



Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
Of Mayflower Archers
Held at Mayflower School, Room 87, Billericay
On Wednesday 12th March 2008

Present: D. Mallett (Chairman), J. Bishop (Hon. Treasurer), N. Norris (Club Captain), W. Stevens (Child Protection Officer), D. Scolah (Child Protection Officer), R. Markham (Membership Sec & Records Officer), S. Fenton (Junior Liaison Officer), M. Vidgeon-Hart (League Sec), M. Blay (Equipment Officer), A. Purser (General Member) & 13 members. Total in attendance 23.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Michael McGee, Mitch Vaughan, Ann Madeley, Philip Madeley, Rachel Elvidge.

2. **Minutes of the AGM 2007:** Having been circulated were taken as read, seconded by B. Manhood. Accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising AGM 2007:** Two:-

(18.2) – Direct Debit Payments - Some Preference, however not enough take up, retaining current system, i.e payment by cheque.

(19.1) – Club Colours – Lower garments - Not registered, carried to next meeting

4. **Reports from Officers:**

4.1. **Chairman** - My report will be very brief this year because I have learnt that whatever I say cuts across other committee members' reports, so I will leave it to them to fill in the details. Membership is the highest in the club's 20-year history and 50% higher than 4 years ago. Furthermore, with 43 new people about to start a beginners' course, I expect another large influx of members. My thoughts are that the present size of the club is about as large as it wants to be and natural wastage should balance out new membership. Following a very successful County show last year and together with our fees from membership and beginners courses, we are both well funded and have probably, the best equipment levels in the County. This year has seen a full complement of mostly new and enthusiastic committee members and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and support throughout the year. In addition I would like to thank all those other members, who have generously helped out when needed. Without that help, the club would find it difficult to function. For my part, I have been on the committee for most of the last decade and during my tenure as Chairman, I have had some very interesting but sometimes difficult issues to deal with. It is therefore time for a rest and while I know I will miss being directly involved, I have decided to step down this year. I have no intention of leaving the club though and will still be available to give assistance, should it be required. Finally, I would like to wish my successor a rather less troublesome existence, than I have endured at times.

4.2. **Hon. Secretary** – No Report

4.3. Hon. Treasurer - As you will see from the circulated accounts we have had a successful year financially.

The money in hand this time last year was £3,511.04 and this year it has gone up to £4,800.57.

The Christmas dinner created a surplus of £83.25 thanks to the raffle and the coaching clinics a surplus of £20.00, but the main reason for the extra money is that indoor shooting has been much more cost effective having gone down to one hall.

As usual the Come and try at the steam rally generated extra income for the club as well as names for the beginners course which is about to start so many thanks to all who put in so much hard work on both fronts. I would also like to extend thanks to Robert Markham and his wife Penny for collecting and banking membership, GNAS, FITA 18 entries and indoor fees and banking them, thus making my job so much more straightforward.

4.4. Child Protection Officer - Changes incoming and will be extended to cover new as well as existing juniors in line with G.N.A.S policy as it is updated.

4.5. Membership Officer - During 2007 our membership numbers increased again with a total of 152 members at the close of the year compared to 133 in 2006 and 123 in 2005. As of 1st March 2008, membership stands at a record 155. The number of senior members increased during the year with 110 seniors and junior members remaining the same as last year 42. The continued decline in junior members we saw last year seems to have stopped in 2007 and this is almost certainly down to the efforts of Steve Fenton, Roger Glover and the newly formed Junior Sub committee. I am sure that the regular club shoots and increased coaching activity have gone a long way to help and encourage our junior members. Let us hope these efforts will show an increasing number of juniors this time next year. During the year, we lost 27 members (8 juniors and 19 seniors) and gained 53 new members (18 juniors and 35 seniors). High turnover of members continues to remain a feature although overall numbers have been increasing steadily for a number of years now. Once again we have a large group of beginners (40) starting this months course with a further group likely as we move to our outdoor venue. As always, the combination of the Essex Country Show, our Website and the new location have helped to keep membership numbers up, in spite of the usual pattern of significant numbers of leavers each year.

Standing down from position and gave thanks to nominee for coming forward.

Question from floor as to whether the turnover of members was a concern and is it normal?
Answer returned yes it is normal in line with other clubs within the county, however is not seen as a concern, as it tends to clear sufficient space for the new intake each year. There is an average membership of 2.5 years at present. However this could be attributed to a lack of coaching within the club, so with the new coaches qualifying this may change. Junior Liaison Officer commented this decrease in numbers was concurrent with the school holiday within the juniors, with some parent members leaving around the same period.

4.6. Records Officer - 2007 saw a total of 621 scores submitted from members, marginally up on last year. Scores submitted come from a relatively small group of competitive members. The leading improvements in handicap during the year were: Junior Recurve: Aaron Gourley -17, Senior Recurve: Rachel Elvidge -13, Senior Compound: Graham Pallett -11, Junior Compound - No improved handicaps.

Notable performances from seniors during the year were from Alex Purser who showed great form and shot his first 1200+ Gents FITA. Philip Glover who secured his Grand Master Bowman status and shot a record breaking Portsmouth score of 594, breaking the BUSA, BUTTS, All Universities, Club and County Records. Wendie Stevens had a stellar year with too many Gold medals to mention and over taking Robert Markham in the highest number of archery miles driven during 2007.

Congratulations also to Rachel Elvidge who won her first target competition medal in the somewhat unusual position of highest Unrewarded, Unrelated Couple at a shoot in Kent. A special mention should also go to Nigel Norris who has been a bit of a dark horse, but with no sight on his bow and a large forest to romp through, he has been showing real winning form this year on the Field circuit.

We added 14 new county records during the course of the year. For a change, we actually had a few seniors contributing to the County records this year (5 in all) from Wendie Stevens, Mitch Vaughan, Phil Glover and Alex Purser. Congratulations to our juniors who added a further 9 records with contributions from Michael Markham, Jonah Elvidge, George Fenton, Alexander Humphries and Ellie Vidgeon-Hart.

We also had a showing in the 2007 National Rankings with senior places going to Alex Purser (62), George Fenton (68) and Robert Markham (84). For the junior rankings George Fenton also managed an excellent 3rd place.

In the County rankings, we again showed good form with the following Top Ten positions: Senior Gents Recurve 3rd – Alex Purser, Senior Ladies Recurve 5th – Wendie Stevens, 6th – Rachel Elvidge, Senior Gents Compound 1st – Philip Glover, 4th – Mitch Vaughan, Junior Gents Recurve 1st – Michael Markham, 6th – Stephen Horne, Junior Gents Compound 1st – George Fenton, Junior Ladies Compound 1st – Ellie Vidgeon-Hart, Junior Ladies Recurve 7th – Katie Ward, 9th – Nicole Scolah. Another great year for Mayflower. Standing down from position and gave thanks to nominee for coming forward.

Question from the floor Do adults submit scores on behalf of juniors direct to County or via the Club Records officer? Answered with please submit via the club records officer so our records can be maintained, as without this, the club records will lose cohesiveness.

4.7. Equipment Officer - Well what a year!! Since joining the club at the end of April last year and taking over the roll of equipment officer from Brian Edwards about a month later I have overhauled both mowers and the field has been marked out twice having just been done a few weeks ago. In response to the increase in membership and the well organized internal competitions last year, resulting in all 14 lanes being full on 2 occasions, we have changed the field layout this year from being 14 lanes wide to now being 20 lanes wide, we have also added 4 new distance lines that have never been marked before these being 10 and 15 yards and 10 and 15 meters and I plan to mark a 3 meter “Dropped Arrow Line” this will make things much easier for our junior members and will I hope help Steve Fenton in trying to make his internal competitions as close to the official ones as possible. I have purchased a number of target faces and new pegs and would ask all members to ensure they always use 3 small pegs to secure the boss stand and one larger peg for the tie back rope, this will ensure that when you hand over your target to someone else when you leave the field there are always the same number of pegs to collect and that none are left on the field to damage the mowers, lost pegs on the field caused more problems with the Allett mower this year than anything else. We have last weekend taken delivery of 2 replacement layered foam bosses and are in the process of building a new H frame trolley for one of these as the old “A” frame one used to bend the boss backwards at the top and used to damage arrows that passed through it, the second boss will be stored so that we are never left without one again, this work should be completed in a few weeks, and the new setup will be maintained by Linecutter Archery. 300 Egerton target pins are on order as we found other makes not to be as good. I have set up a library for a number of archery books and equipment which can be borrowed by any member of the club, the library can be found on line if you look in the resource section of the Mayflower Archers Website. I just want to add a big thank you to all those that have attended and helped with the work parties that have taken place during the last year, without the help of these members the work would not be possible by one person alone and the club would not be what it is now. Thank you, you all know who you are, well done!!

Vote of thanks proposed for all of work undertaken throughout the year, especially due to only being a member since June.

Question from floor: Will work parties be organised to keep field in current condition? Replied with yes, however once the field is under control, not as many will be required.

Suggestion received to attach pegs together or to attach to legs of frames.

4.8. League Secretary – **Summer 2007-** 3 Leagues entered last summer, Longbow Western League postal league, Selby Short Metric postal leagues for Recurve and Compound and the ECAA Albion League. *Longbow League:* we came 4th in Division 1, 2 wins-3 losses. Winners of the league: Black Stag A with a maximum 5 wins out of 5. Many thanks to John and Geoff for providing all the scores. *Selby Short metric postal:* Recurve came 3rd in Division 1, 2 wins and 3 losses. Compound came 4th in Division 1 with 2 wins and 3 losses. Winners of both leagues: Meriden A. *ECAA Albion League:* Heaven knows how we did it but we came 4th in Division 1, 2 wins - 3 losses ahead of Oakfield and Priory. Winners of the League: West Essex A.

Winter - Bray postal leagues for Recurve and compound, BA league, Portsmouth postal league for Recurve and compound, Junior team entered Andy Harris postal league for Recurve For the Bray the Recurvers are currently 5th (of 8) in Division 1 with 2 wins and 3 losses. The Compounders are currently 1st in Division 1 with 5 wins out of 5. The Portsmouth League I have only 1 result in so far for both Recurve and Compound. In November both teams won their matches and were top of their respective leagues. The Andy Harris league the juniors have done really well with 4 wins and 2 losses and are currently 4th (of 8) in division 4.

Summer 2008 - Looking forward to this summer we are entered into the Longbow Western and Selby Short metric for both Compound and Recurve, and the ECAA league. The first match for the ECAA is on 18th May away to Ascham A. The Longbow and Selby also starts in May.

Many thanks to all those who have provided me with scores and here's to a successful summer.

Thanks from Junior Committee for suggesting Andy Harris League

4.9. Junior Liaison Officer - **January:** Nine Juniors attended *RTAC Portsmouth*, with Michael Markham winning the Junior Gent u 16 Recurve, the following day he won the senior title. Other medalists were Harry Abbott Gold Boys u 14 Compound, Alastair Humphreys Silver Boys u 16 Compound, Clinton Abbott Gold Boys u 18 Compound, George Fenton Silver Boys u 18 Compound and Owen Humphreys Boys u 18 Longbow. George won the *Welland Valley Archers FITA 18*. George competed in the *World Indoor Selection shoot* at Lilleshall. **February:** 4th Team *Ken Gray Memorial Shoot* (Aaron Gourley, Kate Alexander, James Adams, Joe Stevens, Callum Cousins) **March:** Michael and George Winners *ECAA County Indoor Champs*. **April:** *European Junior Outdoor Selection Shoot*, Lilleshall. George is selected to represent GB and finished in 17th place at the *European Champs* in Portugal that were held in June. 4 juniors competed at the *Havering Youth games*, with Stephen Horne taking Boys u18 Gold Recurve and Katie Ward Bronze medal Girls u 14 Recurve. **May:** *WMAS Double FITA Star*, Lilleshall George Senior MB Score Gents FITA, Michael County Record 50m distance score. **June:** Michael, George, Nicole Scolah, Matt Harris, Stephen Horne attended the *ECAA County Outdoor Champs*. Nicole won here first County medal as part of the 3rd place Recurve team (Michael, Nicole and Stephen). Michael came first place in Boys B2, George won the Boys Compound title shooting the York Round with a MB Score. The following day George took the Senior Title. **July:** George, Michael, Stephen and Katie attended the *Junior FITA Star and National Champs* at Lilleshall. Michael represented England in the *Junior Home Nations Match* on Saturday. Katie in her first National Champs claimed an English Cross Award for her efforts in the M3 Class. George's York Round score was a New County Record and his 3rd MB of the season. Michael represents England in the *Junior Euronations Tournament* in Ireland. George attended *Clophill Premier FITA 70 m*, shot a pb thanks to Phil Glover's borrowed arrows. George, Katie and Aaron Gourley attended the *ECAA County FITA Champs*. In his first tournament Aaron finished in 3rd place and claimed his English Archery Association Blue Junior Cross Award. 13 Mayflower Juniors took part in the *GNAS Postal Nationals*. George finished in 1st place Boys u 18 Compound and Joe Elvidge finished in 3rd place Boys u 12 Longbow. **August:** Ellie Vidgeon-Hart and Harry Abbott are both selected for the County Team and were part of the Team that finished 3rd in the SCAS Junior Intercounties. **September:** Eight Juniors attended *The SCAS Junior Champs* at Runwell. This was the first Competition for Alex Croft, Eric Sutherland and Tom Sutherland. George finished in 2nd place Gents Compound York, Nicole 3rd place Ladies B3 , Aaron 2nd Gents B4 and claiming a 900 Rose Award. **October:** George attended the *ECAA County and Open Field Champs*, FITA 24 Arrowhead Marked Record Status. First place Gents u18 CUL, County Record and Black Arrowhead Award. **November:** A win for our Junior Team consisting of Aaron Gourley, Katie Ward, Sam Yeates, James Adams and Lewis Jones in their first ever *Andy Harris League Match*. **December:** Alastair Humphreys, 1st place Junior Gents Compound *Racketts Xmas Worcester*. Another win for our juniors, consisting of Alex Croft, Katie Ward, Daniel Waymont, Aaron Gourley and Lewis Jones in the 2nd *Andy Harris League match*.

George receives his *Senior Master Bowman* Award from GNAS and is invited to the *UK Masters Tournament* at Lilleshall in June later this year.

3rd Team: in *Ken Gray Memorial Shoot* in February this year. The team consisted of Aaron Gourley, Alex Croft, Lewis Jones, Eric Sutherland and Daniel Waymont.

Martin Vidgeon-Hart amongst other roles is The Andy Harris League Manager and the Junior team of Aaron Gourley, Tom Sutherland, Lewis Jones, Alex Croft and Sam Yeates continued their good fortune with another win in January, this year.

Junior sub committee members Roger Glover, Martin Vidgeon-Hart, David Scolah alongside Club Member John Hurrell are taking part in the GNAS Level 1 Coaches Course. Members of the JSC during 2007 were chiefly responsible for organising the Internal Club Tournaments, the start and end of outdoor season 3D Field Shoots and the Christmas Gathering. A full outdoor programme has been planned for 2008 (refer to the Club Calendar). David Scolah has volunteered to organise the F.I.T.A. Feather and Arrow Scheme which will be open to all Club members. Roger Glover is responsible for producing the Junior Newsletter. This will be published 3 or 4 times a year.

Junior Members are around the 40 mark, we have lost a few as some have moved to the rank of senior members, and we hope the numbers will increase after the forthcoming beginner sessions.

Junior members will be encouraged to enter tournaments and we will try to get their parents/guardians involved with their Children's activities. For example calling the Parents up for start of session assembly and being around to answer their questions and give advice.

As a further reminder Junior Club at Barleylands for 2008 will now commence from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Saturday Afternoons, when there is not a Internal Club Competition(please refer to the Club Calendar).

Junior rankings are included in the Records Officer's Report.

The JSC are looking for another Adult to join the present team.

4.10. Newsletter Editor – No Report

5. Election of Officers

5.1. Chairman: Ian Pow was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.2. Hon. Secretary: Rachel Elvidge was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.3. Hon. Treasurer: Julie Bishop was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.4. Child Protection Officers (2): Wendie Stevens & David Scolah were Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.5. Membership Officer: has been re-absorbed into Secretary's role (Feb Meeting 08)

5.6. Records Officer: Martin Vidgeon-Hart was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.7. Equipment Officer: Martin Blay was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.8. League Secretary: Martin Vidgeon-Hart was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.9. Junior Liaison Officer: Steven Fenton was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.10. General Member: Alex Purser was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

5.11. Web Site Editor: Terry Lewis was Nominated, Seconded, and Elected

6. Appointment of Honorary Membership

6.1. The Nomination of Brian Edwards was seconded by D. Mallett and agreed by the meeting.

7. Annual Fees

7.1. No reason seen to raise fees, proposed to retain fees at current level, seconded by M. Vidgeon-Hart and accepted by meeting.

8. Amendments to Constitution - Executive proposes the following

8.1a) Subscriptions page 2, Item 16) {Date and information change} delete 1st April and Mayflower centre **Insert** 1st May

8.1b) Membership page 1, Item 9) Insert (a) Membership of the Club will only be granted to individuals who are registered members of G.N.A.S. (or other authorised body recognised by G.N.A.S.) or those who apply to become registered members of G.N.A.S. following a beginners course.

8.1c) Membership page 1, Item 9) Insert (b) The category of 'Associate Member' may be granted where an individual is registered with G.N.A.S. via another Club, or as an individual member. An Associate Member will have no voting rights at meetings of the Club, nor will they be able to hold an official position at the Club. Membership fees for an Associate Member will be the same as those for an ordinary member.

8.1d) Membership page 1, Item 9) Insert (c) Granting either ordinary membership or Associate Membership is at the sole discretion of the Secretary, unless a Committee member first raises an objection, when such membership will be submitted for a vote of the Committee. If the Membership Secretary proposes to refuse membership to any individual, then such refusal will first be considered and voted on by the Committee.

8.1 e) Membership page 1, Item 9) Insert (d) All membership renewals or applications are dealt with on an individual basis. Discounting of membership fees for family groups of one or more individuals may be considered by the committee, but each member of any family group will considered separately as far as the rules set out elsewhere in this Constitution shall apply.

8.1 f) Membership page 1, Item 9) Insert (e) Any application for membership from a past member will be submitted for a vote of the Committee.

8.1 g) Management page 1, Item 12) Delete A quorum can be formed, and shall consist of not less than three Committee Members., **Insert** For Club Committee Meetings, a quorum must be formed consisting of not less than three Committee Members together with at least one Executive Officer.

8.1 h) Membership page 1, Item 7a) Delete Three, **Insert** Four & below Chairman **Insert** Vice Chairman

8.1 i) General Provisions page 1, Item 2, Between Chairman, the Secretary, **Insert** Vice Chairman,

8.1 j) General page 3, Item 29, between Chairman, the Secretary **Insert** Vice Chairman,

- 8.1 k) Management page 1, Item 11, {Information and order change}** between a) Chairman b) Hon. Secretary **Insert** Vice Chairman *{and adjust letters accordingly}* resulting with a) Chairman, b) Vice Chairman, c) Hon. Secretary, d) Hon. Treasurer, e) Club Captain, f) Equipment Officer, g) or any other post required...

In light of the constitutional amendments, the Chairman motioned the creation of a Vice Chairman position, which was agreed by the meeting.

8.2. Nomination of Vice Chairman – Robert Markham was Nominated, seconded and Elected

9. Presentation of Awards

Senior Recurve: Wendie Stevens

Senior Compound: George Fenton

Best Girl: Katie Ward

Best Boy: Aaron Gourley

The Alan Cavaye Award: Robert Markham

Special Presentation: Robert Markham, on behalf of the Committee, awarded David Mallett a decanter for his contribution to the club and for his tenure in varying positions on the committee over the last 7 years, 5 of which as Chairman.

10. Appointment of Junior Captain

The Junior Liaison Officer conferred the appointment of Junior Captain for 2008/09 on Nicole Scorah

11. F.I.T.A Feather & Arrow Scheme - F.I.T.A & G.N.A.S framework, to improve archer's awareness of equipment and tuning, and in turn improve both Senior and Junior's technique and knowledge. Framework included Badges and Certificates awarded on achieving each level. Hope that newly qualifying coaches will undertake the mentoring of the system within the club. David Scorah to organize, and run scheme. David Mallett also reminded the meeting of the distance awards, which it is hoped the new scheme will run alongside.

12. Dinner to Mark 20th Anniversary - Wendie Stevens to organize, liaising with David Scorah about hiring Wickford Railway Club, at some point over the October Period (likely Friday evening) sit down meal with slide show similar to the Christmas dinner 2002, showing the highlights of the last 20 years.

13. **Anniversary Shoot** - Date confirmed as Saturday 28th June 2008, Round:- Albion/Windsor, Graham Sibley and Mick Pearce Judging. The shoot will purely be for fun, with Raffle, Balloons, and no entry Fee. Some local clubs will be invited but due to a maximum number of 80 shooting, some clubs will be restricted in entry size. Mayflower members will have a two week head-start in entering, and after two weeks the invitations to clubs will be released. Question from the floor as to whether the distances were applicable to the ability of those shooting or age groups, the answer was returned that for parity the age group would be defining, junior rounds for juniors only.

14. **20th Anniversary Commemorative Badge** - Metallic badge to be made up, at a cost of £1.15 each. And have been ordered with delivery expected in the next 10 days.

Proposal: To give away the badges at no cost to all club members on renewal, as well as visiting club members at the 20th anniversary shoot. (*Meeting For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain*)

15. **AOB**

a) *G.N.A.S Membership* – Some members are yet to receive G.N.A.S numbers or information from G.N.A.S (Archery UK) B. Manhood agreed to check for discrepancies in the paperwork, and inform the Hon. Secretary as to the situation and requirements for G.N.A.S. Will all affected members please get in contact with the Hon. Sec as soon as possible.

b) *Portaloos* – The question was asked if they had been looked into. As it was felt there are points in the year, where one would be of use.

The answer was returned yes, however the cost was deemed to prohibitive at the time of looking. Carried to next meeting.

c) *Sports Grants* – the Committee having been approached on the clubs membership to the Basildon Sports Council felt it should be discussed. Historically it has been expressed that we have not needed the money that may possibly be available, as well as the likelihood will be that our facilities will encumber any funding applications. However it was felt a further investigation is warranted to see the current possibly updated situation and someone will be invited to the next meeting 15th May to speak to the committee as to the role and benefits of membership.

d) *Trophy* – Liz Martin has approached the club as to her wish to have a Junior trophy donated in the memory of Bruce Martin, the meeting thanked Liz for her generous donation, and in-light of it being requested for a Junior was delegated to the Junior Liaison Officer for inclusion in the next Junior Sub Committee meeting, for consideration of particulars of award.

e) *New Archers* –

- i. The Club has been approached by a French Archer Vivien Grabarek, for a 6 month membership to terminate and the end of July 2008, he is a fully affiliated member of F.I.T.A, and currently holds Associate membership of Mayflower.

- ii. Christine Kirchhof has also been granted membership, as at the date of the meeting.

Being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.03pm, thanking all those who attended and wished them a safe journey home.

Chairman.....
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