

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
HELD AT MARCONI SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, BEEHIVE LANE, CHELMSFORD
ON SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2009**

PRESENT: G.Sibley (Hon.Life Vice President and Secretary), T.Major (President), Mrs.I.Major (Vice President), Mrs.M.Hutchins (Vice President and Minutes Secretary), 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, Albemarle, Mayflower, Framlingham, West Essex, Abbey, CTR, Black Stag and Direct members. Total in attendance 52.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING WELCOME: Welcome to the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Essex County Archery Association. It is nice to see such a good attendance. During the past year, I am sure that many of you heard the sad news of the demise of some of our past members. **Anne Butcher**, daughter of the late Ena and Jim Butcher. As a junior member of Harlow Bowmen she shot in the Essex recurve team. **Len Gladwin**, who was a member of Oakfield Archers. **Carol Pritchard**, who was a member of Mayflower Archers **Lynne Burton**, who was a member of HDSA, Chelmsford Tudor Rose and was Secretary of the Dovedale Flyers. May I ask you all to be upstanding to observe a minute's silence as a sign of our respect?

11/09 PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:

A RED TASSEL is given in recognition of service to the County by reason of enthusiasm and practical work in the interests of archery in Essex. Awarded to – Mike Pearce

THE BALDWIN TROPHY – Awarded to Mr. Chris Perry (Ascham).

THE BILL TUCKER AWARD – Awarded to Mr. Robert Markham (Mayflower).

THE LUDORUM TROPHY – Awarded to Mr. Mitch Vaughan (Mayflower).

THE MILLENIUM TROPHY – Awarded to Miss Louise Devlin (Oakfield).

THE BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Awarded to Mrs. Wendie Stevens (Mayflower)

THE THELMA DAVISON SALVER – Posthumously awarded to Miss Lynn Burton.

THE DAVISON CUP (handicap recurve) – Awarded to Mstr. Dan Atkinson (Priory).

JOE DORMER SHIELD (handicap compound) - Awarded to Miss Sophie Brown (Rayleigh).

NATIONAL RECORD PLAQUES awarded to Louise Devlin (Oakfield), Daisy Clark (CTR), Neil Wakelin (GSA).

Award criteria for The "Lynne Burton" Trophy: This Trophy is to be awarded annually to the Lady Recurve archer (senior or junior) with the highest score in the Essex County Archery Association's Ladies FITA Championships, who has never before achieved first place in a Ladies Open FITA, Record Status FITA or FITA Star competition at any venue within or outside Essex. Should a lady (or junior lady), who is eligible on the day of the Essex County Archery Association's Championship, win the ECAA's Ladies FITA Championship, she would still be eligible to be awarded The Lynne Burton Trophy. The winner can be an archer either from Essex/Suffolk or a Visitor. However, if won by a visitor, the Trophy should not be taken out of county and should remain in the custody of the ECAA. Note to clarify the award: Once this trophy has been awarded to an archer, that person would no longer be eligible for this award. To assist the ECAA FITA Organiser each year in identifying those ladies who might qualify, perhaps an additional column could appear on the entry form where the archers can indicate that they are eligible. Mr. & Mrs. Burton appreciates that such a disclosure will be based on trust.

12/09 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:

SENIOR COLOURS: Mrs.W.Wade (Burntwood), Mrs.M.Wakelin (GSA), W.Stroud (Mayflower), N.Wakelin (GSA), N.Bonner (Panther). JUNIOR COLOURS: Miss J.Barnes (Priory), Miss S.Brown (Rayleigh), Miss D.Clark (CTR), H.Abbott (Mayflower), R.Russell (GSA). SENIOR DATE BAR: Mrs.J.Ikel (Oakfield), Mrs.P.Spragg (Oakfield), Mrs.H.Waterhouse (Black Stag), D.Foster (Abbey), D.Lawless (Braintree), T.Nash (Mayflower), S.Osborn (Gyppeswyck), T.Riddick (Grays), M.Skinner (CTR), S.Spragg (Oakfield), M.Vaughan (Mayflower), P.Walker (Burntwood), M.Webb (Mayflower), P.Whiteman (Black Stag), H.Grove (Albemarle). JUNIOR DATE BAR: Miss R.Willson (Abbey), A.Devlin (Oakfield), E.Kearse (Colchester), A.Kharpal (Abbey), R.Powell (Rayleigh).

13/09 SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS:

Division 1	Colchester	Mrs M.Saville (Ardleigh)	N.Smith (West Essex)
Division 2	Priory	Mrs.G.Schaper (Noak Hill)	D.Atkinson (Priory)
Division 3	Abbey	Mrs.S.Richardson (Abbey)	A.Richardson (Abbey)

14/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C.Wooff (Hon.Life Member), D.Adams (Grays), Mrs.G.Adams (Grays), S.Osborne (Gyppeswyck), H.Shaw (Southend), Mrs.B.Shaw (Southend).

15/09 MINUTES OF AGM 03.02.08 having been circulated were taken as read, seconded Mrs.I.Major (Pilgrim), accepted by the meeting and signed by the President.

16/09 MATTERS ARISING: None.

17/09 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: One thing that never changes from one AGM to the next is the need to thank all our Officers for their hard work on behalf of the membership and I acknowledge the following Officers; Graham Sibley - our County Secretary – Graham deals with the largest number of affiliations to our national governing body. The paperwork for some 1600 archers passes through his hands. This is the largest number dealt with by an unpaid Secretary in our sport. In addition to that, he still takes on even more work with organising the Southern Counties Junior Team Championships and the Southern Counties Championships, plus judging at county and club events. He can also be seen wherever help is needed. Robin Frost - our County Chairman – Robin chairs almost all our Council Meetings and lays out Field courses for our benefit.

John Neal - our vice Chairman – John is always available to take the chair at Council Meetings whenever it is necessary. Martin Skinner - our Treasurer – Martin, as always, keeps our accounts in good order and has been able to maintain low annual fees for us for many years. He too always makes himself available when help is needed at our championships. Mick Pearce - our new General Member - Mick is the archers' voice at all meetings and is always ready to listen to their views. Robert Markham - Website Manager - I think we all agree that Robert has done a great job in keeping us abreast of the county's affairs and I am sure he would welcome news items from other sources but, of course, his wife would like to see him now and again! Marlene Hutchins – Vice President who also works tirelessly as our Minutes Secretary and runs the Summer and Andy Harris Leagues. Dennis Saville runs the Bray League and he and his wife, Marion, represent those Clubs who give them their club's votes at the National AGM. Graham Sibley, Robin Frost and John Willson have represented us at all SCAS Meetings. Thank you also to all of our County Championship Organisers: Indoor: Mick and Maggie Pearce - I am pleased to say that they will be awarding age groups for the juniors this year. Clout: Members of Woodford Archers Target: Andy Reeves and the members of Noak Hill Archers FITA: Paul Clark who took this on for the first time with the support of Chelmsford Tudor Rose Archers. Field: Robin Frost and Chris Bushell and members of Panther Bowmen Inter-county Shoots: Our Team Manager, Peter Walker, has once again led our County Team in a season of success. Our records officers: Maggie Pearce, Tony Ikel, Robin Frost and Eric Davies have been very busy this year having National and County records claimed. The Coaching Group is very busy with coach training and coaching sessions around the county. John Willson, our County Child Protection Officer is also heavily involved with the National Youth Squad and the development of Archery in schools. Once again he invited me to attend the Essex Archery Youth Games, this time held at the Holy Family Catholic Primary School, which was well attended. As usual, members of Rayleigh Town Archery Club worked hard to ensure a very successful day. Once again our senior and junior archers achieved places in the GB teams at home and abroad, notably Michael Peart and Neil Wakelin. A special mention for the ladies; the late Lynne Burton, who qualified for the Paralympics but was obliged to withdraw due to ill health and, sadly, died in November. Wendie Stevens qualified as Grand Master Bowman and, to my knowledge; she is the first Essex lady to qualify since the qualifying scores were raised some years ago. Also, Melanie Wakelin, who shot in the GB Field team. Our juniors have done very well. Philip Glover shot for England in Europe; Daisy Clark achieved national records and took part in the World Field Championships in Wales. There are also many more juniors who have claimed national titles, for instance, Luke Willett became Champion at the National Clout Championships. We have a strong store of junior talent for the future, thanks to the dedication of the archers and their parents' encouragement, but the hours of coaching behind the scenes is the foundation on which our archery grows. I attended as many club events as I could, and always try to promote shoots whenever I can. I do hope that if I shot with you, I did not talk too much! During 2008 there have been plenty of events; including some new ones and I feel I would like to make special mention of those which raised funds for charities - West Essex Bowmen 70 m shoot in aid of the Essex Air Ambulance raised £1102. Noak Hill Archers Novelty shoot in aid of St. Francis Hospice where they raised over £1000. Their members put in a lot of work making the novelty target faces. Holdens Archers Double American in aid of Leukaemia Research. This must be the oldest charity shoot in Essex and, over the years, they have raised many thousands of pounds. A new shoot in 2008 was the Junior FITA organised and held at Colchester's venue, and what a professional look it had, with everything just right. I have been pleased to see many more of our Suffolk friends coming to shoots around the county and hope the travelling costs are not too expensive for them these days. There have been many other helpers throughout the year who are deserving of our thanks; Claire Stanford (Vice President) who keeps a record of our ever increasing county trophies. Please make her job a lot easier by returning trophies in a clean condition when she sends out notices that they are required. Whilst on that subject, I would like to offer a suggestion to any archer who feels they cannot guarantee returning a trophy; why not have your photograph taken on presentation and leave the trophy with Claire? I know that she has had a lot of trouble getting certain trophies back for the presentations, and how disappointing it is for the new winner not to have the trophy presented on the day of the tournament. It is quite understandable if a trophy is not returned due to an unexpected illness or personal tragedy but I do not accept the excuse that an archer "cannot get it there on the day" because they have had a whole year to do so. On behalf of the membership of the ECAA I would like to thank all the above. I would also like to thank the archers of Essex and Suffolk for bestowing on me the honour of President for the past three years. I have enjoyed my term of office and hope the new President will find the position just as enjoyable and fulfilling as I did. One final "thank you" I would like to make is to Iris, for all her support. In closing, I wish you all good health and enjoyment in our great sport of archery, and a happy 2009.

18/09 REPORT FROM HON.SECRETARY: Much has happened since the last Annual Meeting, to what extent it affects and benefits the general club membership still has to be made evident. Many decisions by the Board are being made without reference to the membership, one such matter was the re-branding of the name GNAS to Archery GB. We are not alone with this situation since we see other sports having to comply. We are subject to the direction of a number of Government Agencies, failing this, finance is not forthcoming. Correspondence in the Archery UK has reflected considerable reactions to this move. Your coaches are aware of the development scheme currently being circulated to Regions and Counties requesting them to sign up to the recommended regime. I am sure that John Neal and others will be watching this very closely. As for the Association, our numbers keep fairly steady, at this time we have 1667 affiliated members covering 59 clubs. A number of our newer clubs are beginning to enter various County and club tournaments, many others are happy to shoot in the Indoor/Outdoor leagues and leave it at that. We have two archers who have broken a number of National Records (field) during the year, namely Miss Daisy Clark (CRR) and Neil Wakelin (GSA). Wendie Stevens (Mayflower) gained 8th place in the National (recurve) ranking list whilst Nicky Hunt (Deben) took 2nd place and Anna King (Colchester) qualified 23rd in the compound section. Our gentlemen were Michael Peart (Deben) 2nd recurve, Richard Wilkins (Deben) 17th, Michael Judd (Mayflower) 81st. I apologise if I have missed out anyone. Congratulations to Wendie Stevens on being chosen to represent England. Sadly during the year we saw the passing of well known members namely Lynn Burton and 'Willum' Line. Our condolences go to the respective families. Six Council Meetings were well attended at the Brentwood School Sports Centre, discussions were varied, one of these is presented by the County Team Manager and appears on the AGM Agenda. Good shooting to you all in 2009. From a proposal by M.Vaughan (Mayflower) the report was accepted, seconded by J.Willson (Rayleigh) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Graham Sibley for all his work over the years.

19/09 REPORT FROM HON.TREASURER: Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts tabled. Have re-evaluated the Insurance Cover. From a proposal by Mrs.I.Major (Pilgrim) the report was accepted, seconded by P.Walker (Burntwood) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Martin Skinner for all his work with the Accounts.

20/09 REPORT FROM SENIOR R O: The record claims by email is running well but please remember I still need the Result Sheet at some time. Reading through the report (tabled) you will notice there is not a Top Ten Listing for Barebow indoor or outdoor. If you want me to list them in future, please let your Members' Rep know. We know you are out there as we have seen you on the shooting line. We had County Records claimed for longbow, a few for Recurve and a couple for compound. Tony Maher (longbow) is shooting for Ireland's National Team and in the National Squad we have Michael Peart (Recurve), Nicky Hunt and Philip Glover (compound). Well done to you all. Record Officers please do not send Bray scores unless they have been shot at Open tournament, also remember the rule on half-FITA, you can only claim for the first half on one day. I wish you all well for 2009, keep the sores coming in and check the County website for the Records. From a proposal from R.Markham (Mayflower) the report was accepted, seconded by Mrs.C.Stanford (Pilgrim) and accepted by the meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Tony Ikel for all his work with the records.

21/09 REPORT FROM JUNIOR R O: Congratulations and thank you to the many club records officers who took the time and trouble to send in the scores of their junior archers. I have received Recurve scores from only 16 clubs and compound scores from 3 clubs. When you consider there are 59 clubs in Essex there must be a large number of clubs who do not send in their junior scores. Having been asked on several occasions if it is worth sending in scores that do not meet the current criteria, the following should be taken into account. Whilst I only produce a Top Ten for the AGM and Council Meetings, no records sent in are discarded. All scores are available to the team manager when he needs to pick a team for inter county matches and there have been occasions where archers in the top ten were unavailable and newer archers given a chance to shine and have acquitted themselves well. If your club is not sending in scores you are entitled to send them in yourself either direct to me at jro.Maggie@hotmail.com or via the ECAA website. Once again I apologise for a lack of junior longbow top ten this year but I have received insufficient scores to be able to compile a list. Finally may I wish everyone a very successful year in 2009 and hopefully my only moan next year is that I have too many scores coming in to cope. From a proposal from A.Ikel (Oakfield) the report was accepted, seconded by Mrs.M.Saville (Ardleigh) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Maggie Pearce for all her work with the records.

22/09 REPORT FROM FIELD R O: Report tabled showing 35 new records. From a proposal from Mrs.J.Ikel (Oakfield) the report was accepted, seconded by T.Ikel (Oakfield) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Robin Frost for his work.

23/09 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT R O: Eight records this year and are on website. Keep them coming in. From a proposal from M.Saville (Ardleigh) the report was accepted, seconded by P.Walker (Burntwood) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Eric Davies for his work.

24/09 REPORT FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY: 2008 Summer 2008 Summer League started with reasonable weather, however, this was not a sign of things to come and there was quite a bit of not-so-good days. Despite this, some excellent scores were shot as will be seen by the lists sent out and I congratulate all the medal winners. One month I found myself in the unenviable position of having to exclude an archer's score from the team total due to him not being affiliated to the club for which he shot. This was not something I enjoyed doing so, please ensure that all team members (especially if they are new to your club) are not affiliated elsewhere. Summer League 2009 dates are confirmed as: 17th May, 21st June, 12th July, 9th August, 20th September. 18 teams have entered and the Fixture list will be out very shortly. The Andy Harris League continues to go well with 43 teams entering this winter. In October, Michael Peart scored a superb 359 from the possible 360. Thank you to clubs who support the leagues and I hope you will continue to do so. From a proposal from Mrs.J.Smith (Pilgrim) the report was accepted, seconded by D.Saville (Ardleigh) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Marlene Hutchins for all her work with the Leagues.

25/08 REPORT FROM COACHING GUILD SECRETARY: The Coaching Clinics scheme, which started in 2007, has continued to be popular but has not had the take up expected given the number of people who say they are interested in them – the reasons for this are unclear. However, it is a format that appears to be meeting the needs of some clubs so will remain available. This type of event is potentially very useful to clubs who have no, or few, coaches. Further to the sale of Wicken House by Essex County council the organiser is continuing to seek an alternative venue for this event but so far has been unable to identify one which meets the need and which would be cost effective. Coach education: As of November 2008, Essex continued to be among the top three Counties in terms of number of coaches. 2007 saw a significant drop in Level 1 coach numbers – the majority of these being Assistant Coaches who opted not to convert to the Level 1 qualification or had moved out of Essex. However, further Level 1 courses, which started in 2007, have resulted in 21 Level 1 coaches who were pending course moderation in November and who have subsequently been certificated. As a consequence our coach numbers have remained reasonably constant. Level 1 and Level 2 courses – there is always a steady 'turnover' of coaches and we are pleased to report that we continue to get a steady interest. We presently have five archers waiting to start Level 1 training. Archery GB (GNAS) launched the new Level 2 Coach course during 2008 and we are pleased to report that, despite several delays to the course materials being made available, we will be commencing a Level 2 course in March. Sadly, of the ten candidates on the course, only about half are from Essex. Lectures – for 2008 the Guild had planned to refresh the traditional programmed with a number of more practical and hands-on workshops and seminars with a request for Essex archers to suggest the content for these. Although a couple of lecture style sessions were presented, not a single suggestion was received for workshop topics. Come on Essex archers and coaches, tell us what you need help with! In the mean time we have three sessions in the planning stages for this year and details of these will be published very shortly. National Coaching Framework Archery GB (GNAS), like many national governing bodies of sport, are putting into place framework for coaching within

archery. After initial consultation at regional level, Essex has signed up to get involved in the development of this. We believe this is an opportunity to at least have a say in how this new framework looks and there will be opportunities for coaches and archers alike to get involved in the process over the next few years. We are presently waiting details of the first Framework workshop, scheduled by SCAS for the end of February and to be held in Essex. Coach Certificate renewal procedure The new process is now in operation for ALL coach grades – details are published on the Guild website and are sent to coaches by Archery GB (GNAS) as their renewal approaches. Please note that Level 1 and Coach (Level 2) grades need to send their renewal to John Willson and County /coach grades need to send their renewal to David Squibb at Region. **DO NOT** send your renewal to Archery GB (GNAS) as it will have to be returned to Regional or County panel causing delay in your renewal. There also appears to be some confusion between what constitutes ‘work’ and what constitutes ‘educational activity’ which might accrue CPD points. Generally speaking, work is something you do for other people’s benefit, e.g., beginners courses, one-to-one coaching, organising events, whilst education is something you do for your benefit, e.g., attending archery lectures, workshops, etc. If you are in any doubt contact John Neal. Thanks As always the Guild Executive would like to thank all those coaches who have assisted with Coaching Clinics and workshops during 2008 in addition to the work they do in the clubs. From a proposal from A.Ikel (Oakfield) the report was accepted, seconded by J.Willson (Rayleigh) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to John Neal for all his work with the Guild.

26/09 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER: The County was involved with five tournaments during 2008, involving both Junior and Senior archers using all three bow styles, compound, longbow and recurve. Essex fielded complete teams in all competitions, but struggled particularly for junior compound archers where there was no reserve, only the minimum number of archers required for the team. It was a successful year for Essex. The first (and only indoor) 4-way recurve tournament between Essex, Kent, Middlesex and London, shot in Middlesex, was won by Essex. The tournament against Cambridgeshire, away to Cambs, saw Essex win in every category of bow style in both Junior and Senior classes. In the 4-way outdoor tournament (same opponents as Indoor), Essex won the Junior and Senior sections in a recurve only match. In the Junior SCAS Team competition, the Essex team produced second places in both the recurve and compound classes. In the Senior SCAS Team competition, the Essex recurve team won in very convincing fashion, with every member of the team, including reserve, achieving a MB score and one team member getting a GMB score. It should be noted that Luke Willett, a junior in the senior team, is included within these scores. My thanks go to Joan Ikel for standing in for me at the Junior SCAS team event, and all parents who helped and supported the Counties juniors at the various events. My special thanks however go to the archers themselves for their time and efforts in achieving this success. Extra special thanks go to those archers who accepted the challenge very late in the day when I was struggling to fill team places. The same competitions will be contested in 2009, but I am in discussion with Cambridge about a longbow Portsmouth match that will include juniors and seniors. If this proves successful I hope that it will become a formal match in following years. From a proposal from Mrs.J.Ikel (Oakfield) the report was accepted, seconded by P.Clark (CTR) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Peter Walker for all his work on behalf of the County Team.

27/09 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER: May I firstly thank everybody for their support and the kind words of encouragement in my first year as General Member; it has been very much appreciated. I must extend my thanks to Agnes for all the hard work she put into this position over the previous eight years and hope I am able to retain the very high standards he has set. I have had very little time to do over the past year and I hope this is due to the fact that the membership are generally happy with the way archery is run in Essex and not just down to lack of interest. 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 extend my thanks to all 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. I have only had three matters to bring to Council this year, the always thorny subject of members moving between clubs and who can they represent in open tournaments and league matches. A query with regards to allocation of points for coaching with regards to teaching/education and a query with regards to team selection. All of which I hope were resolved fairly, if not always to the satisfaction of the persons concerned. As I have stated before I will bring all matters sent to me to the Council meetings. I cannot always guarantee that you will like the outcome but you will have an answer. May I wish everyone the very best for 2009 and may you all achieve your personal goals in whatever sphere of our great sport you participate. From a proposal from Mrs.I.Major (Pilgrim) the report was accepted, seconded by P.Walker (Burntwood) and accepted by the Meeting and . Vote of thanks offered to Mike Pearce for his work on behalf of the County.

28/09 REPORT FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS: INDOOR – Enjoyable shoot and thanks to all the Judges who did a splendid job. Made a small loss so increased entry fee for this year. Thanks to Linecutter Archery for sponsorship keeping down the cost of entry. Tournament is full. Vote of thanks offered to Mike Pearce for all his work with the Indoor Championships. CLOUT – Will be 19th April 2009. Vote of thanks offered to Woodford club for the work with the Clout Championships. TARGET – Thanks to Linecutter for sponsorship keeping down cost of entry.. Had concerns re make up of trophy winners. Senior and Junior shoots were well attended and was a joy to do the junior day. Vote of thanks offered to Andy Reeves and Noak Hill club for all their work with the Target Championships. FITA – First experience of putting on any type of shoot and made a couple of mistakes. These were rectified and will not occur again. Hope for another good shoot this year. Thanks to the ladies of CTR for the continual supply of refreshments. Vote of thanks offered to Paul Clark and CTR club for all their work with the FITA Championships. FIELD – Good day but rather wet! First Sunday in October 2009 for next Championships. Vote of thanks offered to Chris Bushell and Robin Frost for all their work with the Field Championships. Reports seconded by T.Ikel (Oakfield) and accepted by the meeting.

29/09 REPORT FROM WEB MANAGER: The site was launched in December 2006 and to date we have received over 41,000 visits and 117,000 page hits. The most visited areas are County Records, Leagues, Tournaments and Articles. In February last year I set up a facility to submit scores on line to the County Records Officers and this seems to have been popular with junior archers who have submitted 121 scores. Seniors submitted 85 scores. The number of submissions are increasing as more members become aware of the facility. I removed a forum link to a site Linecutter Archery set up last year because it was not well supported. The simpler forum I have added since has been better supported with over 2600 visits. It does seem that archers would rather look than contribute new material, which is disappointing but understandable! I have recently had a request from Robin Frost to set up a Results area to post details from Club and County tournaments. This has now been added to the site and I have contacted each of the County Tournament organisers to ask for results over the last five years. I have also emailed all County secretaries to advise them of the facility and to ask if they would send me results from future club tournaments. This January I upgraded the site to gain more bandwidth, which should improve access during busy times. The cost of hosting the new site is less than £100 per annum currently but since this is an American site, costs very much depend on exchange rates. I am always pleased to hear of any improvements that archers would like to see in the future. From a proposal from C.Smith (Pilgrim) the report was accepted, seconded by Mrs.I.Major (Pilgrim) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Robert Markham for all the work done on the website on behalf of the County.

30/09 REPORT FROM CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Happy to say have nothing to report. Thanks to all club officers and well done. Long may it continue. From a proposal from Mrs.C.Stanford (Pilgrim) the report was accepted, seconded by Mrs.J.Smith (Pilgrim) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to John Willson for all his work.

31/09 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: Mrs. Marlene Hutchins (currently Vice President) was nominated, seconded and elected.

32/09 ELECTION OF (ONE) VICE-PRESIDENT: No nominations.

33/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr. Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

34/09 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. John Neal was nominated, seconded and elected.

35/09 ELECTION OF HON.SECRETARY: Mr. Graham Sibley was nominated, seconded and elected.

36/09 ELECTION OF HON.TREASURER: Mr. Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and elected.

37/09 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER: Mr. Mike Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

38/09 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mr. Tony Ikel was nominated, seconded and elected.

39/09 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mrs. Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

40/09 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: Mr. Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

41/09 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER: Mr. Eric Davies was nominated, seconded and elected.

42/09 ELECTION OF LEAGUE SECRETARY: Mrs. Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and elected.

43/09 ELECTION OF COACHING GUILD SECRETARY: Mr. John Neal was elected by the Guild.

44/09 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:

(a) Clout 2010 – Woodford. (b) Target 2009 – Mr.L.Easton. (c) FITA 2009 – Mr.P.Clarke.
(d) Field 2009 – Mr.R.Frost/Mr.C.Bushell. (e) Flight – N/a. (f) Indoor 2010 – Mr.M.Pearce.
All separately nominated, seconded and elected.

45/09 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER: To be on agenda of next meeting.

46/09 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER: Mr. Peter Walker was nominated, seconded and elected.

47/09 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER: Mr Robert Markham was nominated, seconded and elected.

48/09 ELECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Mr John Willson was nominated, seconded and elected.

49/09 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: Team Selection Procedure. Page 11- Para 2.2.4 add “Rose Award Tournaments”, Para 3.2.2 amend to read “any round including the furthest distance for current or higher age group”. Page 12 – Para 4.2 add “alternatively individual archers may submit scores directly via ECAA website”. Para 5.2 amend to read “ranking list shall be based on the mathematical mean handicap of the six best submitted scores that fulfil the following criteria”. Para 5.2.1.1 amend to read “the ranking list for the AGM will comprise at least five scores shot between June and December of the previous year and may contain one score from before June of that year. All scores to be shot in accordance with Clause 2.2.1. It will apply to junior and senior archers”. Para 5.2.1.2 amend to read “the ranking list calculated at the end of April may include any scores shot between January and the last week of April of that year. Only one score from before June of the previous year may be included. It will apply to junior and senior archers”. Para 5.2.1.3 amend to read “the ranking list calculated for juniors during the first week of July shall include only eligible scores from that calendar year for SCAS team selection”. Para 5.2.1.4 amend to read “the ranking list calculated for seniors during the fourth week of July shall include only eligible scores from that calendar year for SCAS team selection”. Para 5.2.2 amend to read “at least three qualifying scores shall have been shot at Record Status Competitions”. These changes to be reviewed in twelve-months and will be on the Agenda of the next Council Meeting in March.

50/09 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT: (a) Mrs Claire Stanford asked that trophy holders are reminded to hand in the signed forms and take boxes, etc for the awards. (b) Essex Chronicle running a ‘Young Sports Person of the Year’ scheme for which Daisy Clark has been entered.

The out-going President, Tom Major, presented the “President’s Chain of Office” and “Presidents’ Salver” to Marlene Hutchins to start her term of Office.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 4.45pm with thanks to all and wishes for a safe journey home on such a dreadful afternoon.

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