

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX
COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION**

**HELD AT
MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL,
WANTZ ROAD, MARGARETTING
on Saturday 15th FEBRUARY 2025
12:00pm**

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY
ASSOCIATION
TO BE HELD AT
MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL, WANTZ ROAD, MARGARETTING
ON SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2025 @ 12:00pm**

Attendees: Sean Fortune (Chair) Martin Skinner (President) Dawn Tolson (Vice President) Deb Horn (Hon. Secretary) Kevin Juniper (Hon Treasurer) Jason Pretlove (Vice Chair) Emma Broxholme (CCO) Paul Tolson (General Member) Wilco van Kleef Bolton (Webmaster) Paul West (1440 Organiser) Mark Lawrence (Target Organiser) Laura Purser (Field Organiser) Paul Clark (Field Organiser) Chris Higgins (League Secretary) Huw Lillywhite (WEB) Mike Huard (CADAC) Sean Barlow (Mayflower) Brian Lock (WEB) Stephen List (Gipping Valley) Sarah West (RTAC) Alex Sarzi-Sartori (Ardleigh) Marion Saville (Direct member) Dennis Saville (Direct Member) Roz Crowley (Mayflower) Wendie King (Mayflower) Neil Newland (Mayflower) Dave Burns (Colchester) Brad Hurr (WEB) Felicity Hurr (WEB)

01.25 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

BALDWIN TROPHY – Dave Scorah (Mayflower)
BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Dave Burns (Colchester)
BILL TUCKER AWARD – Mike Gissing (Blue Arrows)
GRAHAM SIBLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY – Julie Bishop (Mayflower)
VICTOR LUDORUM TROPHY – Not Awarded
JUNIOR MILLENNIUM TROPHY – Not Awarded
THELMA DAVISON SALVER – Julian Hurst (Colchester)
THELMA DAVISON CUP – Not Awarded
JOE DORMER SHIELD – Not Awarded

ANY OTHER AWARDS – None notified

02.25 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:

SENIOR COLOURS (Target): Dermot Burns (Braintree) Harry Cossey (Noak Hill) Chris Higgins (CTRA)

SENIOR DATE BARS (Target): Mark Turner (West Essex) Richard Burgess (Braintree) Tony Gedalovitch (Noak Hill) Brian Lock (West Essex) David Fellman (Blue Arrows) Anthony Maher (Noak Hill) Eric Mallet (Abbey Bowmen) Mark Lawrence (Noak Hill) Sharon Lawrence (Noak Hill) Michael Judd (Mayflower) Paul West (Rayleigh Town)

JUNIOR COLOURS (Target):

JUNIOR DATE BARS (Target):

FIELD COLOURS: Chris Higgins (CTRA – 2023) Geri Rees-Nurse (Malgrave – 2023)

FIELD DATE BARS:

03.25 SUMMER OUTDOOR LEAGUE:

ALBION LEAGUE: Mayflower – Top Scorers – Michael Judd (Mayflower) Felicity Hurr (West Essex)
WINDSOR LEAGUE: Division 1 - Colchester – Top Scorers – Sam Mortimer (Ardleigh) Rosie Woodgate (Rushgreen)
Division 2 – Mayflower – Top Scorers – Neil Newland (Mayflower) Roz Crowley (Mayflower)

The meeting began with 1 minute silence in remembrance of those whom we have lost this year.

04.25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alan Munson (Blue Arrows) Alex Purser (Mayflower) Anna Heaven (Deben)

05.25 MINUTES OF AGM 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

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There being no questions or corrections, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
Proposed by Wendie King, seconded by Brian Lock.

06.25 MATTERS ARISING:

Wendie King raised a question around the compound league. It was explained that for 2024 there was no volunteer to run this, but for 2025, we have a volunteer and this league will run this year.

07.25 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Firstly, thanks to those who accepted nominations for the County committee and offices.

I know the work and knowledge from your clubs will be valuable to the County.

Especially, I would commend Kevin, who has brought the Treasurer role into the 21st century at last.

The Officers Reports following - you may have read these earlier - are mainly optimistic for this year.

As a personal note, at last week's Indoor we had more County juniors attending since pre-Covid, and new faces and members of clubs we rarely see about.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

08.25 REPORT FROM HON. SECRETARY:

It has been another excellent year of archery for the county, and it has been a year of changes. There have been several changes to the committee, and some new ways of working. Some of these have taken some getting used to, and we are aware that there have been some issues. We are working together to ensure that these issues are improved for the coming year.

Our outdoor shoots were well attended and our thanks as a county go out to the TO's and their teams of field party and work party. We know that a lot of hard work goes into these competitions, and it is appreciated.

We continue to grow as a county, with 1396 archers, over 30 clubs. We have 6 judges, and a total of 60 coaches, from Level 1 and Session coaches, through to Senior coaches.

Once again, I would like to personally thank all of those who have supported me in my role, either physically or emotionally, those who have responded to my numerous emails, and those who work in the background to support others. The county is run by volunteers, and whilst we all do all we can to help your county run smoothly to support the sport we love, it is also true that all of us have other jobs, and the exec are ever grateful to those members of the county who give up their valuable time to help others continue to shoot.

We were still low on nominations again this year, and we would like to see as many members as possible get involved in the AGM, so please do spend some time over this year thinking about any members of the county you think deserve to be recognised. Also, if you think that you could contribute to the running of the county, either in a major way or in a small one, please speak to the members of the exec and we will discuss how you can help.

2025 looks set to be yet another excellent year for the county, with tournaments, county shoots, team events, more coaching and lots of archery to come. I am sure I will see many of you on a field, at a range or at a meeting somewhere across the year, so happy shooting. Whatever your role in archery, enjoy it and I hope it continues to give you as much pleasure as it does me. Happy 2025.

09.25 REPORT FROM HON. TREASURER:

This has been my first year in post, never having done this type of role before. It has been stressful at times getting to grips with how it all works, but I'm very pleased to say that the accounts are in balance as at 31st December 2024 and have been audited to confirm this. Online banking has been set up so incoming cheques can be scanned; outgoing payments can be made instantly, and the accounts can be easily monitored. The Income and Expenditure sheet (attached) shows an overall profit of £1,478.65 for 2024 with total funds of £35,801.71 available across the two bank accounts and cash in hand. A few highlights compared to last year: - overall affiliations were slightly down - Summer League entries were up - the county Target and Indoor shoots made a profit - the county Clout and Field shoots did not take place, although the latter paid out for Record Status before it was called off - the WA1440 incurred a loss, in part due to there being an intercounty match so the Essex & Suffolk archers had free entry - Match costs were up with lots of new shirts paid for and several teams going to the National Intercounty Champs at Lilleshall - income from Coaching and Development sessions was up - Deposit Account interest has more than doubled as I transferred £10k across from the current account, which explains the differences in the Balance Sheet figures on the lower right hand side. Spoiler alert, 2025 may run at a loss as I purchased a bulk order of medals and county colours badges to take advantage of a lower per item cost and these should last four to five years.

10:25 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER:

Good afternoon, everyone.

This was my first year as general member to ECAA. It's been fairly quiet this year with only a few questions.

1. A request for information about how to contact ECAA committee members as they couldn't access the website.

This was forwarded to the committee and dealt with. This issue has now been resolved.

2. A request for information about how to claim a county record.

This again was forwarded to the committee and the process returned to me. This was then sent to the archer who made a successful claim.

That's it for this year. Keep your club members informed about how to contact the county committee. I am there as their voice and happy to help.

Thanks for your support.

There was a question from the floor as to the best way to contact the General Member. It was explained that there is a General Member email address, and this is now working correctly. It was further suggested that copying in the Chair and Secretary would ensure that questions and comments reach the committee.

11.25 REPORT FROM RECORDS (TARGET/ FLIGHT/ CLOUT / JUNIOR) OFFICER:

I have to start with an apology. In addition to being webmaster, my other hat for ECAA is records officer for both juniors and seniors, and due to my emergency surgery, the ratification and handing out of the certificates has been delayed. All submitted records during this year have now been ratified and certificates will be sent out within the next few weeks.

Juniors: It's great to see new junior records being set and that happened on numerous occasions this year, with a few being broken as well. In total we received 12 junior records.

Seniors: A steady flow of records came in during the last year. Some longstanding longbow records have been broken. This year we received 11 senior records.

I have enjoyed seeing the achievements from juniors as well as seniors and I hope many more records will be set and broken in the years to come. Taking on both junior and senior records officer roles has proven too much for me to be able to dedicate time to, as well as being webmaster, so I am standing down as records officer. I will support the new records officer and hope that together we can make improvements to the records system.

12.25 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:

2024 has also been a very quiet year for me until Sunday 06 October at the Surrey Open Field Championships, when Stephen List of Gipping Valley Archers broke the Archery GB National Animal round with a score of 115, 19 hits, and one kill, shooting the Men's Longbow discipline. Then a month later (03 November), Stephen List travelled to the Cheshire Field, which also incorporated the Northern Counties Archery Society Field Archery Championships, plus an Open event, to shoot the World Archery 24 Mixed with a score of 126, shooting this time his American Flat Bow. Both of these records are open, in other words have never been claimed before, so congratulations to him for his achievements on both records.

Unfortunately, there are no Field Colours and/or Date Bars for 2024, due sadly to our own County and Open Field Championships that were cancelled in October. However, there were two archers who were awarded their Field Colours and Date Bars for 2023 which I was unaware of. The two people are Chris Higgins and Geri Rees-Nurse, who I would like to personally congratulate for their achievements. The shoot that they went to in 2023 was against Kent, and held in Kent. I would like to draw your attention to this shoot as there were a number of Essex archers who represented the County, some for the first time, and are on the first rung of the ladder to gain their colours. There are also a number of people who had represented the County on their second appearance, and who just need another representation to gain their colours. Usually, at our County Field Championships there is a county team event where archers compete against another county. It is usually made up of the highest compound archer, sighted archer, unsighted archer (longbow or barebow), and either a lady or a junior boy/girl. So, let's hope that the County Field Championships goes ahead.

Finally, may I remind members to ensure that they get their claims in to me within three months of the record/s being shot, along with the result sheet/and or score sheet as proof of shooting (this ruling is in the constitution). The claim forms and instructions on how to make a claim are on the website – thank you very much for your co-operation.

May I wish you all good shooting for 2025.

13.25 REPORT FROM OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:

In 2024, the Albion League remained as a single division, with six teams. The season was hard fought and came down to small margins at a few matches to decide who won the league. Mayflower came out on top by winning four out of the five matches, putting Chelmsford Tudor Rose into second place for the second year running. Congratulations to Mayflower who successfully defended their title from the previous year. 2024's competition saw the official introduction of the Windsor League to the ECAA Summer League, after being run for two seasons to gauge if there was enough interest in shooting a handicap league. 2024 saw the Windsor League expand from one division to two divisions. Division 1 was won by Colchester, who won all of their matches, repeating their table topping form from 2023. Division 2 was won by Mayflower, who won all of their matches, this being their first time taking part in the Windsor League. Mayflower by winning division 2 gets promoted to Division 1, swapping places with West Essex for the 2025 season. Congratulations to Mayflower on winning the Albion League and Windsor division 2 titles. Also, to Colchester on winning Windsor division 1. The 2025 Summer League entry forms are available on the ECAA website. The closing date for entries and payment of the £8 fee, will be at the ECAA AGM in February. So far, we have more teams than ever in the leagues. We have 7 in Windsor and 8 in Albion. This means 2 divisions for each league. Ardleigh have decided to move from the Windsor League to the Albion League, which was the purpose of the Windsor League when it was created.

The dates for 2025 season have been confirmed as:

Match 1. 04/05/2025
Match 2. 08/06/2025
Match 3. 06/07/2025
Match 4. 03/08/2025
Match 5. 07/09/2025

14.25 REPORT FROM COACHING ORGANISER:

Coaching days

During the 2024 outdoor season, we ran a series of drop-in coaching clinics at different clubs across Essex and Suffolk, which were well received by both coaches and archers. Sessions had an average attendance of 14 archers and 6 coaches, and I would like to thank Mayflower, Deben, Gipping Valley, Colchester, Ardleigh and West Essex for hosting these events.

Over the winter, we have also been running a series of 4 archer development days at Gosfield School. The first 3 sessions have been well attended, with an average of 21 archers and 14 coaches. Once again, these sessions have also included CPD sessions for coaches, who have appreciated the opportunity to work with and shadow others of different levels or with different areas of expertise.

Thank you to Mayflower for hosting a county squad training day at the beginning of September, giving the archers who had been selected to shoot at the National County Team Championships the opportunity to train together before the competition.

We have had a great team of coaches assisting at these coaching sessions again this year, and I would like to thank everyone who has attended for their hard work and support - we couldn't run events like these without you.

Coach Development

ECAA organised and facilitated two in-person session coach days and a development coach course in 2024. Thanks to Anna Heaven for being the coach educator for these sessions, and congratulations to the ECAA coaches who took part and gained their coaching qualifications.

We are currently organising two more in-person session coach days in the spring, and if anyone is interested in attending, please contact the CCO.

Renewals

Once again, thank you to David Scolah for his hard work handling the renewals for ECAA.

15.25 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER:

This year has been successful for team Essex, introducing several new archers to the team. So, congratulations to Lorna Eves, Grace Tedore, Alex Sarzi-Sartori, James Roberts, Phillip Dunn, Brad Hurr, Felicity Hurr, Lisa Wakeman, Deb Horn, Dave Burns and Hari Shukla.

We have met every team event with great strength, winning in many of our divisions. Last year, we attended the Kent 4-way intercounty event. We took wins in the recurve, longbow and barebow, with an overall win against the likes of Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Later in the season, Essex held a team event against Norfolk, held at Rayleigh Archers. Shooting a 1440, we yet again demonstrated some quality shooting but were held to a draw on the overall result. A few weeks later, we travelled down to Andover for the SCAS team event. We took first place in several disciplines, with Essex standing victorious as a team.

To finish the outdoor season, we sent the Essex team to Lilleshall for the National team event. We had representatives in gents/ladies recurve, gents/ladies longbow plus gents barebow.

I would like to congratulate everyone who represented Essex throughout the year.

Unfortunately, I have taken the decision to stand down as team manager. During my time we were struggling to get together ladies teams in recurve, barebow and compound. Fast forward and the number of scores submitted for these disciplines has more than doubled. For those who have long considered representing Essex, please don't feel you're not good enough as all the above archers have proven it is possible. Good luck to the new team manager and may the Essex team continue to grow.

16.25 REPORTS FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:

16.25a Indoor

Indoor 2024: The championship was held over the weekend after the AGM. We had 108 entrants: 83 from Essex, and 25 visitors from a number of clubs from Kent, Herts, Middx and Surrey. Indoor 2025: The championship will be held over the weekend before the AGM. All places were booked early in January. It is welcome to have archers from County clubs that rarely come to competitions. Also, it is pleasing the numbers of juniors attending has over doubled at recent competitions.

16.25b Clout – not held this year

16.25c Target –

We finished up with 93 archers entered for the one-day event this year, which included 17 juniors. It was so nice to see so many targets set up for the shoot.

Noak Hill Archers made us very welcome, and I would like to thank them for helping out the county. A thanks also for Mr Sean Fortune for agreeing to be our Lord Patron for the day.

Also, a big shout out to Graham Harris from Clickers Archery who sponsored the target faces. He is such a help to the archery community, and I can't thank him enough for his patronage. He has also agreed to sponsor the faces for 2025.

There were some good scores gained, with twelve rose awards claimed - two junior, four senior and six 50+. We also had three 50+ UK record claims.

But almost as importantly, everyone had a great day out shooting and the weather was pretty good as well. The overall cost of running the event was easily covered by the entry fees. We even secured a profit of £268 which will enable us to run next year's event with only a small increase.

Moving on, this coming year we are continuing with a single day combining the Junior and Senior competitions on Sunday 1st June 2024. With that, can I put a big shout out to all the juniors and their parents - would love to welcome you all to the county outdoor shoot. You will only be shooting a distance that is appropriate for your age and you can meet loads of other archers from all over the county. It's also quite a fun day out.

Lastly, don't forget we also run a Western round included in this event, so if there are any archers out there who are daunted by the longer distances, then that's the round for you.

That's enough from me today but if there are any questions feel free to ask.

I am more than happy to continue as the county Target champs TO if you, the county, are happy for me to do so.

16.25d WA 1440 –

Rayleigh Town Archery Club hosted the Essex County WA1440 competition on Sunday 21st July 2024.

26 bosses across the field with 43 men, 17 women, 1 junior boy and 1 junior girl (arrived but didn't shoot as her dad put the wrong bow in the car, so they left to go buy a puppy).

26 archers from outside the county mainly due to the intercounty match ECAA Vs Norfolk.

One junior ?????? If anyone can explain this and what we can do to encourage more juniors to take part in our competition as over past few years we are always low in junior numbers, then I'm all ears. We were even part of the SCAYT listings for competitions.

Weather was kind to us throughout the day (from what I can remember).

Several badge claims were made.

A few arrows were lost, mainly by Norfolk archers, apart from one Essex archer who didn't realise they lost an arrow.

An enjoyable day was had by all archers and judges I'm assuming as I heard of no issues.

One Essex archer walked away with a collection of trophies.

This year's WA1440 will be brought forward a week as the date clashes with the national tour stage in Barnsley again so the date will be Sunday 13th July 2025.

RTAC is looking to host a double WA720 on the Saturday 12th July 2025 (seems to be the thing this year. not jumping on the bandwagon).....more details out soon.

16.25e Field –

The 2024 County Field Championships was scheduled for Sunday 6th October 2024. Panther Bowmen had, again, kindly agreed to allow the County the use of their field course at Runwell Hall Farm. Unfortunately, two weeks ahead of the shoot we only had 35 entries and Paul and I made the very difficult decision to cancel the shoot as it just wasn't viable.

It may be thought that 35 archers was an acceptable number, but when you consider the amount of set up and work that is required to create, plan and set up a WA field course and that number was only just over half the maximum capacity for the shoot we just felt it wasn't viable. This is normally a shoot that is either full or full with a waiting list so what was different in 2024?

Put simply, not enough people were aware of its existence. Nearly all entrants were those who enter either all or most years and so went looking for the entry form. The entry form could only be found on Sport 80. The date of the shoot and link to entry form was never added to the county calendar. The details of the shoot were not circulated to county clubs. These are unfortunately not tasks that I am able to do myself as I don't have relevant permissions or logins and so asked other committee members to undertake them for me. I then, incorrectly, assumed that they would be done.

All of the County champs, including the Field, are COUNTY shoots, and thus must be supported and advertised by the entire County committee. In this the County failed its membership.

Paul and I have worked together on this shoot for around eight years now and we love that fact that we see many of the same entrants year after year, but also that we get so many entrants trying field for the first time, and they go home with a smile on their face! There are very few opportunities for field shooting in Essex, and many archers don't otherwise get the opportunity to experience it. For these reasons I think the inclusion of a record status field shoot on the County calendar is important. The County should represent all archers and disciplines and as such should aim to support them. New archers should be encouraged to try different disciplines and levels of archery in order to find the one they love – by doing this we are more likely to keep archers shooting!

So, what changes for 2025?

Well, Paul and I are determined to make the 2025 Field Champs a success!

The Committee will be asked to commit to supporting it and commit to deadlines for uploading dates and entry forms onto the website. I have now created my own distribution list and so will be communicating details of the shoot, repeatedly, over the coming months. I will be asking other committee members to 'spread the word' within their own clubs and at shoots they may attend. I will be asking our team of county judges whether they would be willing or able to 'spread the word' about the shoot (and other county shoots) whilst they are judging. I will be pursuing the inclusion of the shoot on county and club Facebook pages and generally making a nuisance of myself!

Looking forward to a more positive 2025.

17.25 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER:

This is my second year in the post of Webmaster. Everything was going well until I had to undergo emergency spinal surgery, and unfortunately, due to that, things with the website and communications didn't go as planned. We are sorting out processes to provide cover for situations like this to ensure we still keep going. I'm getting back to a place where things are starting to run better again, and I hope to continue to make improvements.

One thing I want to implement this year is a collaborative space online where ECAA officers can store documents, share calendars, and work together to enable us to work more efficiently and also improve planning regarding communications and updates to the various channels that we manage.

I would like to encourage clubs to keep sending in your competition days and any information that you want to share with the county. The newsletter is something I want to send out regularly, so if you have any content you want to add, please let me know.

18.25 REPORT FROM SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Nothing to report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

19.25 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Nominated	Proposed by
Alex Sarzi-Sartori	Michael Bell

20.25 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Nominated	Proposed by
Sean Fortune	Huw Lillywhite

21.25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

Nominated	Proposed by
Jason Pretlove	Kevin Juniper Clacton AC

22.25 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY:

Nominated	Proposed by
Deb Horn	Huw Lillywhite

23.25 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Kevin Juniper	Chris Higgins

24.25 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Paul Tolson	Dawn Tolson

25.25 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Felicity Hurr	Brad Hurr

26.25 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Felicity Hurr	Brad Hurr

27.25 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Marion Saville	Dennis Saville

28.25 ELECTION OF OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:

Nominated	Proposed by
Chris Higgins	Kevin Juniper

29.25 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:

29.25a INDOOR TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

Nominated	Proposed by
Martin Skinner	CTRA

29.25b TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nominated	Proposed by
Mark Lawrence	Noak Hill Archers

29.25c WA1440 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nominated	Proposed by
Paul West	RTAC

29.25d FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nominated	Proposed by
Laura Purser & Paul Clark	Deb Horn

29.25e CLOUT CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nominated	Proposed by

30.25 ELECTION OF COUNTY COACHING ORGANISER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Emma Broxholme	Robert Brown

31.25 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Laurence Easton	Noak Hill

32.25 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Sarah West	Paul West

33.25 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Dave Burns	Ben Jones

34.25 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Wilco van Kleef Bolton	Sean Fortune

35.25 ELECTION OF SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Nominated	Proposed by
Anna Heaven	Deb Horn

Having no contested nominations, the vote was taken en bloc, all unanimous.

36.25 Any Other Business – at the discretion of the President

- a. Laura Purser asked a question around claiming the Victor Ludorum trophy, as some shoots did not run this year. It was clarified that archers can apply for the trophy if the shoots haven't run, but they have shot everything that was run. This will be well publicized to the members of the county to ensure that there are nominations received next year. There was also discussion around a new plan to ensure that the Joe Dormer and Thelma Davison Junior Handicap trophies can be awarded next year.
- b. Alex S-S asked a question around dates for the clout shoots, which have not run this year due to lack of ground. Ardleigh may be able to help with this if the dates fit. It was clarified that the shoots used to be April and August, but we can be flexible if it means they run. Paul Clark pointed out that in recent years, the shoots were run on the same weekend, with the metric on one day and imperial on the other. It was also noted that Woodford used to run a 'come and try' the weekend before.
- c. There was a suggestion around using a Google calendar for tournaments etc to prevent things falling through the cracks. This would allow all TO's, judges, and relevant stake holders to have access to the calendar so that people can be more independent in their use. This will be looked into by the committee, with a decision made by the March committee meeting.
- d. Paul Clark asked a question around judging. He has had clubs asking for judges because they are unaware of how to contact people. It was agreed that we need a central contact, maybe a judging co-ordinator. We could co-opt a member for the first year, trial the position and then make it formal next year. Judges get little support elsewhere, and a co-ordinator would support this. Paul Clark agreed to think about being involved in this. We could have a page on the Google calendar for judges to share their availability. This could include judges from outside of Essex & Suffolk who are willing to judge in Essex. We also need clarity on the level of judge required – Regional if WRS, National if H2H. It was agreed that this position needs to be a senior judge, although it was pointed out that there are only 3 of these in county.
- e. There was discussion around training / mentoring of TO's to ensure that there is a body of people who are able and willing to run shoots, both for and within the county.
- f. We need a county field party to support at events, with setting up and field party on the day. We can ask for a county field party of volunteers. We can add to the GC to ask for field party the day before to help set up.

- g. Chris Higgins asked can we please have the results for the 2024 League on the website as soon as possible. They are currently missing. Webmaster agreed to upload these as soon as possible. It was then discussed that it may be possible to allow TOs to upload their own results directly to the website rather than relying on the webmaster, which would streamline the process and allow less chance of things not working well. The Webmaster will look into how easy this will be to arrange.
- h. There seem to be lots of issues around the Mail Chimp emails that are being sent out. We need to look at this. There are also issues around the Ionos system that is used by the committee for their emails. We need to decide if we are continuing with the same system or if we change it. Could we use Facebook as an additional form of communication? This is an issue if people don't use it, but could be an addition to the emails etc. Maybe WhatsApp, as we could have a community, rather than a group. The more means of communication we have, the better. Brian Lock to liaise with the webmaster to create a task list to support us in moving forward. It was suggested that we may need a communications officer to support the webmaster. This could be co-opted by the webmaster as a support role.
- i. Paul Clark proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for their work and wished them luck for the following year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 13:58