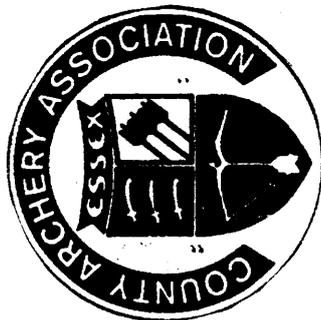


# ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING

2.30pm SUNDAY  
3rd FEBRUARY 2008

TO BE HELD AT

MARCONI SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB  
BEEHIVE LANE, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX

G. J. SIBLEY HONORARY SECRETARY

15th December 2007

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**PRESENT:** G.Sibley (Hon.Life Vice President and Secretary), C.Wooff (Hon.Life Vice President), 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), Mrs.A.Stevens (General Member), representatives from Ardleigh, Ascham, Pilgrim, HNA, SEAC, Burntwood, Oakfield, Noak Hill, Southend, Rayleigh, Racketts, Priory, Grays, Albemarle, Mayflower, Framlingham, West Essex, Abbey, Tudor Rose and Direct members. Total in attendance 52.

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING WELCOME:** Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Essex County Archery Association. It is nice to see such a good attendance. You may already have heard of the sad passing of some of our past members during 2007. Doug Stanford, a late member of the Pilgrim Archers and Abbey Bowmen, a past President of the Essex County Archery Association and a Red Tassel holder. Doug was always ready to help as a working party member and, as a coach he was involved in coaching throughout Essex and Suffolk where he did a great deal to further interest in traditional longbow shooting. Ena Butcher, a past member of Harlow Bowmen who shot in the Essex Recurve team on many occasions. Bruce Martin, a past member of Oakfield Archers and Mayflower Archers. Bruce Garrett, a past member of HNA. Dennis Lungley, a past member of Braintree Bowmen who also shot in the County team. June Munroe, one of the founder members of Essex County Archery Association and a Red Tassel holder when she belonged to Bowmen of Ardleigh. May I ask you all to be upstanding to observe a minute's silence as a sign of our respect?

**10/08 PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:**

**THE BALDWIN TROPHY** – Awarded to Mr. Graham Hill (West Essex). A former Treasurer and Chairman of West Essex Bowmen, this year he has organised three beginners' courses and, along with other club members introduced our sport to over 40 people. Always one of the first on the volunteer list, he is involved in liaisons with judges and other officials as well as setting up the field. He organises training sessions with club coaches for club members and, more specifically, new members to ensure they continue to get enjoyment from the sport and do not become disillusioned by lack of progress. He is an example to all.

**THE BILL GRIGGS TROPHY** – Awarded to Mr. Michael Peart (Deben). Michael has been in the National Squad and competed all over the world at International level. He has also shot two FITA scores over 1300 although, to our knowledge, he has not claimed them as a record. He is a pleasant, quiet gentleman who is happy to help others. We congratulate him on all he has achieved. Supporting evidence can be found on the FITA and GNAS websites.

**THE BILL TUCKER AWARD** – Awarded to Mrs. Agnes Stevens (Abbey).

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

**THE MILLENIUM TROPHY** – Awarded to Andrew Devlin (Oakfield).

**THE THELMA DAVISON SALVER** – Awarded to Mrs. Maggie Pearce (HNA). A lady who has fulfilled her duties for the County as a Non-Executive officer plus the arduous task as a Field Judge at various tournaments. She has also been involved in producing results and, in addition, she finds the energy to run the Longbow League. She is a true worker but occasionally, when the smile slips, one can see the pain she is hiding for the love of the sport.

**THE THELMA DAVISON CUP (handicap recurve)** – Awarded to Andrew Devlin (Oakfield).

**JOE DORMER SHIELD (handicap compound)** - Awarded to Rees Powell (Rayleigh).

**NATIONAL RECORD PLAQUES** awarded to Andrew Devlin (Oakfield), Ben Brown (Rayleigh), Daisy Clark (Tudor Rose) also awarded to Daisy were two plaques, SCAS brooch and a trophy from Nation Indoor Junior Championships.

**PRESENTATION FROM EGAC** – Awarded to Mr. Chris Smith. Chris has worked very hard within Essex. Now retired from an active part of the Coaching scene and taken Emeritus status.

**11/08 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:**

**COLOURS/DATE BAR** – Gent: P.Glover (Mayflower). Girl: S.Brown (Rayleigh). Boys: R.Powell (Rayleigh), A.Kharpal (HNA), E.Kearse (Colchester). **DATE BAR** – Ladies: J.Ikel (Oakfield), P.Spragg (Oakfield). Gents: D.Collins (Ardleigh), D.Foster (Abbey), D.Lawless (Braintree), T.Riddick (Grays), S.Spragg (Oakfield), T.Maher (Oakfield), M.Skinner (Tudor Rose), M.Vaughan (Mayflower), H.Grove (Albemarle), M.Peart (Deben), P.Walker (Burntwood). Boys: A.Devlin (Oakfield), A.Mockett (West Essex).

**12/08 SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS:**

Division 1	West Essex A	Miss L.Roberts (Oakfield)	N.Smith (West Essex)
Division 2	Ascham A	Mrs.J.Stock (West Essex)	D.Collins (Ardleigh)
Division 3	Ascham B	Mrs.V.Foster (Ascham)	B.Dorling (Rushgreen)
Division 4	West Essex C	Mrs.J.Krausbauer (Holdens)	D.Hurdle (West Essex)

**13/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from R.Markham (Mayflower), C.Bushell (Malgrave), Mrs.J.Drinkwater (Framlingham), J.Wilson (Rayleigh), S.Osborne (Gyppeswyck).

**14/08 MINUTES OF AGM 04.02.07** having been circulated were taken as read, seconded T.Ikel (Oakfield), accepted by the meeting and signed by the President.

**15/08 MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**16/08 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** It was very disappointing that we could not keep the Essex Bowman going because we were unable to find a replacement Editor. However, luck was with us when Robert Markham produced a website and, through this we have been able to keep abreast of the county's affairs, which has been possible due to the hours of work put in by Robert. I would like to thank him on your behalf. There is quite a list of Essex Officers who are deserving of our appreciation, namely; Graham Sibley - our County Secretary - in addition to his normal workload, he also judges at various shoots and takes on the organisation of three of Southern Counties premier events. Betty Sibley does the catering for the Team Championships and donates all of the food. Thank you Betty. Robin Frost - our County Chairman - has been working hard setting up challenging field courses so that archers who have not tried field shooting can experience the difference between field and target archery. John Neal - our vice Chairman - who has ably taken the Chair when necessary. Martin Skinner - our Treasurer - who has been handling the County's finances in his usual quiet and efficient manner. Agnes Stevens - our retiring General Member - Agnes has been the archers' voice in this position on the Executive for many years and has done a fine job. Thank you also to all of our County Championship Organisers: Indoor: Mick and Maggie Pearce Clout: Members of Woodford Archers Target: Andy Reeves and the members of Noak Hill Archers FITA: Mick and Maggie Pearce and Havering Nalgo Archers (Also Noak Hill Archers for the use of their ground at short notice due to vandalism at HNA's ground). Field: Robin Frost and Chris Bushell and members of Panther Bowmen. Maggie Pearce, Tony Ikel, and Eric Davies our records officers have been very busy this year having National and County records claimed, although the first over 1300 FITA score shot in competition by one of our members was never claimed. Nevertheless I would like to congratulate Michael Peart who, to my knowledge, has twice broken the 1300 level. The Coaching Group still keeps very busy with coach training and coaching sessions around the county. Two of the power houses within the group were married - congratulations to Sandra and John Neal John Willson has been heavily involved with the National Youth Squad and the development of Archery in schools. He invited me to attend the Essex Archery Youth Games at Furtherwick Park School Canvey Island and, I must say, the students looked after me all day. The members of Rayleigh Town Archery Club had worked hard to ensure a successful day. Our Coaching Group has fulfilled a very comprehensive programme of Coach Training, Coaching, various Workshops and have also been involved with a National Youth Programme under the direction of John Willson. In the competitive field our archers, both junior and senior, have shot in National and International events and the county team has had its share of success with Peter Walker as team manager. Just a few more people to mention, who have retired and deserve our thanks for years of service; Chris Smith who has been a Senior Coach and now has Emeritus status (meaning that they let him think he has retired). There are many other people who work for us behind the scenes, but one lady I would like to mention, in particular, is Claire Stanford who ensures that the County Championship trophies are available for presentation on the appropriate dates. On behalf of the membership of the ECAA I would like to thank all the above. I attend as many club events as I can, and also try to promote shoots. The three charity shoots that I will mention at this time are: Noak Hill Archers' Novelty Shoot in aid of St. Frances Hospice, West Essex Bowmen's double 70mtr shoot in aid of The Essex Air Ambulance Service and Holdens Archers' Double American in aid of Leukaemia Research. In closing, I wish you all good health and good shooting in 2008

**17/08 REPORT FROM HON.SECRETARY:** It is pleasing to report that we have more or less maintained our membership over the past year, i.e. 1583 at the time of writing. This comprises 877 gents, 276 ladies, 316 boys, 114 girls providing a total of 58 clubs. We have temporarily lost Suffolk College who are having extensive building work carried out but they hope to be back with us at the end of 2008. We gained Broxhill Juniors, Shotley Bowmen and St.Edmunds, welcoming them into the sport. We have also re-gained Essex University. Council continued to gather at the Courage Hall with the meetings being well attended by club representatives. I would mention that other club members are welcome to attend if they wish. Thanks must go to all the Officers who give up much of their time on our behalf. All these will present their reports at this meeting. We have had many challenges from GNAS during the past few years namely the Child Protection Policy that has placed a burden on clubs to nominate a CPO. It was inferred at the last Regional meeting that the Insurance Company were considering reviewing the situation regarding those clubs who do not provide a CPO. A further review is being made of the Development Plan, previously offered under the title of Equity Policy. During the latter part of the year our good friend Doug Stanford passed away following a fall and we offer our sincere condolences to Claire and family. It was pleasing to see so many of the archery fraternity in attendance at the service in Writtle Church giving an indication of the respect the membership had for him. Be aware that 'Twilight' shooting is under review, see Archery UK Winter edition. Our President and his Lady celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and our congratulations go to them. Keep the wheels turning and let us look forward to a first class season. Report seconded by T.Ikel (Oakfield) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Graham Sibley for all his work over the years.

**18/08 REPORT FROM HON.TREASURER:** Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts tabled. Accounts healthy as did not purchase any equipment or medals. Also savings on stationery and post by using email. Report seconded by P.Walker (Burntwood) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Martin Skinner for all his work with the Accounts.

**19/08 REPORT FROM SENIOR R O:** There has been a change in how the County Records are recorded. All senior records for all styles to SRO and all junior records for all styles to JRO. Am willing to accept record claims by email as long as the Result Sheet is forwarded with the claim form. There are no Top Ten indoor lists for compound, longbow or barebow, if you would like this please let it be known to the Members Rep. There is not a Top Ten list for outdoor Barebow as have not received any scores. Tony Maher is shooting for Ireland's National Team in Longbow, Matthew Webb shooting recurve for England, Mike Peart shooting recurve for Great Britain and Philip Glover, compound, in the National Squad. Keep the scores coming in and check the County web site for records. I have asked for a Claim Form, which can be downloaded, to be put on the web, this can be sent either by email or post. Listed are Top Ten ladies and gents in Indoor recurve, outdoor recurve, outdoor compound, outdoor longbow. Report seconded by M.Pearce (HNA) and accepted by the meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Tony Ikel for all his work with the records.

**20/08 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. If your club is not sending in your scores you are perfectly entitled to send them in yourself. After several years with only a few scores to choose from I now have an excess of 30 juniors recurve archers sending scores along with compound, longbow and barebow. No records sent to me are discarded and all scores are available to the team manager when he needs to select teams for intercounty matches. Lack of junior longbow Top Ten this year but this will be rectified in the near future and will be out with future minutes of Council meetings. I wish everyone a very successful year in 2008 and hope my only moan is that I have too many scores coming in. Listed are boys and girls Top Ten recurve and records for indoor recurve, outdoor recurve, longbow and barebow. Report 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.

**21/08 REPORT FROM COMPOUND R O:** Records and Top Ten for juniors tabled, accepted by the Meeting and seconded by T.Ikel (Oakfield). Vote of thanks offered to Maggie Pearce for her work.

**22/08 REPORT FROM FIELD R O:** Report tabled (see Field T O). Records on website showing 27 new records in 2007. Report seconded by T.Ikel (Oakfield) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Robin Frost for his work.

**23/08 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT R O:** Pleased to say we have our web site up and running so all records can be viewed in the new format and are up to date. Am more pleased to say there were nine valid claims for records in 2007, unfortunately, two people lost out on their record claims due to late applications to myself. I do strongly recommend that archers look for themselves as to the status of their scores. Report seconded by P.Walker (Burntwood) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Eric Davies for his work.

**24/08 REPORT FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY:** Congratulations to the winners of the Summer League. Good scores were shot but none to beat the existing records. Gent 944 (1992), Lady 912 (2001), Team 4381 (1996). A couple of reminders: Direct members of the County should check League Rule 13 with regard to shooting in the League. Teams wishing to shoot in their Club Colours should check League Rule 17. Notification of these two items must be with the League Secretary no later than 1<sup>st</sup> April. Summer League 2008 dates are confirmed as: 18<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> August, and 21<sup>st</sup> September. Eighteen clubs have entered and the Fixture list will be out within the next few weeks. The Andy Harris League continues to go well with 42 teams in 5 divisions. Entry for next season will be out in July. Thank you to clubs who support the leagues and I hope you will continue to do so. Report seconded by A.Purser (Mayflower) 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:** Last year the Guild started a new scheme for the provision of Coaching Clinics to clubs in and around Essex. Although take up of these has been slow - we ran 4 in 2007 - we have already run two in 2008 with a further three being planned/scheduled with clubs to run before June. Those which have been run have proved popular with club members with positive feedback being received. The Wicken personal performance weekend was held once again in 2007 and was popular with those who attended. However, the rapidly rising cost of the venue imposed by Essex County Council has had to be passed on to attendees and this has undoubtedly reduced its popularity in recent years. The weekend was dealt a further blow this year with the news that ECC have sold the venue and that it will no longer be available to us. In the light of this the organisers are now reviewing the future of the event and face the difficult task of finding a new venue for the weekend. As at the start of 2007, Essex continued to have one of the highest number of coaches in any GNAS county. The breakdown is Level One 46, Coach 29, County Coach 19, Senior Coach 1, total 95. The constant enquiries about courses suggest that there are still a significant number of archers prepared to train as coaches. However, the increasingly "politically correct" and litigious society in which we live is undoubtedly the cause of some coaches opting not to renew their certificates. While the reasons for this varies, the Guild takes the concerns and potential loss of coaches seriously and to this end we are raising some issues at Regional level in an effort to ensure the interests of those who give up their time freely, are properly represented. The Guild ran its customary talks and workshops during 2007 and while we will continue to schedule some talks, we are also keen to refresh the traditional programme with a number of more practical and hands-on workshops and seminars. These will be scheduled at a variety of times / venues as required and while these will be of particular interest to coaches, where appropriate, they will be open to archers as well. Details of these will be published on the web site as the programme emerges. The Guild ran a further two Level 1 courses in 2007 and once successful assessments are completed, this will have added another 31 Level 1 coaches to the figures above. The Level 1 course continues to be popular - so much so that we are attracting candidates from several other counties. GNAS have recently announced the launch of the new Level 2 Coach course and we hope that the Guild will be in a position to run one of these in the autumn of 2008. Details will be sent out through the usual channels and on the web site as soon as we have confirmed dates / venues. GNAS were due to implement the new renewal process for ALL coach grades in January 2008. However, as a result of administrative problems at GNAS, this has had to be delayed. So, for the time being coaches will be receiving the old style renewal documents and the present process for renewal will operate. However, the new process is already in place for Level 1 and coaches due for renewal at that level this year should be prepared to do so according to the new scheme. It is hoped that we will publish further details of the new process on the web site shortly. In support of the "Continued Professional Development" (CPD) element of the new renewal process, the Guild will, wherever possible, issue certificates of attendance for events, stating the number of CPD points the event attracts. The Guild Executive would like to thank all those coaches who have assisted with Coaching Clinics and other events in 2007. Report seconded M.Vaughan (Mayflower) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to John Neal for all his work on behalf of the Guild.

**26/08 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER:** Offered thanks to Joan Ikel for her work during his first year which was a successful season for compound and recurve. Some doubt with matches for this coming season, no matches with Kent so 2-way and 4-way unlikely to happen. Thanks to all archers and support staff who have worked this year. Report seconded by T.Ikel (Oakfield) and accepted by the Meeting. Vote of thanks offered to Peter Walker for all his work on behalf of the County Team.

**27/08 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER:** Thank you to all the County's Officers for their continued hard work within their various posts, which has led to another successful year with no problems being brought to my attention. The County website has become a very useful tool for obtaining information and news. Members who have access to the Internet are no longer so reliant on their club secretary passing on information as most items can be looked up within the site. Special thanks firstly to our Web Master, Robert Markham, for setting up the site and keeping it up to date. Secondly to the various members who have taken the time to send in articles of interest. Keep up the good work. Congratulations to all who have broken County records in the various disciplines and to those who have been selected to shoot in our County Teams. Please remember Record Claim forms must be with the Records Officers within 3-months of the shoot. If the official result sheet is delayed, still send in your claim form stating that the result sheet will follow. It is upsetting for all if a record cannot be ratified due to it being received too late. To be considered for County Team selection, your scores must be sent in regularly, either by your club Records Officer or yourself direct. In brief, senior scores required by SRO from ladies shooting 48 handicap and under, gents 36 handicap and under, preferably from 12-dozen rounds shot at an Open shoot. Juniors to send all scores to JRO. You will soon be able to submit scores via the website. Now the majority of correspondence and information is sent by email it is very important that our Secretary, Graham Sibley, has the correct email address for your club contact. If you feel you are not receiving regular emails, please check that he has the address on file. Marion and Dennis Saville have again volunteered to attend GNAS AGM in April and carry our proxy votes, secretaries, please take the time to send them your votes. Last year they only received paperwork from six clubs. Had more clubs responded, our affiliations would not have gone up again. I would like to thank all Officers and members for the support given to me during the past 8-years and wish my successor an enjoyable term in Office and hope 2008 will be a successful year for all. Report seconded by R.Hutchins (SEAC) and accepted by the Meeting and . Vote of thanks offered to Agnes Stevens for her work on behalf of the County.

**28/08 REPORT FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:** INDOOR – Profit made enabling entry fee to remain for this year. Thanks to Linecutter Archery for sponsorship and who will be sponsoring again this year. Six spaces left for tournament in March. Vote of thanks offered to Mike Pearce for all his work with the Indoor Championships. CLOUT – Entry forms for this year tabled also entry form for Woodford Clout if anyone would like a practice run before the County event. Vote of thanks offered to Woodford club for the work with the Clout Championships. TARGET – Fee will be as last year. Junior day 14<sup>th</sup> June, senior day 15<sup>th</sup> June, Entry forms tabled. Juniors can shoot on the senior day but will be classified as a senior. Vote of thanks offered to Andy Reeves and Noak Hill club for all their work with the Target Championships. FITA – Due to vandalism at HNA ground they are unable to stage the event. Tudor Rose offered to organise and come back with a date. Vote of thanks offered to Mike Pearce and HNA club for all their past work with the FITA Championships and to Paul Clarke and Tudor Rose for taking it on. FIELD – Sadly the numbers of entrants this year was down on previous years, with only 50 people entering and surprisingly 10 no-shows, so only 40 people shot on the day. We had a very small number of entrants from outside of the County, and some regulars from within Essex did not enter either. It is true that this year we clashed with a two-day field shoot in Cheshire and that may have drawn people away, although we have not suffered in this way in prior years when we have clashed. I believe there was also another field shoot on in the County, which might have impacted the numbers as well. The heartening thing was that there were quite a few new faces in 2007, which is good to see. However, those who did come enjoyed some good weather. Robin had made good use of the ground as always when setting the course, and I think most people enjoyed the day. I would like to congratulate Sophie Cole, Daisy Clarke, Louise Devlin and Andrew Devlin who all set new County Records and six archers claimed Arrowhead awards on the day. My heartfelt thanks to our four judges, Andrea Hammond, Mick Pearce, Tony Ikel, and of course Robin. To Vi and George Minchin from Panther for handling the catering, to Claire Stanford for looking after the trophies and medals and to Debbie Braithwaite for gracing us as Lady Paramount. We are working on the basis of October 1<sup>st</sup> as the date for this year's Championship in order to avoid the clash we suffered last year. I think it is important to realise that as the only one-day Arrowhead tournament in the UK the Essex Championship is an excellent introduction to the mysteries of GNAS/FITA Field. Results of 2007 Field champs tabled. Vote of thanks offered to Robin Frost and Chris Bushell for all their work with the Field Championships. Reports seconded by T.Ikel (Oakfield) and accepted by the meeting.

**29/08 REPORT FROM WEB MANAGER:** Vote of thanks offered to Robert Markham for all the work done on the website on behalf of the County.

**30/08 REPORT FROM CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER:** Cannot attend meeting as in this capacity heavily involved with GNAS and junior activities. Vote of thanks offered to John Willson for his work.

**31/08 ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBER:** The nomination of Mr. Colin Wooff (currently Life Vice President) was seconded by C.Smith (Pilgrim) and agreed by the Meeting. Noted that this is the first Hon.Life Member for Essex.

**32/08 ELECTION OF LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** The nomination of Mrs .Iris Major (currently Vice President) was seconded by R.Hutchins (SEAC) and agreed by the Meeting.

**33/08 ELECTION OF (ONE) VICE-PRESIDENT 2007/2008:** Mrs .Claire Stanford was nominated, seconded and elected.

**34/07 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

- 35/07 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Mr. John Neal was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 36/07 ELECTION OF HON.SECRETARY:** Mr. Graham Sibley was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 37/07 ELECTION OF HON.TREASURER:** Mr. Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 38/07 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER:** Mr. Mike Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 39/07 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Mr. Tony Ikel was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 40/07 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:** Mrs. Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 41/07 ELECTION OF COMPOUND RECORDS OFFICER:** See 50/07 'Amendment to Constitution'.
- 42/08 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:** Mr. Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 43/07 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER:** Mr. Eric Davies was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 44/07 ELECTION OF LEAGUE SECRETARY:** Mrs. Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 45/07 ELECTION OF COACHING GUILD SECRETARY:** Mr. John Neal was elected by the Guild.
- 46/07 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:**  
 (a) Clout 2008 – Woodford. (b) Target 2008 – Mr.A.Reeves. (c) FITA 2008 – Mr.P.Clarke.  
 (d) Field 2008 – Mr.R.Frost/Mr.C.Bushell. (e) Flight – N/a. (f) Indoor 2009 – Mr.M.Pearce.  
 All separately nominated, seconded and elected.
- 47/07 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER:** To be on agenda of next meeting.
- 48/07 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER:** Mr. Peter Walker was nominated, seconded and elected.
- 49/07 ELECTION OF HON.AUDITOR:** Previous Auditors as recommended by Treasurer.
- 50/07 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:** Executive proposes the following: Item 5 (d) delete reference to 'Compound Officer'. Seconded M.Pearce (HNA) and agreed by the Meeting.

**51/07 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT):** Married Couples Award – Whilst the ECAA have no problem in recognising same gender marriages, the subject in relation to 'Married Couples Trophies' was more about the rounds to be shot to maintain fair competition with traditional male and female married couples who would shoot the round appropriate to their gender. In compliance with the new legislation on same gender marriages, ECAA would recognise this status. ECAA trophies have been amassed from donations by individuals who also stipulated the criteria governing the award for each trophy. For this reason the ECAA are not at liberty to change the existing criteria for these trophies. In the case of 'Married Couples' in particular, these trophies were received by the Association accepting the award criteria at the time they were donated interpreting the 'married' status as one female and one male, shooting in the rounds appropriate to the tournament in question. These criteria cannot be changed. However, anyone may offer a new trophy to the ECAA stating the criteria governing its award.

Being no other business, the President closed the Meeting at 4.15pm with a thank you to all on the Top Table for their work during the year. He thanked all for their attendance and wished everyone a safe journey home.

PRESIDENT .....  .....  
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