



Grand Western Archery Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

The World's End Pub, Bradford-on-Tone, 2:30pm on Sunday 2nd April 2017

Present

Barbara Williams, President	Nick Nicholson, DWAA Rep.	John Bennett	Paul Atkins
John Poyner, Chairman	Paul Burden C.P.O.	Richard Jones	Lizzy Rees
Neil Lockhart, Hon. Secretary	Paul Callaway, Affil. Sec.	Mike Healy	Jim Stuart
Gloria Mead, Hon. Treasurer	Colin Holmes	Vicky Burden	Jonathan Ingram
Phil Gillbanks, J.L.O.	Robin Leveridge	Bob Reynolds	Malcolm Grant
Vikki Gallop, Tournament Sec.	Dave Reynolds	Martin Hutchins	Phillip Rees
Doug Human, Junior Rep.	Janice Reynolds	Martin Tucker	Karen Williams
Andrew Rees, Records	Jim Start	Peter Pawley	Ann Gillbanks
Jane Rees SCAA Rep.	Chris Hassall	Tevor Lapham	Yvonne Oakshott
Tony Smith, DWAA Rep.	Tim Jackson	Graham Williams	Rob Morgan
Ian Colley, DWAA Rep.	Richard Hallums	Louise Rees	

1.0 Apologies

Jimmy Sandoe, Sally Sandoe, David Leach, Lynda Leach, Margaret Byrnes, Michael Byrnes, Kay Hobbs, Graham Hobbs, Malcolm Wootton, John Eastaugh, Estelle Edwick, Dave Burry, Gerald Farrell, Jane Forrow, Mark Ricketts, Kay Smith, Damien Clulow and Roy Bowden

2.0 Approval of Minutes from previous AGM

The Chairman reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Paul Callaway noted that item 5.0 of the previous minutes should state that Nick Nicholson is an Honorary Life Member of the Society. There being no other objections the minutes were signed by the Chairman, John Poyner and the Honorary Secretary, Neil Lockhart.

3.0 Matters Arising

None.

4.0 Chairman's Report

- 4.1 On behalf of Grand Western, I would like to once again thank all those members that put all the work in at club and county level that allows our sport of archery to run with so much enthusiasm within our Region; without them we would not be able to enjoy our sport today. I would also like to thank our council members that are stepping down this year:- President Barbara Williams; Honorary Secretary Neil Lockhart; Doug Human; Ginger Parker and Tim Pratt, In addition to these, some County representatives are also retiring:- Jane Forrow (D.C.A.S.); Tony Smith (D.W.A.A.); Kay Smith (D.W.A.A.); Ginger Parker (G.A.S.), & Doug Human (S.C.A.A.).
- 4.2 Senior Intercounties: Following the change to the date this year, making it a week later, (the last week in September) some concern was made known that day light might become a problem towards the end of the day. I am pleased to say, this was not a problem from a shooting perspective, although by the time everyone had left it had started to become gloomy. I am pleased to say that this year we are able to return to the third week in September. A questionnaire had been given out during the day asking team members which



round they would prefer to shoot: a York/Hereford or a World Archery 1440? As G.A.S. had not been able to send a team, their team manager was asked after the event for their views. The outcome is that the Intercounties will be a 1440 this year. There has been some other discussion regarding this event and that it is proposed that the Intercounties becomes a two day event that will include a Head to Head, but as yet council have not considered this. In addition to this the makeup of the team will be reviewed.

- 4.3 Junior Intercounties: Unfortunately, we have encountered some controversy and difficulty with this event this year, mainly due to the weather towards the end of the day. The results were finally agreed and published in February this year.
- 4.4 Judging: It has been another very busy year for the G.W.A.S. Judges. As the aim of A.G.B. is to increase the membership by 10,000 over the next few years this may increase the number of archers attending tournaments and this will require more judges to look after them. Therefore, as always, we are looking for new recruits to become judges. At present we have lost a number of judges and only have 19 who are active.
- 4.5 If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a judge, please contact Phil Gillbanks for information on what it involves.
- 4.6 Range safety: During the past year many clubs and venues have found themselves in difficulties complying with the rules of shooting in regard to over-shoot requirements. This has resulted in some events being cancelled and others being reduced in size. To help overcome this problem, the National Judges' Committee has developed a training course for judges to who wish to qualify as Range Assessors. The course will give training on how to assess an archery range, both indoors and out. At the completion of the course, the attendees will be advised if they have passed and have qualified as a Range Assessor. The Range Assessor will be able to inspect and assess archery ranges that do not comply with the rules of shooting when requested to by a club. The assessor will give guidance, advice and possible dispensation and will provide a report for the club, with a copy sent to the A.G.B. office. All clubs that comply with the rules of shooting for range safety do not need to have their field inspected by a Range Assessor. I am pleased to say that Nick Nicholson and Philip Rees have qualified as range assessors. With information given at the meeting Tim Pratt and Tim Jackson have also qualified.
- 4.7 T.O.: Dunster week was a successful event again this year, although I believe a slight reduction in numbers taking part. As I believe you will be aware Dunster is controlled by the National Trust and during the year 2016 we had been asked to vacate the storage facility we use and have pay rent for, as this would no longer be available to us. Chris Hassall arranged with Eagle Plant Hire for two containers for our use and, with the help of Tim Jackson and Peter Smith, all our equipment has been moved to the new site and is now stored there.
- 4.8 The English Archery Federation: The region has the right to have two representatives to E.A.F. and over the past year we have not always had anyone able to attend their meetings. As the Region pays a contribution towards E.A.F., based on an amount per member, I believe we should look for two members who will represent us. Please let me or the secretary know if you wish to be one of our representatives to E.A.F..
- 4.9 Junior Commonwealth Championships & Euro nations. The 2017 event will be part of the Youth Festival in August. Entries are open for both junior and cadet archers and they are urged to submit scores in order that team selection for the Home Nations matches throughout 2017, including the indoor, can be made.
- 4.10 The Senior Commonwealth Europe Championship & Euro-nations will be held in England this year, in Gosport, Hampshire, on 1st & 2nd of July. This is a prestigious event and all archers are urged to submit their scores via the E.A.F. web-site selection form.
- 4.11 Web site: The new web-site has recently been launched. Neil had endeavored to take on the job of upgrading the web-site and as this moved forward, Neil became aware that the time needed to do this was more than he could provide. Council then looked for someone with



professional knowledge of web-sites to be engaged to revamp ours. The cost was agreed by council and Mr. Mark Excel has now got this up and running with further input from Neil. This now has a much more up to date look and is user friendly. I will hand you over to Neil to explain how this will operate.

- 4.12 The Society Directory is now published electronically. It is intended to update this bi-annually, but this will be reviewed at council meetings from time to time.

5.0 Affiliations Secretary's Report for 2105/16

Paul Callaway presented the G.W.A.S. affiliations report, commenting that the recruitment of new members was 100 down on previous year and continues to drop. Paul offered no explanation for this. However, he did point out that over the past 20 years G.W.A.S. membership had doubled, which was a great achievement.

Paul further commented that, at the half way point of the year, he was concerned that junior numbers were down, although senior membership had increased. Paul Callaway offered an opinion that clubs should be more focussed on retention of new members.

Andrew Rees questioned if the levelling off of membership growth was due in some part to limited facilities and questioned if it was possible to access facilities information from AGB? John Poyner, as Chairman agreed to make a discrete enquiry to AGB regarding the availability of this data for the Region.

6.0 Honorary Treasurer's Report

Gloria Mead apologised, but stated that she has been unable to finalise the Society's Accounts as she has been unable to resolve a balance sheet discrepancy. Gloria stated that she was willing to continue working to resolve the problem.

Paul Callaway proposed a vote of thanks to Gloria Mead for the hard work and contribution she has made to the Society, which was duly acknowledged by the members present.

Gloria Mead advised that all grants for the county timing systems had now been processed and that the Senior Inter-counties financial loss was more than usual, primarily as G.A.S. were unable to send a team to compete this year.

Jane Rees enquired if last years accounts had been independently examined. Gloria advised that they had not.

7.0 Amendment to Constitution, Clause 12

Neil Lockhart advised that in light of the recent changes by Archery GB to offer reduced fees for members below the age of 24, it has been suggested that the G.W.A.S. Constitution Clause 12 should be amended to reflect this. Paul Callaway proposed and Karen Williams seconded that the Constitution need not be changed as the wording does not limit the creation of this level of membership. The motion was carried by a majority with only one vote against.

8.0 Approval of Affiliation Fees for 2016/7



Affiliation fees for 2017/18 were discussed. Paul Callaway, proposed and Tony Smith seconded that fees remain unchanged at £6.00 Senior, £3.00 under 24 and £2.00 Juniors under 18 for the coming year. This was carried by a majority.

9.0 Election of Honorary Member(s)

Nick Nicholson proposed, with Tony Smith seconding, that Helen Press be made an Honorary Life Member of the Society. This was unanimously agreed.

10.0 Election of Society Officers

Written nominations, duly proposed and seconded have been received for the following:

- a. **President:** Jane Rees & Tony Smith
- b. **Chairman:** John Poyner
- c. **Honorary Secretary:** Nick Nicholson
- d. **Honorary Treasurer:** Ann Jackson

Neil Lockhart advised that the nomination for Tony Smith had not been submitted by the stipulated date, but felt that it was in the interests of the Society to consider all candidates who were willing to stand. Following discussion it was ruled by John Poyner, as Chairman, that the Constitution rules must be followed and apologized to Tony Smith but his nomination could not be accepted.

Jane Rees was duly elected as President of the Society with a majority, and only one vote against.

John Poyner was duly elected as Chairman of the Society by unanimous vote.

Nick Nicholson was duly elected as Honorary Secretary by unanimous vote.

Ann Jackson was duly elected as Honorary Treasurer by unanimous vote.

11.0 Election of Specialist Officers

Written nominations, duly proposed and seconded were received for the positions of Archivist & Librarian, Equipment Officer and Affiliations Secretary.

Gerald Farrell, Doug Human and Ginger Parker have all advised that they wished to stand down as Field Representative, Junior Representative and EAF Representative respectively. All other nominees for other positions were present and agreed to stand.

- a. **Tournament Secretary:** Vikki Gallop was proposed by Tony Smith, seconded by Nick Nicholson and duly elected by unanimous vote.
- b. **Junior Representative:** No nominations received, no member appointed.
- c. **Archivist & Librarian:** Chris Hassall was duly elected by unanimous vote.
- d. **Field Representative:** Andrew Rees was proposed by Lizzy Rees, seconded by Richard Jones and duly elected by unanimous vote.
- e. **Affiliations Secretary:** Paul Callaway was duly elected by unanimous vote



- f. **Records Officer:** Andrew Rees was proposed by Paul Burden, seconded by Karen Williams and duly elected by unanimous vote.
- g. **Equipment Officer:** Chris Hassall was duly elected by unanimous vote.
- h. **G.W.A.S. Representative to EAF:** No Nominations received, no member appointed.
- i. **Child Protection Officer:** Paul Burden was proposed by Mike Healy, seconded by Nick Nicholson and duly elected by unanimous vote.
- j. **Communications & Web Officer:** No nominations received, no member appointed.

12.0 Confirmation of Regional Coaching Officer

Lizzy Rees notified the meeting that she had been elected as the Regional Coaching Officer and her appointment was confirmed.

13.0 Confirmation of Judges Liaison Officer

Phil Gillbanks, notified the meeting that he had been elected as the Judges' Liaison Officer and his appointment was confirmed.

14.0 County Representatives to G.W.A.S.

The following nominations as County representatives to the G.W.A.S. Council were notified to the meeting

- a. **DCAS:** Estelle Edwick & Karen Williams
- b. **DWAA:** Ian Colley and Nick Nicholson
- c. **GAS:** To Be Advised
- d. **SCAA:** Robin Leveridge and John Eastaugh

15.0 Appointment of Independent Examiners

Gloria Mead proposed to advise by next Council meeting

16.0 Any Other Business

Colin Holmes proposed, with Richard Jones seconding, that the World's End Pub was an unsuitable venue and should not be used in future. This was unanimously agreed.

Meeting Closed at 15:50

Neil Lockhart
G.W.A.S. Secretary
2nd April 2017

John Poyner
G.W.A.S. Chairman