dave Westbrook stepped down
Ian Boreham volunteered to organise Siege with Iain Fletcher

Equipment Officer: **Geoff McCann** nominated and elected
Beginners Co-ordinator: **Andrew Hutchison** nominated and elected
Newsletter Production: **Helen Ricketts** volunteered and elected
HAA Liaison: **Geoff Machin** nominated and elected
ANDOBA FITA Liaison: **Geoff Machin** volunteered and elected
Parish Liaison Officer: **Su Elliot** nominated and elected

8) 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 £36.50 for adults and £6.00 for juniors.

It was also proposed that Target Fees for visitors be increased from £2 to £4.

Harry Holt proposed to agreed fees subject to a potential additional £2.50 in case GNAS fees increase to £40 – Agreed.

9) ANDOBA FITA

Iain Fletcher has taken on the role of FITA treasurer.

Current FITA account balance is £1700, with £800 disbursement to each club. Mostly similar to previous years, apart from equipment maintenance which was £450 more than the previous year due to boss rebuilds. Maintenance of bosses is also expected to be high this year as some of the boss frames need replacement. Expectations are for similar figures this year, after a review of other shoots, fees have been increased to £22. Overall income expected to be £5K - £5.5K. OBA fuel re-imburement came to £80.

10) Archer Supreme

Robin Foster nominated as Archer Supreme

11) AOB

Club Accounts

Dave Westbrook suggested that the treasurers report and accounts are made available before the AGM so that members have time to review the club accounts.

Action

The treasurer was asked to make a set of figures available to members before the next AGM.

Service Level Agreement

Subsequent to reading the proposed SLA from OBPC, a sub-committee was suggested to review the document and propose a response.

Action

Committee to elect a sub-committee and to respond and get an agreed SLA

Shooting of Occasional York Round

Iain Fletcher proposed that we organise an occasional club York Round, Harry Holt seconded the proposal subject to the SLA and availability of the field. It was suggested that the second Sunday in June would be a suitable date for a York as the cricketers are arranging away shoots for that date.

Beginners Classes

Andrew reported the proposed dates of the beginners classes as:

Course 1, Leader: Julian, Saturday mornings 10 - 12:30 29th March, 5th, 12th & 19th April

Course 2, Leader: Andrew, Monday evenings 18:00 - dusk 31st March, 7th, 14th and 21st April

Course 3, Leader: Geoff, Monday evenings 18:30 - 20:30 28th April, 5th May (B/H), 12th & 19th May

Target numbers for each course 9 or 10, minimum 6.

Session 1: Registration, Safety talk, Warm Up, Barebow (a few goes), Mediterranean, Warm Down, Safety Handout

Session 2: Warm Up, Practice, Equipment talk, Practice, Warm Down, Making The Shot handout.

Session 3: Warm Up, Target Setup, Practice, Club Talk, Practice, Warm Down, Membership form/club notes handout.

Session 4: Warm Up, Balloons, Rounds & Scoring Talk, Mini-Round, Warm Down, Certificates.

The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs