

**MINUTES OF ECAA COUNCIL MEETING AT  
MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL, WANTZ ROAD, MARGARETTING  
ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2012**

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Present: M. Pearce (President), G. Sibley (Life Vice President and Secretary) Mrs. C. Stanford (Vice President), M. Vaughan (Vice President), R. Frost (Chairman), A. Purser (Vice Chairman), M. Skinner (Treasurer), Mrs. M. Pearce (General Member), Mrs. I. Major (acting Minute Secretary and Life Vice President) and representatives from Woodford, Colchester, Oakfield, Rayleigh, Pilgrim and Chelmsford. Total attendance 19.

**51/12 Apologies for absence:** Mrs. M. Hutchins, R. Hutchins, Clacton and Gipping Valley.

**52/12 Matters for Any Other Business:** County Records, Subject from an earlier Meeting, Indoor Junior List

**53/12 Minutes of Meeting 11th January, 2012** Having been circulated prior to the Meeting, the Minutes were taken as read. Paul Clark wished to correct the statement in **4/12** item **107/11(f)** that "*Holly Clark now given a clean bill of health*" which he said is not quite correct at this time. With the alterations agreed, the Minutes were accepted by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**54/12 Matters Arising: 4/12(c)** Since the last enquiry about Rod MacRae no further information of his whereabouts has come to light. **6/12(f)** Date for the SCAS Junior Shoot at Rayleigh to be changed from 1st to 8th September but venue remains the same. **7/12** Minutes of the last SCAS Meeting were not yet available. The date for the next SCAS Meeting has been changed from 7th April to 21st April. The Meeting was reminded about a subject referred to at an earlier Meeting, namely; whether the County can subsidise the Juniors who are volunteering for the Olympic Games.

**55/12 Chairman's Remarks:** There have been a number of rather strong comments about holding the Council Meetings on a Wednesday. The Chairman asked the Meeting if anyone had any objections to returning to the original day of Tuesday. After much discussion and views expressed, on a show of hands, it was agreed that the Council Meetings would remain on the first Wednesday evening of alternate months.

**56/12 Correspondence: (a)** St. Edmunds of Bury St. Edmunds has received planning permission for the erection of a building for an indoor archery range in conjunction with their outdoor range. **(b)** Query received about the GNAS Rule Book which has been answered but there has been no reply received so far. **(c)** Ann Hardy of Braintree advised that their CPO is standing down and they have to find a replacement. They are asking what guidelines are available. John Willson has dealt with this. **(d)** The SCAS Meeting at Winchester is on 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th May and entry forms have been sent out. **(e)** A few Meetings ago mention was made that Southend are thinking of going metric and going for National Record Status. They have now asked the following 2 questions; (1) can they hire bosses from the County, and (2) can they hire the timing equipment? It was suggested that they could be advised to approach West Essex Bowmen regarding the lights. However, it was decided that the question of hiring County targets and lights be left for the next Meeting with the request that Southend have a representative at the Meeting.

**57/12 Any matters from the AGM (7.3.12):** This cannot be dealt with as the Minutes are not available. Suggest this item be held over to the next Meeting in May.

**58/12 Future venues and dates of Council Meetings:** The Chairman asked whether members would like to change the frequency of the Council Meetings to quarterly. However, as decided above under 55/12 "Chairman's Remarks", the Meeting agreed that the first Wednesday in alternate months would be preferable. The consensus of those present at the Meeting was that the Chelmer Room at the Margaretting Village Hall, which is set out with tables "boardroom style", is very suitable and the facility had adequate parking space. The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd May.

**59/12 Calendars 2012 and 2013: (a)** The Southern Counties Meeting will be held from 15th to 18th May, 2012 **(b)** SCAS Field Championships will be on 23rd and 24th June. **(c)** Amend date for the Woodford Triple Spoon from 8th July to 15th July. **(d)** Amend date for the 2012 SCAS Junior Championships from 1st to 8th September. **(e)** John Willson reported that with the Olympic Games this year everyone was asked, by an open ballot, whether they would like to put up a team for the "young games makers". 3 teams have been identified and Essex has put together a team. 3 teams have been trained at the test event in London and they are to make themselves available for the Paralympic Games. Each team will have 1 team leader who would have been trained. Archery GB has 1 team and there are 2 teams from West Midlands. Funding will be considered (see 60/12(c)). **(f)** There is a clash of dates for the SCAS Junior Inter-Counties Championships this year on Sunday 9th September. The Senior SCAS Inter-Counties Shoot is not on the cards at the moment. If the Junior match is on the 9th September, another date will have to be found for the Senior event. John Willson will take this up at the next SCAS Meeting on the 21st April and will advise the date at the next Council Meeting.

**60/12 Any Other Business: (a)** The President wished to clarify the position regarding Juniors claiming Senior Records. A case in point is a Junior who shot at the Clophill Junior tournament who claimed a Senior Record for a single Portsmouth score of 587 and a double round of 1173. The President pointed out that this same query had been raised many times in recent years and mentioned, in particular, the Meeting on 1/7/2008 under Junior Records Officer's Report 82/08(e) at which time it was accepted by the Meeting that County should follow GNAS rules whereby a Junior shooting in a Junior event can claim a Senior Record and all Junior records down to their age group and above - but not below their age group. The Meeting agreed that this decision has again been confirmed and the President asked that an addendum be added to the Constitution to clarify this point. The Chairman said that this also applies to FIELD in circumstances which he will explain as an addendum at the end of these Minutes. **(b)** The Meeting was advised that "Chase Bowmen" who shoot in Clements Hall, whose claim to be affiliated through GNAS/SCAS/ECAA is not thought to be correct. The Secretary advised the Meeting that the last time they were affiliated was in 2009/2010. Essex and Suffolk archery clubs who run tournaments are reminded to follow the normal procedure to be notified of archers' GNAS numbers, and not to accept entries from members of this club who do not give their GNAS numbers because, of course, this would jeopardise insurance of the whole tournament and all those taking part. Nor should they accept a statement that the Membership cards "are in the post". John Willson will speak to Sport Essex about this club.

**60/12 Any Other Business/continued...**

(c) The Essex Guild is running a Level 1 course, mainly for Juniors. GNAS announced that money (£25,000) was available for Juniors to be trained on Level 1 courses. John Willson approached Archery GB on the day following this announcement and was told that all the money had gone! He contacted them again and was initially awarded £200 and subsequently a further £300; total £500. There is a £200 surplus in the Guild's Account which will be added, with the Guild's agreement, making a total of £700. The cost of the Course is £225 per Junior and 7 Juniors were interested. Each will receive a grant of £125. The Course has already commenced and sessions will continue until the assessment in April. (d) The Club Mark scheme was discussed at the last Operations Committee Meeting, and it was thrown out. However, John Willson is still running it but has recommended that Lesley Howell be appointed. (e) The GNAS Rule Book is to remain as a "GNAS Rule Book" as Archery GB is merely a trading name. (f) A question was raised concerning the Junior Indoor ranking list and various comments made regarding Junior Team Selection. Club Records Officers or individuals are encouraged to submit Junior scores for Indoors and Outdoors, which do not have to be shot at Record Status tournaments. The Junior Records Officer will maintain a Junior Indoor ranking list, in conformity with the addendum on page 13 of the Constitution (5.2 clause 2.2.3). (g) The GNAS AGM will be held at Stratford, East London on the 28th April and clubs were reminded to send in their Proxy votes in good time to the County's representatives.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.45 pm with thanks to all for attending.

Next Council Meeting Wednesday, 2nd May at the Chelmer Room, Margaretting Village Hall, unless otherwise advised.

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Chairman ..... 02/05/2012

**Junior Records Officer's Report**

The Junior Records Officer submitted the following scores and confirmed that although most were shot in October and November, 2011, they were received within time:

<b>COMPOUND</b>					
27.11.2011	Daisy Clark	CTR	FITA 25	573	Bedford
27.11.2011	Daisy Clark	CTR	Double FITA 25	1137	Bedford
23.10.2011	Daisy Clark	CTR	Portsmouth	579	Racketts
23.10.2011	Daisy Clark	CTR	Double Portsmouth	1161	Racketts
12.11.2011 *	Daisy Clark	CTR	Portsmouth triple face	587	Clophill
12.11.2011 *	Daisy Clark	CTR	Double Portsmouth triple face	1173	Clophill
* Junior Tournament					
<b>BAREBOW</b>					
07.01.2012	Maddie Speed	CTR	Portsmouth	481	Rayleigh

**CLAIMS FOR RECORDS IN FIELD ARCHERY**

Any Junior who shoots a new **COUNTY** or **NATIONAL** record when entered as a Junior and wishes to submit a claim for the Senior record must have shot from the Senior pegs.

A claim form for both Junior and Senior records must also be completed.