

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT MARCONI SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, BEEHIVE LANE, CHELMSFORD  
ON SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**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 West Essex, Colchester, Pilgrim, Rayleigh, Phoenix, Oakfield, Noak Hill, Woodford, SEAC, Mayflower, Abbey, Ardleigh and Direct Member. Total in attendance 45.

Meeting opened at 12.25pm with Mr R Frost giving the Health and Safety instructions.

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING WELCOME:** Good afternoon to you all and welcome to the Essex County Archery Association Annual General Meeting. As is usual at this time we think of friends and colleagues lost to us during the year. I ask you to please be upstanding for a moment's silence in remembrance of them.

**10/11 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

THE BALDWIN TROPHY – Awarded to JOHN NEAL (Mayflower).  
THE BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Awarded to NICKY HUNT (Deben).  
THE BILL TUCKER AWARD – Awarded to ALAN DRINKWATER (Framlingham)  
THE LUDORUM TROPHY – Awarded to TOM MAJOR (Pilgrim).  
THE MILLENIUM TROPHY – Awarded to LOUISE DEVLIN (Oakfield).  
THE THELMA DAVISON SALVER - Awarded to TRACY SHERMAN (Raydon Hall).  
THE DAVISON CUP (Most improved handicap recurve) – Awarded LOUISE DEVLIN (Oakfield).  
JOE DORMER SHIELD (Most improved handicap compound) - Awarded to MARK ROBINSON (Mayflower).  
NATIONAL RECORD PLAQUES awarded to LOUISE DEVLIN (Oakfield) and LAURIE CLARKE (Burntwood)  
Laurie Clarke was also awarded a trophy for 'GNAS Archer of the Year Junior Gent Longbow 2010'.

**11/11 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:**

SENIOR COLOURS (Target): M Room (Noak Hill), J King (Colchester), N Smith (West Essex), D Turner (Raydon Hall).  
SENIOR COLOURS (Field): Mrs M Saville (Colchester).  
JUNIOR COLOURS (Target): Miss A Hall (Phoenix), Miss E Vidgeon-Hart (Mayflower), L Wiseman (CTR), S Yeates (Mayflower), J Franklin (Mayflower).  
SENIOR DATE BAR (Target): Mrs Y Wade (Burntwood), C Bushell (Malgrave), D Dalmasio (Oakfield), P Dent (West Essex), R Green (Noak Hill), D Lawless (GNAS), T Riddick (Grays), R Riley (Oakfield), M Skinner (CTR), A Smith (GNAS), M Vaughan (Mayflower), P Walker (Burntwood), Mrs A King (Colchester), S Spragg (Oakfield), M Webb (Mayflower), Miss J Barnes (Phoenix), D Atkinson (Priory).  
SENIOR DATE BAR (Field): D Saville (Colchester), N Bonner (Mayflower).  
JUNIOR DATE BAR: Miss D Clarke (CTR), Miss L Devlin (Oakfield), Miss R Willson (Abbey), J Howell (Rayleigh), C Wheatley (Rayleigh), L Clarke (Burntwood), L Wiseman (CTR).

**12/11 SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS:**

Division 1	West Essex A	Miss Sandra Huff (Colchester)	Peter Beaumont (Priory)
Division 2	Noak Hill	Ms Geri Reeves-Nurse (Noak Hill)	Ian Harris (Rayleigh)
Division 3	Oakfield	Miss Linda Roberts (Oakfield)	Martin Skinner (CTR)
Division 4	West Essex C	Mrs Ysanne Coughlan (Grays)	Mike Woollaston (Ascham)

**13/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from C.Wooff (Hon Life Member), C Bushell (Malgrave), M Webb (Equipment Officer), A Drinkwater (Framlingham), G Rayner (Priory), P Walker (Burntwood), C Tricker (Phoenix), Ascham.

**14/11 MINUTES OF AGM 07.02.10** having been circulated were taken as read, seconded Mrs J Ikel (Oakfield)), accepted by the meeting and signed by the President.

**15/11 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**16/11 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** As President of the ECAA it is my pleasant duty to offer thanks to all those who have worked so diligently for the Association during this past year. Chairman Robin Frost, Vice Chairman John Neal, Secretary Graham Sibley, Treasurer Martin Skinner, General Member Mike Pearce. Record Officers Tony Ikel, Maggie Pearce, Robin Frost, Eric Davies. League Organisers - Maggie Pearce, Dennis Saville. Tournament Organisers - Woodford, Noak Hill, CTR, Robin Frost, Chris Bushell, Mike Pearce. Equipment Officer - Matt Webb. Team Manager - Peter Walker. Child Protection Officer - John Willson. Coaching Guild Secretary - John Neal. Our Representatives to SCAS and GNAS - Graham Sibley, Robin Frost, John Willson, Marion and Dennis Saville. And, of course, Secretaries and Committees of all the Clubs. Thank you one and all for your efforts. They are very much appreciated. All the members I have mentioned do a sterling job, most taking on anything and everything that needs doing and we are grateful that they volunteer so readily. However, there are those who did not volunteer but still find themselves working for the smooth running of the County. I speak of course of family and friends who support the officers and members of the County and who can always be relied upon to be there offering help and assistance wherever it is needed. To them also we owe a huge debt of gratitude. Our County teams have once again made Essex proud and it is good to see so many of our ex-juniors staying in the sport after they reach adult-hood. At an AGM all the officers officially stand down. Prior to this, anyone, including the retiring officers, can then be approached and asked if they are willing to stand for re-election. Very few clubs do this, assuming the retiring officer will

once again take on the position. I ask you now, for next year's AGM, please make the effort to ask if the retiring officer will be willing to stand again for nomination, thus showing your appreciation for the work done during the year, or, ask an entirely different person - the choice is yours, but please, do ask and send your nominations to the County Secretary. Not everyone seeks re-nomination and sadly at least two of our long-standing Officers have decided to stand down. We are very sorry to lose John Neal as County Coaching Organiser and Vice Chairman also Chris Bushell, a Field Tournament Organiser. On your behalf I offer them a vote of thanks for the many years they have put into working so hard for Essex. With so many people to thank I feel I should have just received an Oscar but, I have one more. To you, thank you for attending this afternoon. We have obviously gone for quality rather than quantity! This year the Essex County Archery Association celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I feel such an event should be an excuse for a commemoration of some description. Please think about this. Such an occasion should not go unmarked. With this thought I close my Remarks and wish you all a very successful 2011.

**17/11 REPORT FROM HON.SECRETARY:** Report tabled along with list showing Membership as at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 comprising 63 clubs, 1011 gents, 305 ladies, 297 boys, 112 girls, total of 1725 members. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Graham Sibley for all his work for the County.

**18/11 REPORT FROM HON.TREASURER:** Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts tabled. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Martin Skinner for all his work with the Accounts.

**19/11 REPORT FROM SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Report tabled and accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Tony Ikel for all his work with the Senior records.

**20/11 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Report tabled together with list of Recurve, Compound and Longbow Indoor and Outdoor records. Also Top Ten Recurve and list of Recurve and Compound improved handicaps. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Maggie Pearce for all her hard work with the Junior records.

**21/11 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:** In 2010 there were claims for 25 new County records and 3 National records. The April 2-day shoot attracted some 95 archers and the County Championships in October, whilst 92 entered, only 72 turned out. Panther club have been hosting the Winter Field League this year with great success. List of all records tabled. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Robin Frost for his work with the Field.

**22/11 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER:** Clout report tabled and accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Eric Davies for his work with the Clout.

**23/11 REPORT FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY:** This year the Summer League celebrated its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary whilst the Andy Harris League celebrated 45-years. Both continue to go well and, I am told are enjoyed by all, which makes my part worthwhile. In the Andy Harris League, Michael Peart once again equalled his record score for the fourth time, scoring 359 out of the possible 360. Summer League 2011 dates are confirmed as: 15<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September. Fixtures List will be out very shortly. My thanks to those clubs who support the leagues and I hope they will continue to do so. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Marlene Hutchins for all her work with the Leagues.

**24/11 REPORT FROM COACHING GUILD SECRETARY:** Most activity has been centred on coach education with both a Level 1 and a Level 2 course being completed. These additional coaches will provide many clubs with a much stronger coaching facility. Since then a revised Level 1 course has been run and there are plans for another one to start on 17<sup>th</sup> July. This reflects the continuing demand from clubs for improved coaching options for their members. On the performance side it has been a mixed year with requests for in-house coaching clinics falling away, although I know many coaches have been working hard with clubs other than their own. Also the Guild's proposal for an Essex squad did not receive the firm support that had been expected. For the Guild itself, three committee members stood down at December's AGM but very fortunately new members were recruited to fill these vacancies, Cliff Tricker, Deb Foreman and Tony Ikel. Hopefully this new blood will assist in meeting the challenges thrown up by the new Development Plan and the introduction of the 'On Target' initiative from Archery GB. These actions of the Governing body have, some feel, cut the ground from under the feet of those who worked hard to gain support for the new 'Coaching Framework'. These forthcoming changes are the main reason that a proposal has been put to this AGM that the new CCO should be an elected member of the ECAA Executive committee. This, it is felt, will strengthen both archery and coaching with the County. Younger generations of archers will suffer or benefit from the changes taking place now and I think they should take the opportunity to voice their opinions. They may well see the proposed changes in a different light to the current generation of administrators. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Mitch Vaughan for all his work on behalf of the Guild.

**25/11 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER:** Due to work commitments, the Team Manager was not available and did not submit a report. Thanks were offered to Peter Walker for his work on behalf of the County Team.

**26/11 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER:** Report tabled and accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Mike Pearce for all his work on behalf of the County.

**27/11 REPORT FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:** INDOOR – Tournament very expensive to run thus made a loss Spaces still available for 2011. Thanks offered to Mike Pearce for all his work with the Indoor Championships. CLOUT – Good turn-out for the two tournaments. The new Metric Clout has records waiting to be broken. Thanks offered to Debbie Foreman for her work with the Clout Championships. TARGET – No report. Thanks offered to Noak Hill members for all their work with the Senior and Junior Target Championships. FITA - No report. Thanks offered to CTR members for all

their work with the FITA Championships. FIELD – No report. Thanks offered to Chris Bushell and Robin Frost for all their work with the Field Championships. Reports accepted by the meeting.

**28/11 REPORT FROM WEB MANAGER:** Nothing to report. Thanks offered to Robert Markham for all the work done on the website on behalf of the County.

**29/11 REPORT FROM CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER:** Dealing with any problems as they occur. Thanks offered to John Willson for all his work in this area.

**30/11 ELECTION OF TELLERS:** Mrs. Claire Stanford and Alex Purser were agreed.

**31/11 ELECTION OF (ONE) VICE-PRESIDENT:** Three nominations, all seconded. On a paper vote, Mr Mitch Vaughan was elected.

**32/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

**33/11 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Mr Alex Purser was nominated, seconded and elected.

**34/11 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY:** Mr Graham Sibley was nominated, seconded and elected.

**35/11 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER:** Mr Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and elected.

**36/11 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER:** Mr Mike Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

**37/11 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Mr Tony Ikel was nominated, seconded and elected.

**38/11 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Mrs Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

**39/11 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:** Mr Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

**40/11 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER:** Mr Eric Davies was nominated, seconded and elected.

**41/11 ELECTION OF LEAGUE SECRETARY:** Mrs Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and elected.

**42/11 ELECTION OF COACHING GUILD SECRETARY:** Mr Tony Ikel was elected by the Guild.

**43/11 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:** Separately nominated, seconded and elected.  
Clout 2011 – Miss Debbie Foreman. Target 2011 – Noak Hill. FITA 2011 – Mr Paul Clarke. Indoor 2012 – Mr Mike Pearce. Field 2011 – Robin Frost. (Following the meeting Mrs Marion Saville agreed to assist.)

**44/11 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER:** Mr Matt Webb was nominated, seconded and elected.

**45/11 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER:** Mr Peter Walker was nominated, seconded and elected.

**46/11 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER:** Mr Robert Markham was nominated, seconded and elected.

**47/11 ELECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER:** Mr John Willson was nominated, seconded and elected.

**48/11 PROPOSAL BY Mr M Vaughan, Seconded Mr A Ikel.** Minute 107.10(b) refers  
AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

“In view of the changes being initiated by Archery GB, we believe that Coaching, which is already such an important part of the current archery scene, should be fully integrated into the Essex County Archery Association. The position of County Coaching Organiser (CCO) should be made an Executive position within the Council of the Essex County Archery Association. A nomination for CCO must be a Level 1 or above, licensed Archery GB Coach. The EGAC will elect a nomination each year and put the name forward to the Essex County AGM.” After explanation and discussion a further amendment proposed that ‘A nomination for CCO must be Adult Level 1 or above’ Voted in favour with one abstention. Motion carried.

**49/11 PROPOSAL BY THE SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER.** Mr A Ikel. Minute 105.10 refers  
AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: Team Selection – Longbow.

Para 2.0 Qualification - Senior Recurve and Compound Add Longbow

2.2.1 Add Handicap for Longbow as follows - Gentlemen 61 Outdoors Ladies 63 Outdoors

2.2.2 Add Longbow at least one (1) round to be shot at an Open Tournament

2.2.3 As is for Longbow

TOP TEN to be adopted into the team selection and added to the Constitution.

After explanation and discussion a further amendment proposed that “of any recognised distance” be inserted into 2.2.2. Voted in favour. Motion carried.

**50/11 PROPOSAL BY GENERAL MEMBER.** Mr M Pearce. Minute 105.10 refers

AMENDMENT TO CONSITUTION: "It is proposed that the criteria for the Top Ten be changed such that it comprises Six (6) scores from the preceding twelve (12) months, two of which must have been shot within the past three (3) months of the Outdoor Season (April to September) and must have been at a Record Status, County level or above. Any archer, who has shot for their Country in the preceding 12 months, is automatically included in the Top Ten providing the Records Officer has been notified of same " After explanation and discussion a further amendment proposed to replace "Record Status" with "Open Tournament". Voted in favour. Motion carried.

**51/11 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT):** (a) The Metric Clout is in need of trophies for presentation to winners. Anyone wishing to donate a trophy please contact a member of the Executive. (b) Dave Squibb, Regional Coaching Organiser, is standing down and looking for a replacement. (c) West Essex Tournament in aid of Air Ambulance, details on web site. (d) GNAS AGM. Will all clubs ensure they give their Proxy votes to Marion or Dennis Saville. These votes are very important as the input of Essex archers can sway a decision. (e) Numerous emails have been received concerning non-receipt of Membership Cards. This has been taken up by Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary via correspondence to the GNAS Chief Executive and Chairman of Archery GB with no success and in some cases, no reply. Suggested get support from other Counties and other Regions as will carry more weight. (f) GNAS have advised that, as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011, they will no longer be allowing Regions to retain 5% of club membership fees. This will reflect on the 2½% collected by Counties.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 2.25pm with thanks to all for attendance and wishes for a safe journey home.

**PRESIDENT .....**  
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