

**MINUTES OF ECAA COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
COURAGE HALL, BRENTWOOD, ON TUESDAY 5th MAY 2009**

Present: Mrs.M.Hutchins (President), R.Frost (Chairman), J.Neal (Vice Chairman), G.Sibley (Secretary and Life Vice President), Mrs.C.Stanford (Vice President), C.Smith (Vice President), M.Skinner (Treasurer), M.Pearce (General Member), representatives from Mayflower, Albemarle, Burntwood, Oakfield, CTR, Pilgrim, SEAC, Rayleigh, Ardleigh, Clements, Priory, Woodford, Abbey, Black Stag. Total attending = 28.

65/09 Apologies for Absence – Mrs.I.Major (Life Vice President), T.Major (Pilgrim), L.Easton (Noak Hill), C.Bushell (Malgrave), M.Hammond (Clements).

66/09 Matters for Any Other Business – Engraving of County trophies.

67/09 Minutes of last Meeting having been circulated were taken as read. Amend 62/09(l) to read: “Record Status application to be submitted this month. 62/09(e) D.Clarke to read D.Clark. Minutes were seconded M.Pearce (General Member), accepted by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

68/09 Matters arising – None.

69/09 Correspondence – (a) Chairman for Disabled Archers advertising for young athletes who may qualify for 2012. (b) Enquiry from lady in Poland for information and badges. (c) Written to GNAS asking for the matter of non-receipt of affiliation cards to be on the agenda for discussion at the GNAS AGM. Reply received that this will be done and dealt with on the day. (d) President has written to Mr and Mrs Burton thanking them for the trophy in memory of Lynn and how her enthusiasm and sheer joy of the sport was an inspiration to all. (e) Notification of new affiliation fees tabled and on website. (f) Proposed new rulings concerning age groupings for juniors. New Clout ruling affecting spare arrows in scoring circle. New junior metric clout rounds. Junior GMB classification being revised. Changes in archery for the disabled. See pages 33 and 45 of Archery UK. (g) Request for monetary assistance for Daisy Clark’s selection in the Junior Field Team for the European Championships in France in August. The sum of £250 was agreed by County, also £100 from John Willson and £100 from Rochford Archery Limited. Paul Clark, on behalf of Daisy, offered grateful thanks for the generosity of those concerned.

70/09 Chairman's Remarks – Good luck to Daisy in France and thanks to the meeting for support.

71/09 Report of SCAS Meeting 18th April 2009 – Attended by G.Sibley. Proxy votes held in favour of Racketts, Pilgrim, Rayleigh, Mayflower, Ardleigh and Direct Member Mrs.C.Stanford. Matters from previous meeting: (1) there has been some updating of the WEB site since the earlier meeting (2) the Chairman had written to GNAS about the manner in which the introduction of “Archery GB” brand was handled, but to date has not received a reply. Chairman explained the reasons for the clash of dates between the SCAS AGM and the GNAS AGM and apologised to Council for the clash – efforts will be made for it not to be repeated. Secretary reported that the latest edition of the Green Book has been distributed; from now on all updates of the SCAS Register etc. would be done by him and not Chris Carroll. Thanks to him for earlier work. As stated previously there has been some update of the website since the last meeting, further thought will be going into the content and design of the SCAS website. It appears there is no Nomination Form available for the election of a Vice-President, the Secretary was asked to give some thought to creating such a form. Treasurer was absent but a written report/statement was to hand. Balances at this time were Current Account £29,885 Deposit £111529. The meeting questioned whether the repayment to Counties (2.5%) yet been sent out. Meeting approved that the audited accounts be done on the basis of the 2007 summary presented at the 2008 AGM. Audited accounts will be required for an EGM to be held prior to the next Council meeting (4th July 2008). Most of the matters following the above reports were those submitted by other Officer’s and appear in the Green Book. Given below is a brief summary of some of the reports: Press Officer reported that costs at Newbury prevented the SCAS Mobile showroom being in attendance in 2009. He was asked if the new web page would be on a different site to that which is currently in use. SCAM Secretary reported entries are coming in well. Inter-County Organiser reported entry forms had been circulated to all Counties for both Senior and Junior events. Field Organiser reported the event will be at Kingsbury on the 1st/2nd August 2009. Clout Organiser reported 15 entries to date with many more in the pipeline. Indoor Organiser reported the 2008 event went well even allowing for the 9.30 start. Sussex is willing to run the event in 2010. Junior Organiser reported Fita tournament in progress with 30 entries to date. Field Liaison reported All British Championships 22nd/23rd May 2009. Judges Liaison Officer reported three assessments arranged for 2009, Counties are responsible for forwarding/assessing possible candidates prior to passing on to Region. The amount of work increased for all Judges during 2009. GNAS - The on-line membership service proposals brought about a long discussion, details will be sent to Counties for their assessment. Next Council meeting will be 4th July 2009. The Annual General Meeting could not be officially held as there was an insufficient quorum. Members present decided to hold discussions regarding the Agenda and minute same, these would be presented for confirmations at an EGM prior to the next meeting on the 4th July. Thanks offered to Graham Sibley for attendance at the meeting and his report.

72/09 Report of GNAS AGM 18th April 2009 – Attended by Mr.D and Mrs.M.Saville. Proxy votes (337) received from West Essex, Pilgrim, Ardleigh, Racketts, Mayflower, Noak Hill. Also Direct Members, Fred Fair, Claire Stanford, Robin Frost, Graham Sibley. GNAS received a total of 2896 votes. Mrs.Lynne Evans, Chairman, called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attendance. She introduced the staff from the top table, representative from the solicitors and a representative from the Auditors. Asked for a minute's silence for those lost during the year. She announced that the voting procedures would be conducted. Apologies for absence (15) will be listed in the Minutes. Minutes of AGM 2008 were taken as read and carried on a show of hands. No Matters Arising. Tom Williamson, President, welcomed his second year of Office and congratulated the medal winners. Visited Beijing for World Field Championships in very poor weather. Excellent juniors. Commonwealth Games in 2010 and Olympics in 2012. Very poor summer in 2008, which spoilt many tournaments. Membership increased. Wished everyone good health, shooting and humour. The Directors' Report was received, considered and adopted on a hand vote with all in favour. Neil Dimmock queried the trading name. GNAS optional trading as Archery GB in brackets on top of heading. David Sherratt, Chief Executive, presented the accounts which were shown on video and accepted on a hand vote. £10,681 profit made over the year. Various questions put forward. Nominated auditors for this year, Whittingham Riddell based in Shrewsbury, carried on a hand vote. Authorisation for the Board to fix the remuneration of the Auditors carried on a hand vote. Recommendation 1 – (Law 14) That the Subscription for the GNAS for 2009/10 and each year thereafter until amended by the members in a General Meeting shall be: Direct Member £43, Club Member £33, Direct Member junior £42, Club Member junior £20. University Club £110 per club. All other subscriptions remain unchanged as follows: Overseas Direct Member £50, School Club £50 per club, clubs for archers with disabilities £0, Junior Club £50 per club. However, placed on every seat at the meeting was a sheet giving details of the new increases as follows: Direct Member £43, Club Member £35, Direct Member junior £42, Junior Club Member £21, University Club £110 per club. Reasons for increase in fees on how the £2 is made up - £1 cost of living, 75p to be invested in improving membership services (ring fenced for the next three years), 25p to be invested in improving communications, i.e. website, Archery UK and E-zine (ring fenced for the next three years). B.Trotter brought up points regarding increases over the years from 2002, except one year, above inflationary increase. The Board wanted to increase the Club Member fee by £4 but with the current economic environment had to settle for a £2 increase. Direct Member fees were published correctly, typing error in Club Member fee for which David Sherratt apologised and consulted the Solicitor to get an amendment through. Solicitor, Mark Lewis, told the meeting the whole recommendation could be cancelled or voted on the amendment for the recommendation of correct increase in fees, followed by voting on the increase. Meeting decided to hold a Ballot vote on the amendment. Result, For 1747, Against 1117, Abstentions 407. Chairman held over 400 votes which she did not use as this was an embarrassment to the Board in the cause of this error and apologised. A Ballot was then taken on Recommendation 1 for the increase in fees. Result For 1977, Against 919, Abstentions 0. Carried. Chairman announced new Chairman for the various Committees and thanked the outgoing officers. Pleased to announce that John Willson has been elected as Chairman of the Junior Committee. Names of other elected Chairman in June issue of Archery UK. Chairman of Tellers, Mrs.T.Lovell, asked if the Ballot papers could be destroyed, permission granted. Chairman thanked Mrs.Lovell and Tellers. AGM declared closed at 1.40pm. After lunch the Conference commenced at 2.25pm. Handout on seats regarding Membership & Governance Services. Bob McGonigle gave a brief review of the project and said the main outline will be on the GNAS website as from following Tuesday. Ms.K.Fitzpatrick mentioned the Awards Proposal as regards Club Volunteer of the Year, County, Regional, National Club of the Year, etc. Mrs.B.Detouef mentioned the new website which hopes to have going soon. Glyn Parry gave an overview of Case Management Referral Panel. Ms.A-L.Morgan on London 2012, an overview of the Olympics and Paralympics and where we are now. Trial areas for archery being held at other major cricket grounds in the country such as Trent Bridge. Archery for the Olympics is to be held at Lords cricket ground. J.Nott spoke on National Series on High Profile Tournaments, etc., and T.Jackson on Archery World Cup 2010 in Edinburgh. Questions were asked on these presentations. D.Saville asked about non-receipt of Membership cards answered by D.Sherratt who stated they had processed a lot of subscriptions and the system they have at the moment is working but are looking to buy a new one. Discussion on Membership. Stated that FITA does not recognise Longbow. Question of discounted fees for Pensioners as some have to give up the sport because they cannot afford it. GNAS seems to have disappeared to be replaced by Archery GB, disappointed about the new membership card; this will be revised again this year. Lack of funds for compound teams. D.Whiteman told how most of the membership felt about the new name of Archery GB taking over from GNAS and received an overwhelming applause. Will be a response in Archery UK. Chairman responded that this was a new image and is popular with the outside media and, in particular, with the Olympics coming up. She also said a lot of governing bodies were changing their names and knew that Rowing was going through it now. Awards presented by Tom Williamson: Hartwell Trophy - Hilda Gibson. Gussy Trophy – John Stokes. Ascham Mazur (808) – Tommy Hodder. Toxophilus Trophy – Portsdown Archery Club, certificates to County Oak Archery Club, BNC News, Lizard Press, Bromyard Newsletter. Jack Flinton Helping Hand – R.Cram. Hon.Life Membership – Chris Carroll. GNAS Plaque – Alison Williamson, Derek Lovell. Special certificate – Carole Hicks. Club Marks presented by John Willson to nine clubs. Conference closed at 5.30pm. Thanks offered to Marion and Dennis Saville for attendance at the Meeting and their report.

73/09 Reports from:

- a) TREASURER – Received draft accounts from Clout Championships. After adjusting medal costs, Clout made a small profit and Indoor broke even.
- b) LEAGUE SECRETARY – Quiet time at moment as in between Leagues. Summer League to start later this month.

c) COACHING GROUP SECRETARY – Level 2 Coach Course – formal tuition phase is halfway through and seems to be going reasonably well. Got a good report from the Moderator so far. Still hope to run a Level 1 course starting in the Autumn. The Kyudo workshop – the Japanese Way of the Bow – in March was very poorly attended, only a few from Rayleigh Town and a couple from Epping. The Field Archery for Coaches workshop is full and will be held at Panthers on 6th June. Many coaches not preparing well for renewal of their certificates in that they haven't taken part in seminars, workshops or other activity to keep their knowledge and skill up to date. In these circumstances, the renewal panel has no choice but to give conditional renewal with the coaches committing to undertake suitable CPD activity. Further to the National Coaching Framework workshop, the Framework England group asked for further volunteers to participate. Only volunteer to date is Paul Whiteman and with the meeting's agreement, Paul will be put forward to SCAS as a representative on the National group.

d) SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER - Offered the following for ratification:

Ladies Recurve	14.12.08	W.Stevens	Mayflower	Dble FITA 18 Triple	1104	Clophill
	18.01.09	W.Stevens	Mayflower	Dble FITA 25	1113	Guildford
Gents Recurve	18.01.09	A.Purser	Mayflower	Dble FITA 25	1110	Guildford
Ladies Compnd	18.01.09	C.Kirchof	Mayflower	Dble FITA 25 Triple	1076	Guildford
	18.01.09	D.Clark	CTR	Vegas	529	Daventry
	15.03.09	P.Spragg	Oakfield	Portsmouth 3-spot	572	SCAS Indoor
	18.01.09	N.Hunt	Deben	12 arrow pass FITA	120	Ind.GB selection
	24.01.09	N.Hunt	Deben	FITA 18	579	Nimes
Gents Compnd	15.03.09	S.Spragg	Oakfield	Portsmouth 3-spot	567	SCAS Indoor

Seconded P.Clark (CTR) and accepted by the Meeting. Presented Top Ten Ladies and Gents outdoor Compound, Recurve and Longbow.

e) JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER – Offered the following for ratification:

L.bow Boy U16	07.03.09	G.Whitley	CTR	Portsmouth	294	Clophill
B.bow Boy U12	15.02.09	A.Jones	W.Essex	Portsmouth	268	Abbey
Compound Girl	01.03.09	D.Clark	CTR	FITA 18 3-spot	551	Targetcraft
	07.03.09	D.Clark	CTR	Portsmouth 3-spot	567	Clophill
Recurve Girl	14.02.09	S.Cole	CTR	Comb.FITA 3-spot	1028	Rutland
	14.02.09	S.Cole	CTR	FITA 25 3-spot	525	Rutland
	15.03.09	J.Barnes	Priory	Dble.FITA 25	1049	Ex Indoor
	15.03.09	J.Barnes	Priory	FITA 25	535	Ex Indoor
	07.04.09	J.Barnes U18	Priory	FITA 70 mtrs	501	Club
	25/26.04.09	J.Barnes U18	Priory	Dble.Metric 2	2282	Malta
	26.04.09	J.Barnes U18	Priory	Long Metric 2	577	Malta
Recurve Boy	14.02.09	E.Kearse	Colchester	Comb.FITA 3-spot	1050	Rutland
	03.03.09	D.Atkinson	Priory	Dble Bray 1	546	Club

Seconded M.Vaughan (Mayflower) and accepted by the Meeting. Top Ten in Recurve and Compound tabled.

f) FIELD RECORDS OFFICER - Offered the following for ratification:

Gent Barebow	05.04.09	P.Bonner	Panther	24 Mixed	239	Panther Bowhunter
Lady Barebow	04.04.09	D.Gladwell	Panther	24 Mixed	166	Panther Bowhunter
	05.04.09	D.Gladwell	Panther	24 Mixed	215	Panther Bowhunter
	04/05.04.09	D.Gladwell	Panther	Combined	381	Panther Bowhunter
Lady Comp U/L	04.04.09	M.Wakelin	GSA	24 Mixed	368	Panther Bowhunter
Jnr Boy U 18 L/B	04.04.09	G.Whitley	CTR	24 mixed	51	Panther Bowhunter
	05.04.09	G.Whitley	CTR	24 Mixed	65	Panther Bowhunter
	04/05.04.09	G.Whitley	CTR	Combined	116	Panther Bowhunter
Jnr Boy B/B U18	04.04.09	C.Lowe	Ardleigh	24 Mixed	114	Panther Bowhunter
Jnr Boy Comp U/L U15 Red Pegs	04.04.09	L.Wiseman	CTR	24 mixed	271	Panther Bowhunter
	04/05.07.09	L.Wiseman	CTR	Combined	535	Panther Bowhunter
Jnr Boy Comp U/L U18 Red Pegs	04.04.09	L.Wiseman	CTR	24 mixed	271	Panther Bowhunter
	04/05.07.09	L.Wiseman	CTR	Combined	535	Panther Bowhunter
Jnr Girl Comp LTD U12 White Pegs	04.04.09	H.Clark	CTR	24 mixed	249	Panther Bowhunter
	04/05.04.09	H.Clark	CTR	Combined	482	Panther Bowhunter
Jnr Girl Comp U/L U15 Red Pegs	04.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	24 mixed	349	Panther Bowhunter
	04/05.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	Combined	688	Panther Bowhunter
	12.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	24 Unmarked	330	Dearne Valley
	25.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	24 Marked	353	Pentref
	26.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	24 Marked	328	Pentref
	25/26.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	Combined	681	Pentref

Jnr Girl Comp U/L U18 Red Pegs						
	04/04/09	D.Clark	CTR	24 mixed	349	Panther Bowhunter
	04/05/04/09	D.Clark	CTR	Combined	688	Panther Bowhunter
	25.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	24 Marked	353	Pentref
	26.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	24 Marked	328	Pentref
	25/26.04.09	D.Clark	CTR	Combined	681	Pentref

Seconded) M.Pearce (General Member) and accepted by the Meeting.

g) FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER – Offered the following for ratification:

Lady Barebow	05.04.09	D.Foreman	Woodford	One way single	62	Woodford Open
	05.04.09	D.Foreman	Woodford	One way double	127	Woodford Open
Boy U14 Recurve	05.04.09	J.Howell	Rayleigh	One way double	242	Woodford Open
Gent Barebow	05.04.09	D.Pick	Black Stag	One way single	51	Woodford Open
	05.04.09	D.Pick	Black Stag	One way double	84	Woodford Open
Boy U18 Barebow	19.04.09	D.Gibson	Woodford	One way single	31	Ex Champs
	19.04.09	D.Gibson	Woodford	One way double	66	Ex Champs
Boy U14 Compound	19.04.09	C.Wheatley	Rayleigh	One way double	209	Ex Champs
Boy U16 Longbow	19.04.09	P.Stafford	Rayleigh	One way double	11	Ex Champs

Seconded) A.Ikel (Oakfield) and accepted by the Meeting.

h) TARGET ORGANISER – Entries coming in for Senior and Junior days.

i) FITA ORGANISER – Day booked and entries coming in.

j) INDOOR ORGANISER – Day went well and hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Record Status paperwork sent for 2010, tournament date to be 14th March. May have problem to break even moneywise next year as losing Sponsor. National Record claim put in for Holly Clark. GNAS do not recognise Limited Compound indoor. Been requested that juniors can shoot 3-spot, this was changed to a large face a few years ago as the smaller juniors had trouble scoring on the 3-spot. This situation will be looked into and clarified at the next Meeting.

k) CLOUT ORGANISER – Very well run shoot. Request for high visibility flags, also that the flag denoting the target has a corresponding colour marker on the shooting line. 2010 tournament will be 18th April at Woodford.

l) FIELD ORGANISER – Arrowhead application been received. To be first Sunday in October 2009. Entry forms will be available when details confirmed.

m) FLIGHT ORGANISER - N/a.

n) TEAM MANAGER – Essex won 4-way Indoor in Kent by 2 points. Trophy has been recovered from London. Essex won Longbow match v Cambs by 233 points but felt the shoot was too short, agreed to make it a double next year. Thanks to Rayleigh for hosting the match. 4-way match to be hosted by Kent will clash with Masters but Kent cannot change the date and host dictates tournament date. Sussex asks for Barebow team on 28th June. Secretary asked for names of team members to enable them to be eligible for County Colours. Selection rules were relaxed for the Longbow shoot and will be for the Barebow team.

o) EQUIPMENT OFFICER – N/a.

p) COMPOUND LEAGUE SECRETARY – Target list out and awaiting results this month.

r) BRAY 1 LEAGUE – League ended. Apologies to St.Edmunds A for confusion but now sorted out. Ask that clubs send full name and title of team members.

s) MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIVE – At the GNAS AGM, John Willson was elected Chairman of Junior Committee without the written support of his County. Ask that he be given this support in his new position. Will be dealt with.

t) CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER – Nothing to report.

u) WEB MANAGER – No report.

74/09 County Calendar 2009/10 – No comment.

75/09 Any Other Business – (a) County trophies have been returned un-engraved and it is left to the following winner to fill in the blank space. If this is the case, the account for engraving will be sent to the offending archer. It is a winner's obligation to ensure the trophy is engraved before being returned. (b) Without an Equipment Officer a review cannot be undertaken. (c) No volunteer forthcoming for position of Equipment Officer. (d) Procedure for proxy voting to be left to next meeting.

Being no other business, the Meeting closed at 22.05pm with thanks to all for attendance.

Next Meeting will be on 7th July 2009.

CHAIRMAN
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