

MINUTES OF ECAA EGM HELD AT COURAGE HALL, BRENTWOOD ON TUESDAY 6th MAY 2008.

Present: Mrs.I.Major (Life Vice President), T.Major (President), R.Frost (Chairman), J.Neal (Vice Chairman), G.Sibley (Secretary and Life Vice President), Mrs.M.Hutchins (Vice President and Minutes Secretary), Mrs.C.Stanford (Vice President), M.Skinner (Treasurer), M.Pearce (General Member), representatives from Black Stag, Ardleigh, Oakfield, Burntwood, Pilgrim, SEAC, Albemarle, Priory, Mayflower, Ch.Tudor Rose, Individual, Clements, Southend, Noak Hill, Rayleigh. Total attending = 28.

Proposal from the Executive: (a) "The words 'Essex Bowman Editor' to be removed in all occasions from the Constitution as the post is no longer in existence. The post of 'Webmaster' to be added to the list of Officials". Seconded D.Saville (Ardleigh) and carried unanimously. (b) The post of 'Child Protection Officer' to be added to the list of Officials. Seconded M.Vaughan (Mayflower) and carried unanimously.

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65/08 Apologies for Absence – Mrs.J.Ikel (Oakfield), P.Walker (Burntwood), J.Wilson (CPO), E.Davies (Pilgrim).

66/08 Matters for Any Other Business – (a) Juniors in Malta. (b) County Clout.

67/8 Minutes of last Meeting having been circulated were taken as read, accepted by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman. Thanks offered to Iris Major for taking the Minutes at the last Meeting.

68/08 Matters arising – Junior records to be dealt with in JRO report.

69/08 Correspondence – (a) Change of Secretary for Southend, Mrs.J.Stanley, 27 Mucking Hall Road, Barling Magnum, Southend on Sea, Essex SS3 0NH. 01702 218517. laurencehawkins@aol.com (b) New club, Clements Bowmen, Secretary, Mrs.A.Salmon, Cosy Cottage, 63 Orchard Avenue, Hockley, Essex SS5 5BA. 01702 201763. 516ths@tiscalli.co.uk (c) Communication re Essex Team Shoots. (d) Application for signature on Sports Grant to be dealt with. (e) Query via Webmaster put in contact with Clacton club. (f) Directive for new rules for Judges. (g) Enquiry for junior archery at Seymore House looked into and felt to be impracticable. (h) Suitability of practice grounds for Olympics, Woodford Rugby Club inspected and on the list. Chelmsford County Ground also put forward. Forty-seven archery venues in the London area. (i) Reminder of Noak Hill Charity Shoot on 25h May sent to all clubs. (j) Letter from President of University of Essex giving details of medal winners in British University Championships. (k) Change of Secretary for Woodford, K.Young, 430 Larkshall Road, Highams Park, London E4 9JF. 0208 531 8178. (l) Email address for Estuary Bowmen, estuarybowmen@btinternet.com (m) Alan Jones of Colchester passed away, funeral on Friday at Enfield Crematorium.

70/08 Chairman's Remarks – Hope everyone is taking the advantage of the fine weather to put in practice. Already had two County Championships with the third next month. Hope you all have a wonderful summer shooting and please submit scores to Records Officers if you want to be considered for selection.

71/08 Report from GNAS AGM 19.04.08: County represented by Dennis and Marian Saville. Chairman called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone and thanking all for attendance. She introduced the staff from the top table, a representative from Solicitors and a representative from the Auditors. Minutes' silence for those lost during the year. Twenty-three apologies for absence were not read out but will be listed in the Minutes. Minutes of 2007 taken as read and carried on a show of hands. Matters Arising, none. T.Williamson (President) mentioned he had been a member of his club for 30-years with 130 membership. Gave address on Dover World Cup teams. Thanks to Board Members. Flood of emails, etc., in first week of office. Directors' Report, hand vote, all in favour. Auditor's Report and Accounts, D.Sherrat, Chief Executive, presented the Accounts on video. £129 profit over the year, future spend is investing in different sports organisations. Question asked on loss as income keeps increasing. Dover World Cup over budget. For this year, Auditors Whittingham Riddell based at Shrewsbury. Carried on a hand vote. To authorise the Board to fix the remuneration of the Auditors, carried on a hand vote. Recommendation 1 – Law 14 – that the GNAS subscriptions for 2008/9 and each year thereafter until amended by the members in a General Meeting shall be; Direct Member £41, Direct Junior Member £40, University Club £110 per club, Club Member £33, Club Junior Member £20. All other subscriptions to remain unchanged. This was to be a hand vote but N.Beeston had proxy votes For and Against the Motion. Ballot, For 1601, Against 1050, Abstentions 0. Motion carried. N.Dimmock (Direct Member) asked where the money goes? Will be an article in Archery UK. Item 9 – Article 71 Delete all and replace with: No member of a Committee may serve a continuous period of more than nine years save that in circumstances where a member of a committee is initially appointed in accordance with the terms of Article 38, such initial item of appointment shall be in addition to the said period of nine years. Hand vote results, For 41, Against 7. Carried. After lunch Presentations were made. Discussion – G.Potts on London 2012 local venues, training programs, club mark, security. D.Saville on Coaches Insurance. GNAS contacted the

Insurance Company regarding the question of cover if accused of any alleged abuse in regard to children and vulnerable adults. Answer was 'No' as with other insurance companies. Parents must be with children at all times and two or more seniors present when dealing with juniors. GWAS asked why it takes five months for membership cards to arrive. Had new database which was an inexpensive one causing problems. Will be putting out to tender for a new system. GWAS complained at having to wait up to six months for Stars, Roses, Six Gold End badges. Problems with resources for membership. Tournament information can be sent in late. Problems with awards. Office would welcome application for membership every week. Operational Committee, no one responsible for the normal target archer, no longer have a target committee as is now Rules Committee. Meeting closed at 16.30. Thanks offered to Dennis Saville for his report. He stated he had received 262 proxies from 9 clubs.

72/08 Report of SCAS Meeting 12.04.08: The County was represented by John Willson and Graham Sibley. Bearing in mind that the Council meeting was followed by the A.G.M in the afternoon and that subject matters were closely allied, I have to some extent combined both meetings in this report. Apart from the addition of four or five individuals, the attendance was made up of reps of the morning meeting. I held proxy notices on behalf The Pilgrim Archers and Bowmen of Ardleigh. There were no matters requiring the use of proxy votes. The meeting accepted the Council minutes of 12th January 2008 and AGM Minutes of the 14th April 2007. Matters arising were of a general nature and did not require substantial discussion. The Secretary's Report was presented by Brian Purnell who stated that, to date, the Region had a membership of 9914. Problems that had been inherited from the previous two years had now been resolved. He further advised that he would be standing down with effect of this meeting and up to this moment in time, there had been no volunteers to take over the office, which would not be available from Monday the 14th April. The meeting discussed this situation and a number of his duties were split between several people to enable the Region to function. Of the people concerned one would cover the day-to-day administration, one would take the minutes and one would deal with the data for the Green Book. At the end of reports Brian Purnell was presented with the Gold SCAS Badge in thanks for his ten years in office. Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Fletcher-Campbell who described the difficulties of getting the authority from the Banks to sign cheques and deciphering the accounts for 2005/2006. A situation has now been reached which should enable the Society to have to hand proper audited accounts for these two years and the current 2007 financial year.

SCAS currently held a balance of £80.5k. In keeping with the re-direction of the Secretary's roles, he will in future be in receipt of affiliation forms direct from County sources. Thanks were offered to him and the Accountant for the unraveling of the 2005/2006 accounts. The Tournament Organisers gave a resume of the current situation regarding the SCAM and Inter-County events. Their full reports were as provided in the Green Book Annual report. Field Liaison Officer gave details of 2007 results and of the Tournaments for 2008. He pointed out the change in FITA Ruling regarding scoring, i.e. the Inner X zone will score 6 points, the outer Gold 5 points. The remaining scoring areas are unchanged. The 2008 SCAS Field championships will be held at Kingsbury, Sussex on 9th / 10th August. Judges Liaison Officer reported that Judges would shortly be issued with high-visual waistcoats, yellow for Target, orange for Field, with the word Judge on the back. Judges had been allocated to the Regional Tournaments. Chairman of Coaching and Coaching Finance Officer. Neither of these Officers attended and as a consequence no report was available. EAF Representative gave a brief report on matters so far. A question arose regarding the possibility of Inter-Regional Matches. This would be taken to the EAF for consideration. Child Protection and Junior Liaison Officer. Written report was presented and this, in view of it's nature, is reproduced in full since the directive has been endorsed by GNAS Council: (1) the CPP is now Mandatory, clubs who do not accept the guide rules or the policy will not be GNAS Members. (2) The GNAS Case Referral Panel will make an immediate decision as to whether any individual accused of abuse should be temporarily suspended pending further police and social services inquiries. If a member is temporarily suspended they must return their GNAS Membership card to the GNAS Child Protection Officer. (3) There are a number of principles that should be followed when the activity involves physical contact. (4) Physical contact during sport should always be intended to meet the child's needs, NOT the adults. The adult should only use physical contact if their aim is to develop sports skills or techniques, to treat an injury or an accident from occurring, to meet the requirements of the sport. The following were elected to Office: Vice-President – Mr.J.Kember-Smith, Chairman – Dr.S.Ellison, Secretary – position not taken, Treasurer – Mr.C.Fletcher-Campbell, SCAM – Mr.N.Dimmock, Field – Mr.P.Turner. Thanks offered to Graham Sibley for the report.

73/08 Reports from:

- a) TREASURER – Received final account for Indoor Champs showing small loss.
- b) LEAGUE SECRETARY – Nothing to report so far, first match of the Summer League later this month.
- c) COACHING GROUP SECRETARY – Talk at Bowls club on Mental Skills on Aiming Sports. Not many archers attended this seminar. Was advertised on the web page but not everyone has access and reported that many are not receiving information. Coaches must have the points to renew. John Neal will endeavour to send information to anyone who furnishes him with their details although this will not be as efficient as email. Level 1 course approaching assessment, hoped to run a Level 2 course this autumn but Region still not made arrangements for accreditation sessions. Do not know whether to run another Level 1 as cannot run Level 2. Details later. Concern that renewals not back from GNAS.
- d) SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER - Offered the following for ratification:

Ladies Compound	29.03.08	P.Spragg	Oakfield	Triple face Portsmouth	569	SCAS Indoor Champs
Gents Compound	01.03.08	P.Glover	Mayflower	Portsmouth	594	York University AC
Ladies Barebow	16.03.08	A.Mills	Noak Hill	FITA 25	254	ECAA Champs

Seconded Mrs.A.Stevens (Noak Hill) and accepted by the Meeting.

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

Girl U16	01.03.08	R.Wilson	H.N.A.	Dble.FITA 25	1007	Netherhall
	05/06.04.08	R.Wilson	H.N.A.	Dble.Metric 3	2361	Chippenham

Seconded T.lkel (Oakfield) and accepted by the Meeting. FITA 720 now to be known as FITA 70 (6-dozen arrows). Records to be left in Age groups. Record ratified by mistake, Junior National on 29.07.06, in wrong age group. This to be held in abeyance until more information is available. Top Recurve Junior Gents (15) and Junior Ladies (11) listed, also Compound Junior Gents (2) and Junior Ladies (1).

f) FIELD RECORDS OFFICER - Offered the following for ratification, shot under new scoring system:

Ladies Compound	12.04.08	M.Wakelin	G.S.A.	24 target mxd	364	Panther
	13.04.08	M.Wakelin	G.S.A.	Dble.24 target mxd	710	Panther
Ladies Barebow	12.04.08	M.Saville	Ardleigh	24 target mxd	133	Panther
Gent Barebow	13.04.08	N.Bonner	G.N.A.S.	Dble.24 target mxd	577	Panther
Gent Compound	12.04.08	N.Wakelin	G.S.A.	24 target mxd	397	Panther
Girl U15 FS Recurve	12.04.08	S.Cole	C.T.R.	24 target mxd Blue peg	217	Panther
	13.04.08	S.Cole	C.T.R.	Dble.24 target mxd Blue peg	434	Panther
Boy U18 Trad	12.04.08	A.Humphreys	Mayflower	24 target mxd Blue peg	36	Panther
	13.04.08	A.Humphreys	Mayflower	24 target mxd Blue peg	38	Panther
	13.04.08	A.Humphreys	Mayflower	Dble target mxd Blue peg	74	Panther
Boy U15 FS Recurve	12.04.08	L.Clarke	Burntwood	24 target mxd Blue peg	207	Panther
Boy U15 BB Recurve	12.04.08	C.Lowe	Ardleigh	24 target mxd Blue peg	65	Panther

Seconded T.Major (President) and accepted by the Meeting.

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

Ladies Compound	24.03.08	A.King	Colchester	Single 1-way Clout	136	Taverham Hall
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Seconded M.Pearce (General Member) and accepted by the Meeting.

h) TARGET ORGANISER – Entry form on website, Juniors on Saturday, Seniors on Sunday. 50 entries so far including 20 juniors. Will not be able to stand again as Organiser.

i) FITA ORGANISER – Entry forms out. 20 entries so far with notice of another 20 juniors to come. All archers to shoot on same day.

j) INDOOR ORGANISER – Thank Noak Hill for help putting away equipment. Record Status now costs £25 causing a small loss for the tournament. To offset this, 2009 tournament will see an increase in Senior fee of £1. Date to be 15th March 2009.

k) CLOUT ORGANISER – Went well with coloured flags. Asked if Entry form could be on ECAA website as well as Woodford site, also asked for Result sheets to Officials.

l) FIELD ORGANISER – 5th October 2008, Arrowhead status, 24 marked round.

m) FLIGHT ORGANISER - N/a.

n) TEAM MANAGER – Team selection for 18th May at Cambridge: Gents Recurve – M.Skinner, M.Webb, A.Smith, A.Purser, P.Walker. Gents Compound – T.Nash, G.Fenton, W.Stroud. Gents Longbow – D.Adams, T.Riddick, P.Whiteman. Ladies Recurve – Y.Wade. Ladies Compound – A.King. Ladies Longbow – H.Waterhouse. Juniors – L.Devlin, D.Clark, A.Devlin, S.Cole. Thanks to all for agreeing to shoot. Next Match, 4-way, 22 June in Middlesex.

o) EQUIPMENT OFFICER – See AOB(a).

p) COMPOUND LEAGUE SECRETARY – Fixture list out and awaiting shoots to commence.

q) BRAY 1 LEAGUE – Results sorted out, ask that each match be on a separate sheet.

r) MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIVE – Résumé on website. Thank you to M.Vaughan for doing most of my work! West Essex 720, now 26th June, in aid of Essex Air Ambulance.

s) CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER – No report.

t) WEB MANAGER – No report.

74/08 County Calendar – 2009 calendar in draft form issued with 2008 calendar. Let Secretary know of any changes prior to next meeting 1st July. Final 2009 calendar will be published at September meeting. Coaching calendar changing format.

75/08 Any Other Business – (a) Need new stands. Mention of target and stands for sale, will be looked into. (b) A.lkel gave a report on the archers in Malta. (c) Records to be claimed from County Clout. (d) Two new trophies offered for Girl Compound Champion and Boy Compound Champion for ECAA Indoor Champs. Accepted by County with thanks to Paul Clarke for his kind donation and these will be presented to the winners of this year's tournament.

Being no other business, the Meeting closed at 21.45pm with thanks to all for attendance. Next Meeting will be on 1st July.

CHAIRMAN

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