

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHERY SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Ye Old Bridge Inn, Oxton
Monday 28 November 2011 start 8.00pm

Attended by (*officers of the society*)

Chairman: Mike Spare
Vice Chairman: Chris Joyce
Secretary: Mike Thomason
Treasurer: Susan Stankovic

EMAS Representative } Les Smeeton
Development Coordinator }
Junior Representative Lesley Gray
Records Officer: Janet Smeeton
Coaching Organiser: } Mario Stankovic
Team manager }
Child Protection Officer Mike Spare
Trophy Officer (Position vacant)

Bassetlaw Bowmen Not represented
Beeston Rylands Archers Jim Donaghie
Belvoir Archers Mark Charlish, Dave Seymour, Sue Haynes, Bryan Haynes, Martin Jones, Vicky Jones, Steve Gamble
Bingham Leisure Centre AC See EMAS rep, records officer
Bulwell Foresters Jeff Kilbourne
Burton Joyce See chair, vice chair, Ann Spare
City & Sherwood Terry Davey; Liz West
Hart of Sherwood Not represented
Harworth Archers Not represented
Nottingham Panthers Not represented
Nottingham University Not represented
Nottingham Trent University Not represented
RR Bowmen of Sherwood Not represented
Sherwood Archers See treasurer, coaching organiser
Welbeck Archers See junior representative
Wilford Bowmen See secretary

School Clubs

Nottingham High School Liz West
St Peters School Mario Stankovic
Toot Hill Academy Les Smeeton

A total of 20 officers and members were present representing 8 clubs (Inc junior sections). We were quorate.

1. Apologies for absence:

Simon Barnicott, Derek Shaw, Adrienne Goodwin, Steve Radomski, George Brown.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last AGM have been circulated to club secretaries.

The minutes were checked and, with two technical corrections and no matters arising, certified as being a true record of the meeting and signed off by the chairman.

3. Officers reports

3.1 Chairman's report. (Mike Spare)

First of all I would like to welcome you all, to the meeting and thank everyone for making this season a very enjoyable season and particularly for supporting the events organised by the County. I think, in the region of 200 archers from all clubs took part in one event or another. I was extremely pleased to see both a large proportion of new archers taking part in the events, and new clubs being formed and joining the Society. I hope you have had a very positive experience and will come back for more next year

On behalf of all of us and particularly from myself, I would like to recognise the work both that the Members of this committee and the organisers of the county events put in, to enable us all to benefit from their work. As a County we now have 5 events involving County Teams; three League shoots, the Oregon Challenge, the Golden Arrow, the County FITA, and the County Championships. All of these shoots were well supported and very successful. We also hosted the Sydney Bond tournament on behalf of EMAS, and held winter coaching sessions. That is a lot of work and many hours spent by organisers and helpers on a voluntary basis on our behalf.

At every opportunity this year I have been encouraging you all to shoot longer distances and take part in County qualifying events next year.

As a County it is up to us to put in place a coaching structure which will encourage you all to take part in coaching activities to improve your standard of archery and raise the standard of shooting in the County. We have some very good individual archers in the County but we need to increase the standard in depth.

I am therefore very pleased to report that this year Mario has revamped the winter training sessions, all coaches in the County were invited to give their input, and it is hoped that we can co ordinate winter coaching with normal club coaching.

The Course has certainly been well supported by the archers. The course is already full with a waiting list. We have reached the maximum capacity of both the Hall and number of coaches available with 21 juniors and 40 seniors are being coached.

As you can see from all the above we are getting our act together, and working as a team to make a very successful County. I would like to acknowledge the work Bryan has put into making our web site the centre of communication. It is always up-to-date and has all the latest information and news, I even have my own page on it, if you have not bookmarked it already you are missing out.

I am very appreciative and grateful for all for the support I have received this year and would again like to thank you all, particularly my colleagues on the Committee who in all honesty do the hard work for the progress we have made this year.

3.2 Vice-Chairman's report (Chris Joyce)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has organised and helped organise competitions on behalf of the County this year.

I know from personnel experience how the weight of responsibility can sometimes be testing, and having spent many waking hours mulling over the tasks involved in putting on large competitions.

The County would be diminished if we did not put on a full archery calendar, and without these individuals giving up their time and effort to make these events so successful we would not be able to claim to be the driving force for archery in the region.

As is the case in the past, a few individuals have done most of the work, and it is pleasing to see that next year we have more clubs than ever who are prepared to stage competitions and lighten the load, so it is pleasing to anticipate another full archery year which can only be possible with the help of a growing band of Notts Archery clubs who are prepared to have a go at staging competitions.

Thank you!

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3.3 Secretary's Report (Mike Thomason)

I finish my second year as secretary. It still seems to be going OK. My thanks go again to Mike for his continued help and support. Thank you also to other committee members for their help and assistance.

To Janet, who is standing down as records officer after a mere 14 years, thank you for your diligent efforts. I am sure you will enjoy not having to keep these records in the future!

As we finish the year I note that the county is now home to 16 clubs compared to the 12 we had this time last year. During the year we have welcomed Belvoir, Harworth and Nottingham Trent. Particularly Belvoir who have already impressively run two good open competitions in their first year of existence. Well done.

I am conscious that another new club, Bulwell Foresters is here tonight for the first time. I wish them good luck in becoming established.

I look forward to 2012. Like last year 2012 is going to be difficult for some, my own club included. Good luck to us all and thank you for helping to keep the county moving forward.

3.4 Treasurer's Report (Susan Stankovic)

If we start by looking at the income versus expenditure on this years accounts on the face of it the Society has remained in the black with its money, however, if we remove the income and expenditure for the Level 1 Coach course as technically this has no bearing on the Society's funding as we were only acting as bankers for the course, it leaves us with an excess of expenditure over our income of £330.00.

Although our income from affiliations has increased in the last year the income from our shoots has dropped although they have all still made a profit, this is primarily due to the changes made earlier in the year whereby it was agreed that clubs should receive 50% of any profit made by the shoots as a thank you from the county for hosting the shoots.

On the expenditure side you will see that we have welcomed 2 new clubs to our ranks this year and have funded a boss for each club.

Can I extend my thanks to Liz West for her sterling work keeping track of the affiliations and Chris Joyce and Jim Donaghie for acting as accounts checkers again this year. I now present those accounts for your approval.

Looking to the future and the ever increasing cost of things I would like to propose that we increase our affiliation fees as from 1st September 2012 to £3.50 per senior member, £2.00 for a junior member, £10.00 en bloc fee for a Junior Club, £10.00 en bloc fee for a School Club, and £25.00 en bloc fee for a University. Even with these increases we will still be the best value Society within the East Midlands Region and it will I hope address the deficit in our budget without having to draw on our reserves. This was seconded by Chris Joyce and carried by the meeting.

3.5 EMAS Representative's report. (Les Smeeton)

An interesting year for EMAS – and an underlying level of disquiet amongst committee members! At the last Regional AGM few people from other Counties were proposed for the vacant committee posts. Without people from Notts. stepping up to take on roles EMAS could not have continued. This has created an apparent dominance of NAS in EMAS management and has attracted some negative comment.

Work was started early in the year to review and consider the role of EMAS. This was initiated by EMAS Chairman Alan Staples but since his unexpected death relatively little has progressed.

The decision by Archery GB to withdraw the 5% 'membership registration handling fee' from Regions has caused ructions throughout all Regions with considerable anger being expressed at the AGB AGM. . The

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new membership programme has been designed and structured to handle AGB membership directly and the 5% has been re-assigned to the costs involved!

The Chairman of AGB has held one meeting with Regional Chairmen and other attendees early in the year and is planning a follow-up early in the New Year with the purpose of exploring the activities of, need for, and AGB relationship with Regional Societies. I attended the first meeting deputising for Alan.

Much challenge has been presented to the EMAS committee about the way the levels to which the financial balance has grown and the working practices of EMAS, the methods employed and the high levels of Notts. archers holding committee roles. The major part of the challenge has come from the Northants. Representative.

(N.B. several Northants members attended the AGM but none were prepared to take on committee roles despite direct requests)!

One specific point to highlight re. EMAS funds and Archery development. A single lump sum, pro rata to County membership numbers, has been earmarked for development purposes. It will be distributed against formal structured plans and usage will be formally monitored by EMAS.

As Coaching Organiser Jim Johnson undertook to organise a meeting of County 'team and aspiring team level' archers with the team managers and/or coaches. Archers were offered a free Bray 1 (free to them – EMAS funded). The purpose was to explore with attendees what they expected EMAS to be doing or offering.

The meeting was held yesterday hosted by Bingham LCAC – very many positive and constructive comments were received.

That input will be used to inform the committee debate referred to earlier.

3.6 Development Coordinator's report (Les Smeeton)

The job title used above is the formal title given by / acknowledged by AGB for the development person in each County Society – for general working purposes in Notts we have historically used the title Development Officer! I feel that the new terminology actually reflects the direction in which archery development is being viewed and applied by Sport England, Archery GB and County Councils via what they term as County Sports Partnerships. Sport England now recognises Archery as a sport which they are prepared to support financially.

When I accepted this role I told you at County meetings that I needed time to absorb what the role might entail and what the terminology used by AGB and Notts. County Council actually meant. The above paragraph should indicate to you that I think I have found that out – now I have to learn how best to perform the job for the maximum benefit to us all!

To date I have had several meetings / discussions with Chris Rolle, NGB Sports Officer at Notts C.C. some of which have been with Archery GB representation present. I have also met / discussed directly with Archery GB development personnel (Kate Moss and Arran Coggan). In the process I have submitted one bid for funding on behalf of Notts. AS and formally supported a separate bid from Belvoir Archers to Notts. CC for funding (The County Council requires such formalised support to be recorded in every bid!).

Other contacts within Notts.C.C. are in hand for broader aspects of possible funding and organisational and activity support.

One specific exploratory action is provision of the services of a 'multi-sports' coach for archery – this is being explored via Toot Hill School.

Following work with Archery GB (Kate Moss) and the MP for N. Notts at a primary school Head Teachers' Conference (supported by Mario and Susan Stankovic). Kate offered a sum up to £100.00 for work in Notts. by Notts AS, with young/ new archers. Initially this sounded fairly straightforward but after joint

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meeting with Kate and Notts. CC a bit more involved (funding supplied under 'rules' and usage monitored by Sport England).

Recently I attended the AGB Development Conference on behalf of EMAS in place of the late Alan Staples. As it turned out the Development Conference agenda was actually geared to *County* Society Club Development Coordinators and clubs. A principal theme of that conference was building on / capitalising on the Olympic Games event next year.

Similarly, one of the principle themes at Notts CC is – how are we (Notts.AS)gearing up to make the most of the expected heightened interest from people wishing to experience - and hopefully take up - archery arising before and after the Games programme. They are looking to support such activities and are expecting that actions will be coordinated and prioritised through Notts AS and not chased separately and disjointedly by individual clubs.

We clearly are expected to have a clear overall strategy expressed in, and implemented through, a formal development plan. For the moment they are prepared to talk with me about potential support actions whilst this is being developed. Their support may take various forms e.g. assistance with design / production of publicity and associated media links, support for coach training programmes and topics.

I shall continue with such discussions but , as a County organisation I ask that all clubs and their representatives take on board this new thinking and think constructively how we can (if wanted) make it work!

Although current actions are somewhat reactive and hurried this whole subject of development needs to be considered in a longer –term, on-going, several year, strategic manner to maximise benefit for NAS

3.7 Junior Representative's report (Lesley Gray)

Well, where has the year gone? This last year we have had a lot of new members in the junior county team. I would like to say a huge "well done" to them all as shooting for the county is not an easy thing to do.

There have been many 'personal bests' and records broken throughout the year. Once again I congratulate these achievers. One of our juniors gained a place on the GB team this year. He went to Cyprus with the GB squad. He has also been invited to join the Olympic Development Plan for both the 2016 (Rio) and 2020 Olympic games.

Next year looks to be exciting with the start of a new county development squad, with a new programme and format. Our juniors are looking forward to it.

3.8 Record Officer's report (Janet Smeeton)

This has been a very successful year for a number of Notts archers with 103 records broken or set for the first time.

I have reported the details throughout the year.

Congratulations to :- (with numbers of records broken)

JUNIORS

Rebekah Lowe (22), Hollie Smith (21), Robert Gray (7), Elise Goetzee (3), Rees Buckland (3), Peter Emery, Meghan King, Oscar Pfister, James Cutler, Evie Francois, Jacque Francois (all with 1 each).

SENIORS

Steve Gamble (13), Dave Seymour (5), Bryan Haynes (4), Elizabeth West (3), Sue Haynes (3), Fred Kirkham, Chris Hughes, Vicky Denton-Jones, Bernie Dicks, Adrienne Goodwin (2 each), Darren Harper, Mark Charlish, Martin Jones (1 each).

Well done everyone!

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3.9 Coaching Organiser's report (Mario Stankovic)

This year has been very busy but first I send a get well soon to Christine and Keith.

We have now 11 new L1 coaches in the county to take our totals to 1 senior, 4 County, 9 L2's and 26 L1's.

I have a new L1 course planned for the new year, so if you want to go on it tell me by email or post it to me, it will be no more than £250 could be less! By the end of next year a L2 is planned. Winter training is now in hand with it all booked up 40 Seniors and 20 Juniors also we have 20 coaches work The first session is next week 1 45 to 5pm. As an end to my report congratulations to Steve Attwood on gaining his Level 2 Certificate, that makes us up to 10.

3.10 Team Manager's report (Mario Stankovic)

The first team shoot was at Kettering inter county clout and it went well. It was a good day The Welbeck challenge went better than I thought we beat them with senior and junior compounds ladies R/C but we did do not so well on the other, overall we lost by 200 points. The first shoot for the team was on the 7 August at Burton Bridge Archers Burton on Trent for the Tri Counties. The other shoot was at Washingborough in Lincs on 4th September. If we could get all our top archers together at one shoot I don't think any body could beat them. Next years plans are on the way already.

3.11 Child Protection Officer's report (Mike Spare)

I am very pleased to tell you that I have nothing to report.

4. Election of Officers

Mike Spare, having decided to run again as chairman for a final 12 months was re-elected unopposed. Sue Haynes (Belvoir Archers) was nominated for, and accepted, the position of records officer. All other officers had indicated their willingness to remain in post and were re-elected.

Terry Davey was proposed for, seconded and unanimously welcomed as the new president of our society.

This leaves only the **Trophy Officer** position; still vacant after 24 months. Will clubs please encourage someone to take on this position.

5. Date and time of 2012 meetings

The dates for the 2012 County meetings were confirmed. Venue: Ye Olde Bridge Inn, Oxtou. All Monday, 8pm starts.

16th January 2012

16th April 2012

16th July 2012

15th October 2012

AGM 26th November 2012

The meeting closed at 2125 hours.

Signature:

26th November 2012

Nottinghamshire Archery Society
Accounts for the year 1 November 2010 to 31 October 2011

Income and Expenditure

Income			Expenditure		
09/10	10/11		10/11	09/10	+or-
279.50	78.00	Recovered Monies			
3339.75	2515.00	Affiliations	1245.50	2301.50	1269.50
294.50	226.50	League/ Oregon Shoots	103.03	62.71	123.47
324.50	644.00	Indoor Championships	541.52	301.50	102.48
525.00	1352.00	Winter Coaching session 2010	1015.02	427.14	336.98
	930.00	Winter Coaching session 2011	25.00		905.00
425.00	441.00	Golden Arrow	395.04	263.68	45.96
225.00	138.50	Polo/Sweatshirts	170.00	204.50	-31.50
408.00	70.00	Outdoor Championships 2010	211.47	8.00	
	373.00	Outdoor Championships 2011	337.40		35.60
0.00		Year bars/Medals	142.20	528.90	-142.20
0.00		Junior Team	283.00	479.80	-283.00
0.00		Senior Team	812.99	651.96	-812.99
0.00		Donations in lieu of wreaths	30.00	90.00	-30.00
		New Club Boss refunds	260.60		-260.60
	2560.00	Level 1 Coach Course	2120.00		440.00
500.00		Coaching fund		743.50	
13.56	40.13	Interest/Bonus		0.00	40.13
		Honorariums	100.00	200.00	-100.00
		Admin Expenses	98.22	65.03	-98.22
		Joe Sharp Fund			
6334.81	9368.13		7890.99	6328.22	
5669.38	5675.97	Opening/Closing Balance	7043.11	5675.97	
		Excess income over expenditure	110.00		
12004.19	15044.10		15044.10	12004.19	

Bank & Cash Reconcilliation

Current Account	£2112.27	Joe Sharp @ end 2010	£580.50
Savings Account	£4802.59	Transfer for 2011	£ 36.90
Cash in Hand	£ 128.25	New Balance	£617.40
	£7043.11		

Coaching fund now stands at	£ 736.58
Joe Sharp fund now stands at	£ 617.40
General fund now stands at	£5689.13
	£7043.11

S Stankovic

Treasurer

C Joyce

J Donaghie

Account Checkers