

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT HAMPTONS SPORTS & LEISURE (FORMERLY MARCONI ATHLETIC CLUB)  
ON SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT: Mrs M Hutchins (Life Vice President), Mrs M Pearce (Vice President), A Purser (Chairman), M Pearce (Vice Chairman), Mrs D Horn (Secretary), M Skinner (Treasurer), P Clark (General Member). Direct members and representatives from West Essex, Phoenix, Mayflower, Ascham, RTAC, Noak Hill, Deben, Blue Arrows, Raydon Hall, Framlingham, Pilgrim, Chelmsford Tudor Rose, CADAC, Panther, Grays. Total in attendance 54.

Meeting opened at 2pm by Vice Chairman, Mike Pearce, standing in for Vice President Mrs Maggie Pearce.

**10.18 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

BALDWIN TROPHY – Brian Henning  
BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Daisy Clark  
BILL TUCKER AWARD – Lesley Howe  
GRAHAM SIBLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY – John Mansell  
VICTOR LUDORUM TROPHY – Criteria not fulfilled  
JUNIOR MILLENNIUM TROPHY – Aimee Davis  
THELMA DAVISON SALVER – Mitch Vaughan  
THELMA DAVISON CUP – Andrew Lock  
JOE DORMER SHIELD – Emily Short

RED TASSEL presented to Alex Purser and Mitch Vaughan

**11.18 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:**

SENIOR COLOURS (Target): Wendie King (Mayflower)  
SENIOR DATE BARS (Target): Susi Atkinson (Ascham), Daisy Clark (CTR), Tim Davies (Rayleigh), Phil Glover (CADAC), James Howell (Mayflower), Anna King (CADAC), James King (CADAC), Eric Mallet (Abbey), Tony Maher (Oakfield), Steve Morris (CADAC), Paul Ramos (Braintree), Jess Sagoo (Oakfield), Matt Webb (Mayflower).  
JUNIOR COLOURS (Target): Samuel Birdsall (Rayleigh), Imogen Newby (Braintree).  
JUNIOR DATE BARS (Target): Emily Short (Mayflower), Aimee Davis (West Essex), Lauren Bann (Rayleigh).  
FIELD COLOURS: Stuart Ross (Deben).

**12.18 SUMMER OUTDOOR LEAGUE:**

Division 1	Rayleigh Town	Alex Body (West Essex)	Claire Morris (CADAC)
Division 2	Ascham	Aaron Maher (Oakfield)	Jess Sagoo (Oakfield)
Division 3	Noak Hill	Graham Bridge (Noak Hill)	Sharon Lawrence (Noak Hill)

**13.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from Mrs I Major (Life Vice President), T Major (Pilgrim), T Ikel (Oakfield), Mrs J Ikel (Oakfield), D Shrimpton (Woodford), Mrs D Shrimpton (Woodford).

**14.18 MINUTES OF AGM 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017** having been circulated were taken as read. Seconded by R Pilkington (Raydon Hall), accepted by the meeting, and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**15.18 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**16.18 VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** In this, my penultimate year as Vice President I find myself in the unenviable position of having to stand in for our President, Graham Sibley, who was unable to preside at any of the recent AGM's due to his untimely death and who we greatly miss. However, at this AGM we must elect his successor and may I wish good luck and best wishes to whoever is elected to be President of the County for the next three years. 2017 has been an outstanding year for archers in the County with Essex archers representing their country at international events and also achieving superb results in the National series. Also in 2017, Essex held its first outdoor Head-to-Head tournament and I must thank Chelmsford Tudor Rose for putting on a superb tournament, the first of many I am sure. I feel sure that 2018 will prove to be an even better year and look forward to seeing Essex archers once again performing at the highest levels. At this time of year it is customary to thank all of those people without whom our sport could not

exist. I refer not only to those people you see sitting up here at the top table, but also to Tournament Organisers, Record Officers and the many club members who take it upon themselves to undertake the roles at club level that are so necessary to keep our clubs running. There are so many of you that to try and name you all would take several pages and I would invariably forget someone so, can I just say to you all, many thanks for all your work and long may it continue. In conclusion I would like to wish everyone a very happy 2018 and may you all achieve all that you wish to achieve through the upcoming year.

**17.18 REPORT FROM HON SECRETARY:** Well, it's been an interesting year for me getting to grips with the workings of the Council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me over the last 12 months. County membership currently stands at 1660 members, with 1164 seniors, including those under 25, 354 juniors, 68 disabled archers, and 17 direct members. Tournament entries have again been slightly down this year, but this seems to be a national trend and, hopefully, this year we can turn it around and reinvigorate our members to get out there and compete in the myriad of competitions organised so brilliantly across the County. I urge TOs to get details to me in plenty of time so that we can work together to keep the archers informed and I can always resend details if you think it will help. We have had one or two changes of personnel across the County's clubs over the year and these have been circulated. The main items from AGB this year have been the range registration which all clubs had to complete, which should be done by now, although I had an email from Head Office this week saying that 128 clubs across the country are still outstanding. Please remember that if you have a problem, I will do anything I can to help. We are also in a period of change over contact details and data protection. Any information I receive will be sent out to clubs and Direct members for checking so please do keep checking your emails. Council continues to meet every two months with a good turn out to the meetings, but there is always room for new blood to join us. It would be great to see some new faces and hear some new opinions. Thank you to all of you for a great year, and I look forward to 2018. Thanks offered to Debbie Horn for all her work during the year.

**18.18 REPORT FROM HON TREASURER:** Income and Expenses Account for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 tabled showing a loss of £2,000. May have to consider a rise in Affiliation fee in the future. Also tabled, list of clubs and membership numbers with Direct members named. Accounts and Balance Sheet seconded by R Pilkington (Raydon Hall) and accepted by the Meeting. Thanks offered to Martin Skinner for all his work with the Accounts.

**19.18 REPORT FROM SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Thank you to all the archers and Club Records Officers who continue to maintain their records and send in new County record claims. During the past year 28 new records were ratified (a slight decrease from 33 during 2016) and all bow types were represented. Ten individual people achieved new County records. All current records can be found at <http://www.ecaa.org.uk/tournaments-records/records/senior-records>. I wish good shooting to all for the coming year and look forward to receiving more new record claims. Thank offered to Anna King for all her work with the Senior Records.

**20.18 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Firstly may I say thank you to the club Records Officers who took the time and trouble to send in the scores of their junior archers and also to the juniors and their parents who also sent in scores direct. Submitted scores this year were down from last year. I have received - outdoors, 223 recurve scores from 9 clubs compared to 307 from 10 clubs last year and 48 compound scores compared to 63 from clubs last year. The scores received seem to have gone down over the past few years, please send in your scores. **YOUR COUNTY NEEDS YOU !!!** Having been asked on several occasions if it is worth sending in scores that do not meet current criteria the following should be taken into account. While I only produce a top 10 for the AGM and Council meetings, no records sent in are discarded and all scores are available to the Team Manager when she needs to pick teams for inter-county matches and there have been occasions where archers in the top 10 were unavailable and newer archers have been given a chance to shine and have acquitted themselves well. This gives a great opportunity for everyone to appear on the top10 so please keep those scores coming in. Please remember that if your club is not sending in your scores you are perfectly entitled to send them in yourself, scores can either be sent direct to me at [jro@ecaa.org.uk](mailto:jro@ecaa.org.uk) or via the ECAA web site. While I will accept all record claims sent to me I cannot process them without corroborating evidence. i.e. Result sheet or countersigned score sheet if at club This is as per the Constitution/team selection criteria. Going forward from this AGM, any junior who breaks a record will, once ratified, receive a Certificate of Achievement as a permanent reminder of their record breaking score. I would like to say thank you to Leslie Howell and Paul Clark for their work over 2017 as Team and Assistant Team Managers and would also like to wish all the best to any

junior who is going into the senior ranks this year. Finally may I wish everyone a very successful year in 2018 and hopefully I will see a lot more juniors sending in scores this coming year.

Thanks offered to Maggie Pearce for her work with the Junior records.

**21.18 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:** I received six records for the year, which were the same claimed for 2016. The up-to-date records are also on the website. Congratulations to all the claimants. Oliver Smith from Deben attended the Dearne Valley Easter Shoot and broke all three records going for the Under 18 Gent, shooting Barebow. Starting on Saturday 15 April he broke the record for the World Archery (WA) 24 Target Unmarked with the score of 297. The next day was the WA 24 Target Marked where Ollie increased the record to 263 which meant with these two claims the WA 24 Target Combined (which is over the two days) the score was 560, so quite a successful weekend. In September Ollie Smith attended the Welsh Field Championships which were held by Pentref Bowmen and, yes, you have guessed it, he increased his own record he set in April for the WA 24 Target Marked by two points to 265, so well done to him. This was his last round he shot for the Under 18 Gent and it does mean he will perhaps go for the Senior Gents records as these have not been broken for some time now. I wish him good luck for the future. At the County Field Championships held in October at Panthers in Chelmsford there was two young people from West Essex who came to shoot the field discipline for the first time. They went away having set new records for their age groups for the WA 24 Target Marked which has not been shot before. Thomas Davis shot the Compound Unlimited for the Under 12 Gent to claim a record for 224 and not to be out done by her brother Aimee set a record for 302 for the Compound Unlimited Under 15 Lady, shooting the Red Peg, this being a grade above her Age Group which she achieved just in time as her birthday is in February. This will now place her in readiness for shooting the Red Peg after she reaches the age of 15. During the year record officers of all disciplines decided to award Certificates to the claimants on new records set. This is a great gesture as it is nice to look back to when a record holder held a County Record. At long last the FITA Field rounds have now been changed to read World Archery (WA) which you will see on the attached records. The field discipline was the last one of the sport to be amended. I would like to send my hearty congratulations to Stuart Ross who has gained his Field Colours and Date Bar for 2017. These can be achieved from being part of the Inter-counties Team shot at the County Field Championships and/or the SCAS Team Field Championships and need to take part in three appearances, seniors and juniors alike to gain the Field Colours. Finally, may I remind members to ensure they get their claims in to me within three months of the record/s being shot, along with the result sheet as proof of shooting (this ruling is in the Constitution). The claim forms and instructions on how to make a claim are on the website – thank you very much for your co-operation/ May I wish you all Good shooting for 2018. Records tabled. Thanks offered to Marion Saville for her work with the Field records.

**22.18 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER:** This last year was a quiet year for new records in the County but there were two senior and four junior records, all from the same young lady. I suppose this was to be expected after Barry Hunt's re-writing of the records the previous year. All this would not happen it if wasn't for our hosts Woodford Archers who invite us along to their ground each year and include us in their club competition for practice if we want, so a big "Thank you" to them for laying it all on for us to enjoy. Thanks offered to Eric Davies for his work with the Clout Records.

**23.18 REPORT FROM OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:** The Summer League 2017 and The Andy Harris League 2017/18 both continue to run smoothly but, should any problems arise at any time, a reference to the Rules quickly resolves the issue. This will be my 35<sup>th</sup> year as the Summer League Secretary and I am always hopeful that any decisions I make will be accepted; likewise with the Andy Harris League which I have organised for 27-years since the passing of Andy Harris, after whom the League was re-named. 2017 Summer League trophy and medal winners have been presented with their awards. Records for this League have not been broken for many years but, as they are such good scores, will they ever? The dates for 2018 Summer League are confirmed as printed on the Entry Form: 13<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> September. The Andy Harris League has 30 teams entered this winter, placed into four Divisions and it should be noted that all Postal leagues in the County are organised solely by Individuals and do not come under the auspices of the ECAA. My thanks to those clubs who support the leagues and it is my hope this will continue for many years to come. Thanks offered to Marlene Hutchins for her work with the Leagues.

**24.18 REPORT FROM COACHING GUILD ORGANISER:** Five page report tabled showing current Committee members, current number of registered Coaches for Essex/Suffolk, Coaching Course costs, venues for Coaching workshops and Courses, future plans, details of CPD Performance weekend, First Aid Course and Child Protection Awareness. Thanks offered to Cliff Tricker for his work in the Guild.

**25.18 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER:** During 2017 the County team participated in three intercounty matches, this was less than originally planned due to Cambridge being unable to yield a longbow team and the SCAS inter counties match having no organiser, so both were cancelled. Our first match of 2017 was the re-match of Essex v Kent, this year hosted by Kent. This was a WA1440 UKRS, 17 scores were received for consideration of which 13 archers were selected. This match also included our junior team and 5 juniors were selected from the County top 10. Essex won the recurve, compound and junior sections but narrowly lost the long bow but, due to us not having a barebow team, we lost by default overall. 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June was the annual Mid-Summer team event held at Lillishall. Saturday was a WA720 followed by Team H2H and Sunday a WA1440. Twenty scores were received for consideration from which 15 archers were selected. At the end of the weekend the results were in, ladies compound 2<sup>nd</sup>, men's compound 5<sup>th</sup>, ladies recurve 4<sup>th</sup>, men's recurve 12<sup>th</sup> and men's longbow 6<sup>th</sup>. The final match of the year was held in November, this was the 4-way Indoor Portsmouth against Sussex, Surrey, Kent and Essex held each year by Kent. Seventeen scores were received for consideration from which 16 archers were selected. Results were, Recurve 2<sup>nd</sup>, Compound 2<sup>nd</sup>, Longbow 2<sup>nd</sup> and barebow 2<sup>nd</sup> = overall 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Anna King and James King for looking after the team on the day. I would like to thank everybody who sent scores in for consideration for the above events and would like to congratulate those archers who shot for the County during 2017. The County will be awarding 14 adult date bars, 3 junior date bars, 1 adult colour and 2 junior colours for 2017. Well done to you all this is well deserved. As you can see from the number of scores I have received during 2017, I am just about getting enough to fill the team spaces and in one case not enough, please can I ask all coaches, committee members and fellow archers to encourage the members of your clubs to send scores to the team manager in accordance with the selection dates and procedure. Don't ever feel it is not worth it as they say "*You miss 100% of the shots you never take*". **Now for 2018** - I have been finding it more and more difficult to arrange County matches that fit around the County and National calendars as well as arranging dates that suit the Counties involved so, with this in mind, at the moment we only have the three events planned for 2018. I was discussing a fourth match against Beds and Hertfordshire but the date they have chosen clashes with our SCAS fita weekend so I have had to turn this down but I am still working on setting up a fourth match and will announce as soon as possible. Essex v Kent match will be a home match being held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, this was the only date which suited both counties and our hosting club. West Essex Bowmen have kindly agreed to host this for us. It will be a WA1440 and WRS has been applied for. This will mean that the following week 30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July we will also be attending the National mid-summer team event at Lillishall, not ideal I know but when needs must! I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during 2017 and I wish you all a fantastic 2018 season and hope it is all you want it to be. Happy shooting! Thanks offered to Lesley Howell for all her work as Team Manager.

**26.18 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER:** On the whole it has been a very quiet year for the General Member. The only enquiries I had were easily adjusted and settled with not too many problems. I am pleased to report that one of the enquiries we had was for funding for a junior archer from Clacton Archers (Jonathan Tate) to attend the Europa Cup. Funding was granted also for Daisy Clark to attend the European Field Championships in Slovenia and to Debbie Horn to take her County Coaches course. I am pleased to say that all these requests were granted and I thank the ECAA Council for their continuing generosity. If anybody wants to ask anything of the Council they can get in touch with me through the website contact details and discuss any matter they wish. Thanks offered to Paul Clark for his work as General Member.

**27.18 REPORTS FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:**

INDOOR – Tournament will be in 3-weeks' time. Please send in entries as soon as possible.

CLOUT (IMPERIAL & METRIC) – Date set for 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

TARGET (SENIOR & JUNIOR) – No report.

WORLD ARCHERY – All confirmed.

FIELD – I am pleased to say that the numbers were up on previous years for the County Field Shoot. This was made up by a number of juniors participating in their first field shoot and a large number of archers turning up from Kent and Suffolk. The day was a calm, warm, sunny day for autumn and was enjoyed by all that attended. I had reports back from the juniors saying how much they had enjoyed themselves and, in

fact, I saw a number of them trying out 3-D for the first time at the Braintree shoot a month later. My thanks go to the archers from CADAC, Mayflower and Chelmsford Tudor Rose, who turned out to help in the setting up and the running of the day; although a slightly bigger work party on the day would be appreciated to make things slightly easier. My thanks also go to our three catering ladies who kept us well fed and watered and to Panther Bowhunters for the use of their ground. Our thanks also need to go to Perris Archery for sponsoring the target faces. The 2018 competition will again be at Panther and will be on the first Sunday in October as usual. I hope to see as many of you as possible.

**28.18 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER:** The web site continues to be updated as people send things through to me but most of the traffic and interactions are coming through Facebook with over 300 page 'likes' and plenty of people reached. The content though is only as good as the information sent to me so if you have entry forms, results, achievements or just interesting stories then send them through to me at webmaster@ecaa.org.uk and I'll get them added. Thanks offered to Richard Pilkington for his work with the web site.

**29.18 REPORT FROM SAFE GUARDING OFFICER:** Nothing to report

**30.18 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:** Mrs Laura Purser (Mayflower) and Paul Tolson (West Essex).

**31.18 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT** – Alan Munson and John Willson were nominated and seconded. On a paper vote Alan Munson was elected.

**32.18 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT (1):** Marion Saville and Richard Pilkington were nominated and seconded. On a paper vote Richard Pilkington was elected.

**33.18 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Alex Purser was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**34.18 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** Mike Pearce was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**35.18 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY:** Debbie Horn was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**36.18 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER:** Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**37.18 ELECTION OF COACHING REPRESENTATIVE:** Cliff Tricker was nominated, seconded and elected with one abstention.

**38.18 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER:** Paul Clark was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**39.18 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Anna King was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**40.18 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**41.18 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:** Marion Saville was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**42.18 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER:** Eric Davies was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**43.18 ELECTION OF OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:** Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**44.18 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:** Nominated, seconded and duly elected.  
Clout – Debbie Shrimpton. Target – Richard Green. WA1440 – John Willson.  
Field – Paul Clark. Indoor – Martin Skinner.

**45.18 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER:** To be advised.

**46.18 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER:** Lesley Howell was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**47.18 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER:** James King was nominated, seconded and elected with one against.

**48.18 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER:** Richard Pilkington was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**49.18 ELECTION OF SAFE GUARDING OFFICER:** James King was nominated, seconded and elected with one against.

**50.18 ELECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:** John Willson was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

**51.18 ANY MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** (at the discretion of the President): None.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 3.15pm with thanks to all for their attendance.

(ACTING) PRESIDENT.....

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