

***THE GRAND NATIONAL ARCHERY SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AND CONFERENCE***

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*Held in the Ford Hall, Lilleshall National Sports Centre  
Newport, Shropshire TR10 9AT  
On Saturday 16 April 2011 commencing at 11.30*

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**Chairman of Tellers:** Mrs Trish Lovell (President of the Society)

**Tellers:** Mr Andrew Tizard-Varcoe, Mr I McGibbon, M/s Muriel Kirkwood and Mr Michael Ward

The new Chairman Mr Dave Harrison opened the 2011 Annual General Meeting by welcoming everyone and guests. He introduced the top table and guests, which also included the Society's Solicitor.. A Minutes' Silence was held in respect of those that we have lost during the past year.

The Chairman of Tellers explained the new voting system for a 'hand vote'. This was a pack of different colour coded cards, and each card was allocated to one of various resolutions made. We were told by the tellers which colour card to hold up on each resolution, first the 'yes' votes, and then the 'no' votes, plus any abstentions

**1, Apologies for Absence** Mr David Sherratt, the Chief Executive had received 21 apologies

**2, To Approve AGM Minutes of 2010 and Matters Arising** A couple of amendments to Minutes. Meeting agreed. There were no Matters arising

**3, President's Address** Mrs Trish Lovell presented her 2010 Address. She announced that the Society is celebrating 150 years with a Dinner in July. 30k membership. Many changes. Seventy-five per cent change in Directors. New membership system. 2012 Olympics. Congratulations to team in various competitions. Apologies for not being able to attend many tournaments due to family illness

**4. To received Directors Report** Five per cent rebate to regions to be discussed in another part of the agenda. Directors report was carried

**5. To Adopt Accounts** There was a Power Point Presentation on the Society's Finances for Year ending 30 September 2010.. Main points were Total Income £2,159,819,. Expenditure £2,178,843, Loss £19k. Slight increase to membership. £43k grants for On Target to clubs who have signed up. Have been using Reserves. Auditors fees had doubled the amount. There was a lengthy discussion and main debate focussed on the five per cent rebate to counties and regions which will cease

this year. It was mentioned that counties/regions ' earmark' the rebate for all different planned projects which would now leave serious problems into how these projects would now run. The rebate was given to the counties/regions in return for them collecting the fees for the GNAS under the old membership system, but as of last year when the new membership system commenced the club sends the membership fees direct to GNAS and the counties/regions now collect their own fees. To conclude this part of the Meeting the Society are going to review the five per cent rebate to the counties/regions. Could be a subscription increase. Whilst on the question of the new membership system Mr R Frost bought up about a club in Essex had still not received their membership cards; also that a couple of clubs had their AGM correspondence was sent to their shooting grounds. The answer that was given to the latter was that they had used an old database.

Hand Vote

For	81	Against	3	Abstention	1	Carried
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**6. To confirm the appointment of Auditors** Whittingham Riddell. This was put to a Hand Vote

For	82	Against	2	Not Used	5	Carried
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**7. To authorise the Board to fix the remuneration of Auditors**

Hand Vote Carried

For	81	Against	2	Abstention	1	Not Used	5
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***Special Business***

**8. To receive and, if thought fit pass the following resolutions**

To amend the Articles of Association

*[For the Resolution to pass, the Voting System has to carry a 75 per cent majority, so I have given the figures, with majority count that is needed for it to pass]*

**Resolution 1** – (a) to refer to the 'Companies Act 2006', replacing references to sections of the Companies Act 1985 (in this Resolution '**CA85**') such references being

- (i) Heading on cover page
- (ii) Definition of 'Statues'
- (iii) Article 13, reference to section 368, CA85, is replaced with section 303, CA 2006
- (iv) Article 39, reference to section 303, CA85, is replaced with section 168, CA2006
- (v) Article 61, reference to sections 384 to 392, CA85, is replaced with reference to part 16 of the CA2006
- (vi) Article 66, for Directors acting properly in their duties, with references to section 310, CA85, is replaced with reference to section 32 of the CA2006
- (b) to update Article 68 by way of deletion of reference to the Dept of Trade and Industry and substitute by reference to the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills

All the above is a general 'tidy up'

Hand Vote

**Carried with 84 For and None Against**

**Resolution 2** – To amend the Articles of Association

- (a) Board Meetings – 14 days not 21 days Notice Companies Act 2006
- (b) Business by email
- (c) Company Secretary duties may be split up

Hand Vote

**For 83                      Against 3**

**Resolution 3** To amend Articles (47A) to (47G) as follows

Conflict – Management

Hand Vote

**For 82                      Against 2**

**Resolution 4** – Proxy Voting

Hand Vote.

**For 74                      Against 9**

**9. Voting of Director of Finance** This was carried out on a Ballot and results are as follows

<b>Matthew Fuller</b>	<b>1209</b>
<b>Eric Jackson</b>	<b>2584</b>

Therefore **Mr Eric Jackson** is duly elected as the new Director of Finance

**10. Result of ballot for Vice President**

**Mr M Brighton** was duly elected

**11. Subscriptions**

There are no proposed increases for this year but rebate being withdrawn effectively gives an increase of 5% in income.

Chairman gave thanks to Office Staff, Tellers. Permission to Destroy Voting Papers

Lunch

**Conference**

Presentation by Mr Chris Marsh ( Archery Competition Manager ) gave a video show and brought us up to date on London Olympics 2012. The Meeting was shown the different venues, and went into detail for the archery which will be held at Lords Cricket ground and gave in depth detail of the seating plan. Also details on ticketing, plus travel arrangements

The Chairman then announced that there were four workshop presentations as follows:-

- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Membership Services
- Development
- Foundation

Because of time taken up with the AGM the Meeting was split into four groups and made a choice as to which workshop they would attend which would last for thirty minutes – we chose the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GNAS (although the Presenter kept calling it Archery GB, but was reminded by the group that it is GNAS as Archery GB is a trading name). We were told about the Dinner which is to be held in July in Liverpool, as that was the city where GNAS first started. Tickets cost £55.00. An anniversary badge has been struck and is on sale at £1.50 + p&p. At the dinner awards will be made for the Unsung Hero. List of nominees on website. We were also told by the editor of the *Archery UK* that the next issue will be a special one with all the history of the Society. It did give us a chance to let the editor know of our views of the magazine, and she said there will be changes to improve it. Ironbridge Museum is holding an exhibition 'Archery Through Times'. One idea so as to involve the membership into the celebrations is perhaps to send an anniversary badge with every membership card this year

To conclude the day there was the Annual Presentation of Awards

### **Presentations**

*Club Mark Awards* presented by Mr J Willson, since December  
Deer Park Archers; Nethermoss Archers, Bowmen of Glen  
*Renewals*  
Long Mynn, Rayleigh Town, Epping Archers

### **National Awards**

The President, Mrs Trish Lovell presented the Awards  
*Gussy Award* (wheelchair archer of the year) – Mr John Greaves  
*Ascham Mazur* (highest Single American shot during the year) – Mr R Reader , 792.  
*Toxophilus Trophy* (Best magazine) *Stallybridge*, runner up *Bromyard Bowmen*  
*Jack Flinton Helping Hand* for Coaching – Mr J Neal. This award will be presented at the Coaching Conference  
*Hartwell Trophy* (archer of the year, donated by 'The Daily Telegraph') – Mr Les Smetham  
*BOA Trophy* awarded to the Olympic Sport – A Williamson

*Special Plaquettes*  
Mr David Lane

*GNAS Plaquettes*  
Mr Bob Tomkin, Mr John Poyner, M/s Lynn Evans

*Honorary Life Member* – Mr Derrick Lovell  
Committees M Woodham, Target  
A Rees, Field

AGM and Conference ended at 17.15 with a thank you to everyone for attending and wishing a safe journey home.

The County was represented by the following:- Mr R Frost, Mr G Sibley, Mr M Pearse, Mr J Wilson. Mr & Mrs D Saville and between them carried some 1045 votes as proxies. Many thanks to all the clubs who sent in their proxies.

Overview of AGM and Conference.

Mr David Harrison, in his first year as Chairman conducted the AGM and Conference very well. He gave members plenty of time to bring up their views, and did not 'cut off' anyone, unlike his predecessor. He has also told Robin after the meeting that he will bring up any issues that will arise.

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