

**MINUTES OF ECAA COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
MARCONI SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, BEEHIVE LANE, CHELMSFORD  
ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

**Present:** Mrs M Hutchins (President), G Sibley (Life Vice President and Secretary), Mrs C Stanford (Vice President), M Vaughan (Vice President), R Frost (Chairman), A Purser (Vice Chairman), M Skinner (Treasurer), M Pearce (General Member), representatives from Mayflower, Pilgrim, SEAC, Colchester, Woodford, West Essex, Noak Hill, Phoenix, Rayleigh, Burntwood. Total attending = 21.

Meeting stood in memory of Frank Southwood (Holdens).

**64/11 Apologies for Absence** – Mrs I Major (Life Vice President), T Major (Pilgrim), A Ikel (Oakfield), P Whiteman (Black Stag), G Rayner (Priory).

**65/11 Matters for Any Other Business** – Various items.

**66/11 Minutes of last Meeting** having been circulated were taken as read. 55/11 Chairman's Remarks – 'three' new Officers were elected. Add Mitch Vaughan (Vice President). With this amendment the Minutes were seconded by M Pearce (General Member), accepted by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**67/11 Matters Arising** – 57/11 Badges will be available in a few weeks.

**68/11 Chairman's Remarks** – Since the last meeting there have been Annual Meetings for the Southern Counties and the Grand National Archery Societies. SCAS was attended by your representatives and a report has been published of the morning meeting. The afternoon followed in much the same manner. Life Vice President was awarded to G Potts and Life Membership was awarded to D Squibb. For the GNAS Meeting, R Frost, G Sibley, M Pearce, J Willson, Mrs M Saville and D Saville made the journey to Lilleshall. Between them there were 1045 proxy votes from some 52 clubs in Essex and Suffolk. I would like to offer grateful thanks to Marion Saville for undertaking the role of note-taker and for producing the report of the meeting which has been circulated. At the end of the formal business a number of awards were made and included amongst them was the Jack Flinton Helping Hand trophy which this year went to John Neal. Congratulations to him.

Team selection could be a problem this year with some of Essex Archers being away at National and International events so there is a possibility that the Team Manager will be casting his net a little lower in the Top Ten.

**69/11 Correspondence** – (a) Plea from new Press Relations Officer at GNAS for information from clubs. (b) Cost of Record Status to rise from £25 to £40. (c) Change of Secretary for Clacton Archers – Mr M Palfrey, 160 Frinton Road, Kirby Cross, Frinton on Sea, CO13 0PD. 01255 678108. mick.clactonarchers@yahoo.co.uk (d) Clacton Shoot 3<sup>rd</sup> July, St George/Albion/Windsor/Jnr Windsor. Entry form on website. (e) Request from Black Stag for support in their effort to get funding from local borough. Application form has been signed by Secretary. (f) It was agreed by Council in 2003 that, to encourage archers to shoot during the winter months, Warwick rounds could be shot by seniors from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March for record purposes. Original Minutes 93/03 refers and will be put on the website. The score received by Records Officer for a senior was shot in April and was, therefore, out of time. Record claim rejected by the Meeting. Warwick rounds can be shot by juniors throughout the year.

**70/11 Report of SCAS Meeting 09.04.11** – Report circulated and discussed by the Meeting.

**71/11 Report of GNAS AGM 16.04.11** – Report tabled and discussed by the Meeting. See also Chairman's Remarks.

**72/11 Calendar 2011/2012** – Nothing to report.

**73/11 Any Other Business** – (a) Reports: Indoor Organiser – Successful shoot on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011 which made a small profit. No need to raise fee for 2012 at which Record Status has been granted at the old rate. Thank you to everyone who was at the Tournament and the feed-back on the 'stands' appreciated and thanks offered to Matt Webb and Harry Grove. (b) Field Organiser (Mrs M Saville) – At the Essex Field Championships, Essex archers have been awarded both Essex and Open medals. This will no longer be the case and the Field Championship awards will be made in exactly the same manner as all other Essex tournaments. (c) Equipment Officer's Report - I would like to express my thanks once again to Harry Grove for all his efforts in making the stands and also to the archers who helped with the repairs of the equipment the other month. Also it was good to see archers from other clubs helping out with taking down the County equipment at the end of the shoot. Many thanks to them. I think that the stands proved to be a great success with one club already asking about the design. However, it was pointed out that the compound archers were striking the top support beam. This is something which needs addressing for the future. There are a few options to try and resolve this problem and I would like to recommend that the County consider buying more bosses so that we have the ability to "double boss" on every stand. I am certain there is sufficient room in the container to accommodate another 10 bosses. The overall condition of them shows there are a few which are losing their integrity due to the strapping breaking or age from wear and tear. As for modifying the stands, I am inclined not to do this as it would mean using more scrappy bits of wood in order to protect the top beam. If it is the

wish of the County to go down this route I believe there are two options open to us. Harry has offered to construct an "add on" piece which will move the top beam further up to avoid any arrow damage. The other option is to use the current bosses we have (assuming we do not buy any additional ones, as previously suggested) and double bosses for all compound targets. This would entail putting a spacing block on each of the other stands to support the target forward to maintain uniformity of line. I am also trying to tidy the County container by getting rid of all the scrappy bits which have built up over time. By doing the additional "add on" blocks to the stands I would guess that, over time, these would end up either broken or lost, contributing further to the untidiness in the container. My personal preference would be to buy new bosses which would then allow "double bosses" on all targets and I would welcome the County's approval to purchase additional bosses for this purpose. I have also been asked to obtain quotations for some new netting as I am of the opinion that it would be better to get completely new rather than stitch old netting. Based on the width (24.5m) of the Courage Hall in Brentwood I have received the following quotations using Knox netting: - Perris- It has been recommended that we allow an overhang of 7m which brings the total width to 32m with the standard 10' drop. This would cost £790, including VAT and delivery. Clickers - For the same netting with a total width of 33m will cost £840 including VAT and delivery. Still on the subject of netting, it is a well-known fact by all the helpers at the Indoor Championships that erecting the netting is a very difficult and hazardous job. Therefore, in the important interest of health and safety, one senior helper has suggested that the County should have at least 5 wooden poles to support the main weight of the netting. I have also been approached about the Danage cubes, of which we have 16. As mentioned before they are only good for corner pieces and I thought it might be worth selling them on as a backstop to other clubs/archers. If the County is in agreement with this suggestion I would like to know whether they consider £10 or £15 to be a fair price. Also, would they prefer it to be based on "first come first served" or, initially "2 blocks per club/archer"? After a set period of time they could perhaps be offered again to those who were interested before to see if they would like more. All material has been ordered for the flags which will be ready for the first event in May (County match). Because this work will cost a lot less than originally estimated, I intend to upgrade all the number boards- hopefully before the first event. Meeting agreed the purchase of ten bosses, also the purchase of back-stop netting from Perris, the five wooden poles to support the main weight of the netting and the sale of Danage cubes at £10 each on a first-come-first-served basis. Report back to next Meeting with information. Thanks offered to Matt for his comprehensive report and all the work done on behalf of the County. (d) Clout Organiser – A good turn-out for the Record Status shoot with 110 archers. Ground was a little hard but that could not be helped and it was the same for everyone. Thanks to all for the donations of trophies for the Metric Clout. The President remarked that following the County Clout Championships, she was made aware that a complaint had been made regarding the number of archers on a target exceeding the number laid down in Rules of Shooting. Nowhere in the Rules does it state the maximum number of archers on a target in Clout - Rule 700(c) - and it should be noted that the Organiser was correct in the allocation of target places and the original layout of the field complied with all the rules. (e) Judges Uniform – Following the introduction of a new uniform for Judges, ECAA agree to fund the purchase of one shirt for all active/qualified judges in Essex. Those Judges who wish to avail themselves of this need to supply a copy of Receipt for Payment to the County Treasurer, Martin Skinner, who will reimburse the cost (currently £28.25). Candidate Judges will be entitled to a reimbursement of shirt cost upon successful promotion to rank of County Judge. (f) League Secretary - (a) Feels it unnecessary to call a League Secretaries' Meeting for a small change in Rules and asked that League Rule 20 be amended to allow changes to be made at Council Meetings with this Rule reading, "These Rules shall not be altered except from a proposal by the League Secretary at a Council Meeting of the Essex County Archery Association". Agreed by the Meeting (b) As GNAS no longer have a Register of Club Colours, ask that all reference to this be struck from the League Rules with Rule 17, first sentence, to read. "Team members are required to dress according to GNAS Rules of Shooting". Agreed by the Meeting. These two Rule changes will be passed to all League clubs entered in 2011 Summer League and posted on the website. (g) Records Officer – Records can be claimed via website but supporting evidence must be provided before being accepted. Clarification to the document in the Constitution will be brought to the next Meeting. (h) Target books – Minute 98/10 states that these books had been returned. Following the Meeting the books were recovered – with apologies. (i) Some clubs still not received Membership cards from June 2010. (j) Team Manager – 22<sup>nd</sup> May Cambs v Essex at Noak Hill. 26<sup>th</sup> June Sussex v Essex at Crawley.

Being no other business, the Meeting closed at 21.40 with thanks to all for attendance

Next Council Meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

**CHAIRMAN** .....  
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**Field Records Officer – Record Claims - FITA Round 24 Targets Mixed: 2-day shoot.**

Gent Barebow	N Bonner	309	02.04.11		
Lady Barebow	D Gladwell	227	02.04.11	Mayflower	
Boy U18 Compound u/l	L Wiseman	366	02.04.11	Chelmsford	
Boy U15 Compound u/l	L Wiseman	366	02.04.11	Chelmsford	
Boy U12 Freestyle	A Body	323	03.04.11	Mayflower	NR
Gent Barebow	N Bonner	582	03.04.11		
Lady Barebow	D Gladwell	433	03.04.11	Mayflower	
Boy U18 Compound u/l	L Wiseman	724	03.04.11	Chelmsford	
Boy U12 Freestyle	A Body	641	03.04.11	Mayflower	NR

**Junior Records Officer – Tabled Top Ten Junior Archers and following Record Claims**

Compound U16	16.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	50m 122cm face	346 Chippenham
	16.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	L Metric 2	671 Chippenham
	17.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	30m 80cm face	345 Chippenham
	17.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	40m 80cm face	334 Chippenham
	17.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	60m 122cm face`	332 Chippenham
	17.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	Metric 2	1343 Chippenham
	16/17.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	Dble Metric 2	2677 Chippenham
	23.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	70m FITA	646 Chippenham
	23/24.04.11	Luke Wiseman	CTR	Dble FITA 70m	1265 Chippenham
Recurve U14	03.04.11	Sebastian Stedman	Ascham	Long Warwick	262 Club
Barebow U12	20.03.11	Kieron Boyce	Priory	Jnr National	266 Club
Barebow U14	20.03.11	Kieron Boyce	Priory	Jnr National	266 Club