

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
HELD AT MARCONI SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, BEEHIVE LANE, CHELMSFORD
ON SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2010**

PRESENT: G.Sibley (Hon Life Vice President and Secretary), Mrs M Hutchins (President), C Smith (Vice President), R.Frost (Chairman), J.Neal (Vice Chairman), M Skinner (Treasurer), M Pearce (General Member), representatives from Ardleigh, Ascham, Pilgrim, SEAC, Burntwood, Oakfield, Noak Hill, Rayleigh, Priory, Grays, Mayflower, Framlingham, West Essex, Abbey, CTR, Black Stag, Woodford and Direct members. Total in attendance 48.

Prior to the Meeting R Frost gave the Health and Safety instructions.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING WELCOME: Good afternoon to you all and welcome to the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Essex County Archery Association. Before we start the Meeting would you please stand for a few moments to remember the friends and colleagues we have lost during this year.

13/10 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

The first award is not on the Agenda and is recommended by Executive. It is to a person who has dedicated most of his adult life to the Essex County Archery Association. For his unremitting slog and never-ending patience, I am more than happy to award the title of Honorary Life Member to GRAHAM SIBLEY.

THE BALDWIN TROPHY – Awarded to PETER WALKER (Burntwood).

THE BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Awarded to PHILIP GLOVER (Mayflower).

THE BILL TUCKER AWARD – Awarded to MARION AND DENNIS SAVILLE (Ardleigh)

THE LUDORUM TROPHY – Awarded to TOM MAJOR (Pilgrim).

THE MILLENIUM TROPHY – Awarded to ANDREW DEVLIN (Oakfield).

THE THELMA DAVISON SALVER - Awarded to JOHN MANSELL (CTR).

THE DAVISON CUP – Awarded ALICE HALL (Priory).

JOE DORMER SHIELD - Awarded to ELLE VIDGEON HART (Mayflower).

NAT RECORD PLAQUES awarded to DAISY CLARK (CTR), HOLLY CLARK (CTR), LAURIE CLARKE (Burntwood)

14/10 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:

SENIOR COLOURS: Mrs A King (Colchester), Mrs S Neal (Mayflower) R Riley (Oakfield), J Robertson (Burntwood), D.Saville (Ardleigh). JUNIOR COLOURS: Miss S Cole (CTR), Miss L Devlin (Oakfield), D Atkinson (Priory), A Christian (Noak Hill), L Clarke (Burntwood), J Howell (Rayleigh), C Wheatley (Rayleigh), G Whitley (CTR), L Wiseman (CTR).

DATE BAR: Mrs M Wakelin (Grampian), Mrs P Spragg (Oakfield), Mrs Y Wade (Burntwood), D Collins (Ardleigh), D Foster (Abbey), H Grove (Noak Hill), D Lawless (Braintree), T Maher (Oakfield), T Riddick (Grays), M Skinner (CTR), S Spragg (Oakfield), W Stroud (Mayflower), M Vaughan (Mayflower), P Walker (Burntwood), M Webb (Mayflower), P Whiteman (Black Stag), N Wakelin (Grampian), C Bushell (Malgrave), T Major (Pilgrim), Miss R Willson (Abbey), Miss J Barnes (Priory), A Devlin (Oakfield), R Powell (Rayleigh).

15/10 SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS:

Division 1	West Essex	Miss Jodie Barnes (Priory)	Peter Dent (West Essex)
Division 2	Ardleigh	Miss Rebecca Willson (Abbey)	Dave Collins (Ardleigh)
Division 3	Noak Hill	Mrs Susi Stedman (Ascham)	Martin Skinner (CTR)

16/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C Wooff (Hon Life Member), Mrs C Stanford (Vice President), Mrs I Major (Pilgrim), A Munson (Blue Arrows), A Reeves (Noak Hill), C Bushell (Malgrave), R Green (Noak Hill), A Smith (Braintree).

17/10 MINUTES OF AGM 01.02.09 having been circulated were taken as read, seconded Mrs J Ikel (Oakfield)), accepted by the meeting and signed by the President.

18/10 MATTERS ARISING: None.

19/10 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: For the past 40-odd years, Essex County Archery Association has been a second family to me and, as with all families some play the role of decision-makers, others are content to do their own thing and, in this family it is archery that unites us, that is what makes us special. There are many people taking on the role of decision-makers and they work extremely hard to ensure smooth running of this County. I will not name names in case I miss even one so I offer thanks en masse to the Executive Officers, non-Executive Officers, Record Officers, Tournament and League Organisers for their enthusiasm and commitment. To those parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and all those who so fully support the juniors, thank you for helping these youngsters attain their goals. To each and every one of you who has helped this Association in any way, I thank you. Although I said I would not name names, it would be wrong of me not to include my personal thanks to Graham Sibley who has been my mentor and guided me gently through this year. Graham - you're hired! I am very honoured and privileged to have been elected President of the ECAA and, in this, my first year of tenure, have attended many events and it has been my pleasure to accept the role of Lady Paramount at some of these shoots. These next few years look to be most interesting in the world of sport and I look forward to my part in Essex being in the forefront of archery. Thank you for attending this afternoon and I close my Remarks by wishing each of you, all you wish for yourselves in 2010.

20/10 REPORT FROM HON.SECRETARY: Here we are again having to find time to reflect upon the happenings of our past year. What did we do, where did we go in the interests of our members? Overall, perhaps we can be optimistic and congratulate ourselves on having a successful season. Membership at the moment stands at 1749 members, covering some 58 clubs, sadly five had to disband for one reason or another but in a number of cases, archers were able to transfer to nearby clubs. (Overall figures were listed on back of tabled report). Our County teams brought home the silver for the mantelpiece. The Coaching Group found themselves handling the new structure presented by GNAS. There is a motion from the Coaches to re-introduce the formation of a County Squad. Our National Judges found themselves facing a requirement to be re-assessed by way of a questionnaire; the same will apply to Regional Judges in 2010. County Council meeting Agenda has been re-vamped and appears to be well supported by those who attend the Council Meetings, at least it provides space for healthy discussion. Regional Representatives have been kept busy with various matters raised by the National Body, not to mention the subject that has been widely distributed and debated, i.e. the Governance Project, which was soundly defeated at Telford by the EGM where all Regions showed a rather welcome solidarity. I am sure the question of Governance has not died a death and it would be wise to watch any type of re-presentation at the National AGM in April 2010. As circulated you will be aware that the County of Surrey have raised a number of interesting points to the Child Protection Scheme as proposed by GNAS. This should prove as controversial as the Governance Project. Notwithstanding all this, we have before us a survey presenting a scheme arguing for a reduction in the membership fee for archers' over 60-years of age. Feedback so far shows not a lot of support. My feeling is that, apart from on the tournament field, there will be quite a lot of battles to be fought in the interests of our membership during 2010. Good shooting during the coming season. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Graham Sibley for all his work during the past years.

21/10 REPORT FROM HON.TREASURER: Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts tabled showing a small loss, which is manageable. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Martin Skinner for all his work with the Accounts.

22/10 REPORT FROM SENIOR R O: Record claims by the email system is running well but please remember I still need that result sheet at some time. I know I asked his last year but it takes time looking for Handicaps so if you put it next to the score it will help the Records Officers. Reading through the report (tabled) you will see there is still no Top Ten Listing for Barebow Indoors, again this was asked for last year and we are still not getting the scores in. County records are going onto the web page faster. We have one Longbow man, Tony Maher, shooting for Ireland's National team and in the GB Squad, Mike Peart shooting recurve and Nicky Hunt shooting compound. Philip Glover is in the England Squad shooting in India at the Commonwealth Games. Well done to you all. Club Record Officers, please do not send in Bray scores unless they have been shot at an Open tournament, also remember the rule on half a FITA, you can only claim for the first half on one day. Keep the scores coming in and check the County Website for the County Records. Good shooting in 2010. Report accepted by the meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Tony Ikel for all his work with the records.

23/10 REPORT FROM JUNIOR R O: Report tabled listed all Junior records and Top Ten. Thanks to the Juniors for sending scores, hope you do the same this year. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Maggie Pearce for all her work with the records.

24/09 REPORT FROM FIELD R O: After the deluge, which was the 2008 Essex Field Championships, I was relieved at 5.30am on the day of the 2009 shoot to see that it wasn't raining. That theme followed the rest of the day. A record entry was expected on the day. The normal maximum of 96 archers was exceeded very quickly, and reluctant to turn people away we accommodated a further eight archer by introducing two waiting groups. The downside of this is that you have more shooting groups than you have targets, which risks slowing down the progress of the tournament. County President Marlene Hutchins graced us as Lady Paramount for the day and with exhortations not to waste time in their ears, the 104 archers left the compound at around 9.30. Such was the discipline of the archers that there were very few hold-ups during the day, despite the large numbers, and by early afternoon the groups started to return. There were a couple of incidents during the day, like Adam Stevens from Eastbourne, who Robin-Hooded his own arrow at 45m, shooting Barebow! Pity it wasn't in the spot.... The results showed two new national Records and a good number of Arrowhead Claims. Thanks must go to the team who made the shoot work; to the team who turned up on Saturday to lay the course, to Vi and George who fed us, to Claire Stanford who looked after the trophies, to Kath Miller who did the entries and the scores at the end of the shoot. For me the shoot ended brilliantly, when I was awarded a Red Tassel by the County, totally unexpected, and extremely treasured. Thank you Essex. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Chris Bushell and Robin Frost for their work.

25/10 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT R O: Am pleased to say that we have had a variety of record claims this year for Lady Barebow, Junior Gent Recurve, Compound and Barebow as well as Gents Barebow and Longbow. Keep sending your claims this year. May I take this opportunity to remind all you lucky people who will submit claims that nearly all Clouts are double so there is provision for a single and a Double claim. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Eric Davies for his work.

26/10 REPORT FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY: This report follows very similar lines to that given last year and the year before – and the years before that! The Summer League and the Andy Harris League continue to go well and, from comments I receive, are enjoyed by all, which makes my part worthwhile. Records in both leagues remain unbroken. There has been some confusion over the June 2010 date for the Summer League and it is agreed that this will be 20th. Therefore, 2010 League dates are confirmed as: 16th May, 20th June, 11th July, 8th August, 19th September. The Fixtures List will be out very shortly. My thanks to those clubs who support the leagues and I hope you will continue to do so.

27/08 REPORT FROM COACHING GUILD SECRETARY: Performance coaching - The Coaching Clinics scheme has continued to be popular with clubs with several run last year and more scheduled over the next few months. Running these clinics has highlighted that there are many archers (both junior and senior) around the County who have considerable potential and would, with additional coaching, compete effectively at County standard and beyond. However, this cannot be achieved via the Coaching Clinics scheme alone and assisting these archers provides part of the motivation the Guild has in proposing the establishment of official Essex County Squads. While this will be “work in progress” during this year, we have already started the process of equipping the Guild with modern tools in the form of sport video analysis software and associated equipment, which will work well with both conventional video and the high speed video cameras now possessed by several coaches. This represents a significant investment on the part of the Guild and we will be seeking further funding to support this important initiative. Coach education -

Coaches in post – Coach numbers continue to be relatively constant with 12 Essex candidates presently training at Level 1, 3 at Level 2 and 1 at County Coach. *Level 1 and Level 2 Coach Courses* – The Guild is presently running both a Level 1 and a Level 2 course. The formal tuition phase for Level 2 was completed in June 2009 and the Level 1 in November 2009. Candidates are now in the supported practice and assessment phase. Two of the Level 2 candidates have so far completed assessment. Archery GB has secured United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC) accreditation for Level 1. However, it is understood that a number of changes have been requested to the course before UKCC certified courses can be run - Archery GB are hoping to have this in place for April 2010. It also seems likely that further changes will also be made to the Level 2 course though this has yet to be presented for UKCC accreditation. The route for existing Level 1 coaches wishing to “upgrade” to the UKCC Level 1 remains unclear at this time but seems likely to involve some sort of “upgrade session”. *Lectures* – The Guild ran several talks and workshops during 2009 with all but one being well attended. The “Field Archery for Coaches” workshop was especially popular and we are pleased to report that this will be run again in 2010 for coaches who didn’t manage to get a place last year. Sadly it continues to prove difficult to persuade coaches to suggest topic areas they feel they need help with or would like, out of simple interest, to hear speakers on. *National Coaching Framework* - The Guild, through its representative on the Framework England Group made significant contributions to the development of the proposed National Coaching Framework in 2009. Sadly, despite the enthusiasm and commitment of this group to achieving this - refreshingly working very closely with “grass roots” archers – this group has now been closed down by Archery GB due to lack of money. It is not clear what direction this project will take – it is now in the hands of David Reader, the new Archery GB Development Manager. *Coach Certificate renewal procedure* - A greater proportion of coaches are finding they can complete the new renewal process without needing too much help. However, we are still finding instances where coaches have not left sufficient time to ensure they have accumulated enough CPD points. Unfortunately this leads to the need for coaches to be given a conditional renewal and to commit to a work plan to acquire the missing points. This can be avoided if coaches plan their educational activities such that they acquire roughly a third of their point in each year of their renewal cycle. The points required are generously low at present and attendance at only very few activities will secure more than enough points. Full details of the process and the blank forms are published on the Guild web site as well as the Archery GB site. Don’t forget Level 1 / 2 and Coach renewals should be sent to the local Renewal Panel Chairman (John Willson) while County Coach renewals go to Tony Ferguson (RCO Education). *Thanks* - As always, the Guild Executive would like to thank all coaches for the service they deliver to the County with particular thanks to those who have assisted with Coaching Clinics and workshops during 2009 in addition to the work they do in their clubs. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to John Neal for all his work with the Guild.

Grade	Total
Level 1 in training	12
Level 1	38 (23)
Coach	21 (26)
County Coach	16 (16)
Senior Coach	1 (1)
Grand Total	92 (95)

28/09 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER: The Essex team competed in five established inter-county matches and two additional new ones. All bow disciplines are now competing with the introduction of the new Sussex match, which includes bare-bow archers. It was a very successful year for both Junior and Senior teams. The results in brief were: 4-way Indoor (seniors only) – Essex 2854, Middlesex 2852, Kent 2747, London 2697. Essex won. Match v Cambridgeshire – Essex Seniors won Recurve, Compound, Longbow and match. Essex Juniors won Recurve, Longbow and match. 4-way Outdoor – Essex Seniors won Recurve. - Essex Juniors won match. Match v Sussex - Essex Seniors won Recurve, Longbow and match. Essex Juniors won Recurve, Compound and match. SCAS Junior Team won Recurve, 2nd place Compound. SCAS Senior Team won both Recurve and Compound, the latter in the last two dozen having pulled themselves up from 3rd place. Match v Cambridgeshire Longbow double Portsmouth. Essex won 7743 to 7740, best 10 scores from 12 to include one gentleman, one lady and one junior. This is the second new match in the calendar and evolved from the initial Portsmouth match shot earlier in the year where the travelling time exceeded the shooting time so a double format was agreed. There were a number of archers who made their County debut in 2009, plus some others who made welcome returns to the teams. Remember the first part of the selection process is to submit your scores to Tony Ikel (for seniors) and Maggie Pearce (for juniors). This can be done on-line via the ECAA website by the archers, in addition to the normal route from the clubs Record Officer. I am grateful to all the archers who accepted the invitations to shoot for County, some at the very last moment. I am also thankful for the support given by parents to our junior archers. I think they have done us all proud in 2009 and we look forward to continued success in 2010. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Peter Walker for all his work on behalf of the County Team.

29/09 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER: Once again it has proved to be a very quiet year, I hope that this is due to the fact that the membership are generally happy with the way that archery is run in Essex and not just down to apathy. Please remember I am your representative on the Executive and I will raise any matters that you wish brought up at county meetings; I will get an answer for you although it may not necessarily be the one you wish to hear. I am here, please use me! I have recently taken the opportunity to attend the GNAS EGM, along with Robin, Graham, Marion and Dennis. This was my first

time at a GNAS meeting and it was an eye opener; I would advise anyone who has the time to go along and see the way that they run YOUR sport. Fortunately in this instance we were able to take enough proxies with us to help defeat changes in the constitution that would have had an adverse effect on every archer in this country. I am not going to go into full details in this report because this is easily available from many other sources. It does however appear that these defeated proposals may be back on the agenda at the AGM under a slightly different guise, Can I please urge all clubs and individual members to ensure that your representatives at this meeting are carrying as many proxies as possible. Due to the relatively low turnout at Council meetings it has been decided to revamp them in order to, hopefully, make them more interesting and relevant to the ordinary archer, please do come along and remember the council meetings are open to any archer who wishes to attend and it would be very nice to see more new faces there bringing in fresh ideas. May I also take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all of the Officers of the County for all the hard work they put in on our behalf, as someone who has held several posts I know what is involved and the long hours spent assuring things run smoothly. May I finally wish everyone the very best for 2010 and may you all achieve your personal goals in whatever sphere of our great sport you participate. A query raised with regard to 'revamping' the Council Meetings was answered that this was an alteration in the layout of the Agenda. Report accepted by the Meeting with a vote of thanks offered to Mick Pearce for his work on behalf of the County.

30/10 REPORT FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS: INDOOR – Lost sponsorship but now have a new Sponsor. 2010 tournament offers the option of a 3-spot face. Few places left. Vote of thanks offered to Mick Pearce for all his work with the Indoor Championships. CLOUT – 2009 well attended. 2010 to be 18th April with Under 13 changing to Under 14. Woodford Clout to be a week prior. Hoping to run a Metric Clout in August, may go to County with Tassel Status. Vote of thanks offered to Deb Foreman and Woodford club for the work with the Clout Championships. TARGET – Vote of thanks offered to Noak Hill club for all their work with the Target Championships. FITA – Vote of thanks offered to Paul Clark and CTR club for all their work with the FITA Championships. FIELD – 2009 had biggest entry on record and weather was better than the previous year. First Sunday in October 2010 for next Championships. Vote of thanks offered to Chris Bushell and Robin Frost for all their work with the Field Championships. Reports accepted by the meeting.

31/10 REPORT FROM WEB MANAGER: Vote of thanks offered to Robert Markham for all the work done on the website on behalf of the County.

32/10 REPORT FROM CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Happy to say have nothing to report. Vote of thanks offered to John Willson for all his work.

33/10 ELECTION OF TELLERS (2): Mrs Joan Ikel and Mr Alan Drinkwater volunteered.

34/10 ELECTION OF (ONE) VICE-PRESIDENT: On a Paper Vote, Mrs Claire Stanford was elected.

35/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

36/10 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr John Neal was nominated, seconded and elected.

37/10 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY: Mr Graham Sibley was nominated, seconded and elected.

38/10 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER: Mr. Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and elected.

39/10 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER: Mr Mick Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

40/10 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Tony Ikel was nominated, seconded and elected.

41/10 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mrs Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

42/10 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

43/10 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Eric Davies was nominated, seconded and elected.

44/10 ELECTION OF LEAGUE SECRETARY: Mrs Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and elected.

45/10 ELECTION OF COACHING GUILD SECRETARY: Mr John Neal was elected by the Guild.

46/10 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:

- (a) Clout 2010 – Woodford. (b) Target 2010 – Noak Hill (c) FITA 2010 – CTR
(d) Field 2010 – Mr.R.Frost/Mr.C.Bushell. (e) Flight – N/a. (f) Indoor 2011 – Mr.M.Pearce.
All separately nominated, seconded and elected.

47/10 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER: To be on agenda of next meeting.

48/10 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER: Mr Peter Walker was nominated, seconded and elected.

49/10 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER: Mr Robert Markham was nominated, seconded and elected.

50/10 ELECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Mr John Willson was nominated, seconded and elected.

51/10 PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION: Team Selection Procedure – proposal by Coaching Group. “That the County should develop Senior and Junior Squads and selection for County Matches should be based on membership of the Squad with selection by Selection Committee rather than a rigid Handicap Procedure”. This item does not form part of the Constitution but is an addendum containing guidelines. Various points were raised from the Floor including previous Squads and finance and it was stated that GNAS are not prepared to release any more funding due to their involvement with the forthcoming Olympics. Due to the fact that we had to vacate the hall at 4pm, it was impossible for everyone to air his or her views and it was agreed the matter be held over and placed on the Agenda of the next meeting of 9th March 2010..

52/10 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT: Due to lack of time the item, which was to be raised, will be left to the next Council Meeting.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 4.05pm with thanks to all for attendance.

PRESIDENT
ECAA AGM/ 07.02.10/MH