



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

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Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 03 September 2025 via Zoom commencing at 20.00hrs

AGENDA

Attendees: Jason Pretlove (Vice Chair), Deb Horn (Hon. Secretary), Kevin Juniper (Hon Treasurer), Martin Skinner (President), Alex Sarzi-Sartori (Vice President), Dawn Tolson (Vice President), Paul Tolson (General Member), Sarah West (Team Manager), Dave Burns (Ass Team Manager), Wilco van Kleef Bolton (Webmaster), Emma Broxholme (CCO), Chris Higgins (League Secretary), Paul West (TO 1440), Laura Purser (TO Field) Trevor Benjamin (Gipping Valley) Mark Lawrence (TO Target Champs), Felicity Hurr (Records Officer), Chris Jordan (RTAC), Alan Munson (Blue Arrows),

87.25 Apologies for Absence

Paul Clark (CTRA), Alex Purser (Mayflower), Dave Scolah (Mayflower),

88.25 Additional matters for Any Other Business

Some matters to be raised

89.25 Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd July

Taken as submitted, with no corrections. Proposed by Dawn Tolson, Seconded by Sarah West

90.25 Matters Arising

None

9.25 Chairman's Remarks

The Chair was not present. Vice Chair, acting in the role, declined to make any comments.

92.25 Coaching Sub-Committee Update

Everything is ticking over nicely. There was a coaching clinic last weekend, and the juniors will take place in 2 weeks. There are squad sessions and the barebow masterclass coming up. The compound masterclass had 15 people, which is a good improvement on previous sessions.

Dates for indoors for next year are currently being planned and will be released as soon as they are confirmed.

93.25 Leagues Update

Albion – the dates have been planned for the next 4 years, so that these can be added to the calendar well in advance to help avoid clashes.



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2026

3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd Aug & 6th Sept.

2027

2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st Aug & 5th Sept.

2028

7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 6th Aug & 3rd Sept

2029

6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th Aug & 2nd Sept

Longbow league - details have been sent to Wilco to add to the website. The final of the league was shot all at a match. There were 16 archers from 6 different clubs. This was a positive test, so we will repeat it next year. Kevin Juniper has agreed to be Lord P.

2026 will be the 60th year of the Andy Harris league, this will be celebrated. We have yet to agree how this will be done.

Alex Sarzi-Sartori asked about a county Frostbite league. We do not run one of these. There is the Selby league if clubs want to enter this.

94.25 Tournaments Update

Indoors – this is booked for 2026 14th / 15th February – details will be out in October. There will be a QR code at the Field shoot.

Target Champs – the event has been cloned on TryBooking. It will be 31st May, which is the same weekend as last year. There is a possibility that we could go 2 days, but maybe not this year. TO will apply for RS shortly. The invoice will go straight to Kevin Juniper to pay

1440 – 63 entered, 11 dropped out. 49 shot, 2 retired, 12 from outside county. Next year it will be on 26th July. This is all ready to go. Can we increase the entry fee? We broke even this year. Historically, we tried to keep instep with other shoots of a comparable standard. 1440 tends to be low entry anyway. Date can be an issue (summer holidays) Could move 1440 earlier, might improve entry numbers. Do we change the format? What do we actually want? We need to ask the archers of the county. Let's get a form out to county and ask what they want. We will not make changes this year, but will look for evidence for next year. We could move to releasing the shoots the day after the current one. Will open this week.

Field – This is full, with a waiting list. We are very happy and positive. This has been achieved through more circulation, and we even have some out of county archers. Could we do 24 target? Currently, archers can't use it for team selection as it is 2 targets repeated. We need to speak to Panther.



95.25 County Calendar

The shoot at Blue Arrows in January clashes with Rayleigh. Blue Arrows Hall is booked, and has been for a few months, RTAC can't move either. Can the two shoots run alongside each other. For this to happen they both need timing systems. We can't borrow from Clickers as it will be in use elsewhere (Peacock). We could try to borrow the Chrono from Kent. Deb Horn will ask if this is possible. A Portsmouth could be done on stop watches if needed. There are ways to manage this. Blue Arrows does not have entries, so that could be the one to move. Alan to see if it could be moved. (Could we buy a second controller for the Danage system and run 2 sets? We would need a box and more cables. We need to investigate the cost of new bits.)

We need to ensure that TOs are sending details to the Webmaster in good time so that they can go on the calendar. We cannot add what we don't have.

96.25 Any Other Business

Felicity Hurr presented records to be ratify – these are attached to these minutes. All records were ratified.

There was a question about submissions from junior archers. RO has received some which are incorrectly completed. They need to complete the form correctly, and within 3 months of the date of the shoot. We could discuss these being submitted late at the November meeting.

Kevin Juniper – Can we have any junior intercounty shoots? There are not many junior archers around. Mayflower have some, Hari Shukla wants to shoot for county. We need to put feelers out to other counties and see if they have the appetite to set up a match. We will need to host some of these. We could then include juniors in these matches. Mark Lawrence volunteered to TO a match. We need email addresses for Team Managers in local counties. Alex Purser and Deb Horn will look to get contact details for other counties. Alan Munson agreed to ask about the Blue Arrows ground. Could we incorporate it into the current matches.

Paul Clark – Could we buy new bosses for the field shoot? We would need 10. Colchester have some to dispose of, but they would not be any good. Could we rent them? Could we borrow them from closer to home? This would not work. Do we want to invest in field archery? Panther are continuing to expand, but will be NFAS based, rather than AGB. We can look at this over the next year, as this is not for this October.

Dave Burns – When will the records page be updated with new records? There are some that have been broken but not updated. Updated sheet has been submitted to secretary and webmaster, so this can be done.

Laura Purser – where are we at with the chair role? We need to advertise for the role, which we will be doing closer to the time. Will the current VC stay on next year? Yes, if required.

Alex Sarzi-Sartori – do we need a different venue for the longbow shoot at the end of the league next year Ardleigh would like to volunteer. Mark Lawrence would be very grateful.



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Meeting ended at 10:07

Date of Next Meeting **5th November 2025**