

**MINUTES OF ECAA COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
COURAGE HALL, BRENTWOOD, ON TUESDAY 26th JANUARY 2010**

Present: Mrs.M.Hutchins (President), G.Sibley (Life Vice President and Secretary), Mrs.C.Stanford (Vice President), R.Frost (Chairman), J.Neal (Vice Chairman), M.Skinner (Treasurer), M.Pearce (General Member), representatives from Mayflower, Oakfield, SEAC, Rayleigh, Black Stag, Priory, Ardleigh, Woodford, Abbey, Pilgrim, Clements, Noak Hill, Burntwood, CTR, Chase, West Essex, Framlingham, Direct Member. Total attending = 30.

Prior to the Meeting, Chairman reported the sad passing of Jessie Broughton, member of Oakfield and asked all to join him in conveying condolences to Joan and Tony Ikel on the loss of Joan's mother and stand in silence in remembrance.

This Meeting replaced that which should have been held on 5th January, postponed due to adverse weather conditions.

01/10 Apologies for Absence – C.Bushell (Malgrave), Mrs.J.Ikel (Oakfield).

02/10 Matters for Any Other Business – Report from Regional Council will be added to 07/10.

03/10 Minutes of last Meeting having been circulated were taken as read. 109/09(d) Alteration to Gents compound record for A.Edwards (Southend) shot at club on 30.09.09, Warwick round (which can be shot on club ground from September to March). Ladies handicap should read 48. 109/09(j) Amendment to last row, now to read: Senior compounds to shoot at triple faces. All other archers' choice of face type, single or three spot. 110/09 third row should read: reported that unauthorised coaching meetings had been stopped due to lack of finance. With these amendments, the Minutes were seconded, accepted by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

04/10 Matters Arising – 109/09(a) Formula for Expenses claim asked for by M.Vaughan (Mayflower). Treasurer explained that the practice for the past ten years has been 8 miles per litre at time of event. After long discussion a proposal was put forward by P.Whiteman (Black Stag) that, "Mileage rate be the same as GNAS at 28p per mile". Seconded C.Stanford (Pilgrim). Voting 7 against, 4 abstentions. Motion carried. The cost of County matches for 2009 was in the region of £2,000 and not everyone claimed expenses, if there is an increase in the amount of expenses paid out, Affiliations Fees will have to increase. 109/09(c) Coaching Group Proposal – Main concern that this would make it more difficult to field the strongest team. There are archers who, for reasons of their own, do not wish to become part of the Squad but are in the top ten of archers in the County and the Top Ten list is useful in seeing the rankings. How to get into the Squad has still to be decided. Team selection will continue as at the moment unless a proposal is put forward for the AGM for an amendment to the Constitution.

05/10 Chairman's Remarks – Disappointed at the lack of nominations for the various awards to be made at the AGM. The date for nominations has passed but will be extended to 31st January.

06/10 Correspondence – (a) Letter from Irene Hawkins thanking the County for the donation to the RNLI on behalf of her late husband, David. (b) Query from a crossbow archer passed to Harlow. (c) Rochford Archery holding a sale on 14th February. (d) Secretary welcomed Chase Bowmen to the meeting.

07/10 Reports – GNAS EGM: After discussion on the wording of the Governance Project, it was withdrawn, but could be re-written and presented at GNAS AGM. A Director will be appointed to look at increasing the number of Directors. All Officers and Helpers at Tournaments must be CRB checked. Nominations for Operations Director and Chairman suggested. Fourteen days notice of AGM is too short and this is being discussed. Proxy votes from clubs will be needed for GNAS AGM, 17th April, send to Dennis Saville (Ardleigh) with instructions on how they would like their votes cast.

JUDGES 18.01.10: These are only brief notes since discussion occupied the whole day for those in attendance. Items covered were, additional J5 form, which would assist in obtaining a more accurate report on a Candidates progress and to enable the Mentor and other Judges to enable other Judges to identify areas for development in a Candidate of any Grade. The role and need for County Grade Field Judges as field judging is essentially a solo responsibility. Question, should there be two grades, Judge and National? There was a complaint regarding the recently adopted Judges re-accreditation test as to the process adopted and the need for GNAS to consider the position of those Judges who do not have the use of a Computer. The meeting was advised of FITA Rule changes coming into force 1st April in respect of the following draft rule changes: Juniors Ages - Archers can shoot the Cadet Class when the competition takes place up and in the year of their 17th Birthday. So for 2010 this means anyone born on 1st Jan 1993 or later. (Previously their 16th Birthday) Also, archers can shoot the Cadet Class up to and in the year of their 20th Birthday. For 2010 anyone born on 1st Jan 1990, until 31st Dec 1992, or later if the Cadet wishes to compete as a Junior (previously this was their 18th Birthday). The age in FITA is based on the age as at 1st January that year. Master Rounds - Archers can shoot in the Master Class when competition takes place in the year of their 50th Birthday. New distances are Ladies 60,50,40,30m, Gentlemen 70,60,50,30m. Masters will shoot the 60m round. Match Play Charts - This is optional. Cut off was previously 128 for archers proceeding from the qualifying to the Elimination round, this will now be 104, the top 8 ranked archers getting byes until the 1/16 round.

The eliminations are now known as 1/48 and 1/24. Field layout - Lane lines can contain 1,2,3 or 4 bosses. Equipment - Archers will be allowed to use devices to raise part of a foot. Target Faces - A new version of the 80cm face can be used for 50m, 30m of a FITA Star scoring 5 – 10, they are the same as 80cm faces less the 1 - 4 zones. Not mandatory except at World Champs. Timing - Archers now have 10 seconds to occupy the shooting line. Scoring - Organisers are not required to accept incorrect score cards that contain clerical errors. Change of Rounds in Qualification, Elimination and Finals Rounds - These changes are for the period 01.04.10 to 31.03.11. From 01.04.11 Compound will shoot a new round. These changes apply to both. Compound and Recurve. Further changes are planned for Elimination and Finals Rounds. These are only a summary of the amendments and are shown to give those archers wishing to shoot FITA Star level or above some idea of what is proposed from 01.04.11 and reference should be made to the FITA website, www.archery.org for a full explanation. Geoff Barham relinquished the position of Judges Liaison Officer and this was taken by Katy Lipscomb.

SCAS MEEETING 23.01.10: Attended by J Willson and G Sibley. The Secretary apologised for his absence owing to his Wife's illness. Meeting conducted by Steve Ellison, Chairman. Reports were: **TREASURER:** At last able to advise that the long out-standing issue relating to the accounts for the years 2005/2006/2007 had been resolved to the satisfaction of the Auditor and will be presented in full at the AGM in April. In general funds were very healthy. The meeting was asked to consider a claim from Surrey for a loan. Decision was delayed for further clarification. **JUNIOR/SENIOR IC TOURNAMENT:** All in hand and agreement was reached regarding a request to change the "arrows per end" ruling to 6 in 4, it was agreed to retain the current traditional manner i.e. 3 in 2.5 minutes. There was a suggestion by Kent that the 2011 events could possibly be held at the Kent University, this to be discussed at next meeting in April. **JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:** In view of the changes in age groups the 2010 Championships will include a Boys Bristol 5 but will not carry Record Status. **CHILD PROTECTION:** Reported no issues since the last meeting. A copy of the new Policy had been circulated to all clubs but contained a number of error and issues. Any queries should be directed to Mrs A Rook at the GNAS Office. The matter of legality was mentioned and it was stated that as far as GNAS was concerned they are mandatory and would affect any insurance issues if not adhered to. It would appear that much of the pressure to adopt these regulation (we call them recommendations) comes from the NSPCC who are dictating to all sport bodies etc. (it begs the question, "what have they got to do with sport"? The letter from Surrey was supported by the meeting and will go forward to GNAS. **AFFILIATION FEES:** The letter circulated by G Thomas did not receive any support at all since the majority of SCAS clubs were able to make agreeable arrangements with any person requiring help in this direction. **FIELD:** SCAS have now set up a Field Records File. GNAS EGM etc. A brief report was given regarding the meeting in Telford, Region pleased with the final situation. The SCAS AGM is the 10th April 2010.

08/10 Surrey letter on Child Protection – No reply received by Surrey from GNAS.

09/10 Affiliation fees suggested reduction for over 60 – Not supported.

10/10 Appointment of Equipment Officer and Review of County Equipment – To be left to AGM.

11/10 Calendar 2010/2011 – Alterations made and final edition will be tabled at the AGM.

12/10 Any Other Business – (a) League Secretary asked that any clubs, who have not already done so, please send entry for Summer League before AGM. (b) Woodford hopes to host a Metric Clout. No records for this round stand at the present time. (c) County FITA will have restricted entry. (d) Offer of trophy from Irene Hawkins in memory of husband, David, to be presented to the winner of the Gents Compound at the County Indoor. (e) Records listed after Minutes.

Being no other business, the Meeting closed at 21.50pm with thanks to all for attendance
AGM will be 7th February 2010 and next Council Meeting will be on 9th March 2010.

CHAIRMAN
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JUNIOR RECORDS as at 26th January 2010:

Longbow	04.11.09	Laurie Clarke	Burntwood	Portsmouth	333	Club
Compound	08.11.09	Daisy Clark	CTR	Portsmouth	574	Ashford
	08.11.09	Daisy Clark	CTR	Dble Portsmouth	1145	Ashford
	17.11.09	Daisy Clark	CTR	Bray	278	Club
	03.01.10	Daisy Clark	CTR	FITA 18 (Triple)	558	Welland
	03.01.10	Daisy Clark	CTR	D.FITA 18 (Triple)	1114	Welland
	09.01.10	Joe Franklin	Mayflower	D.Portsmouth	1106	Rayleigh
U12 B/bow	08.11.09	Kieren Boyce	Priory	Jnr Windsor	452	Club
U9 Recurve	11.07.09	Grace Butterfield	CTR	Metric 5	1056	SCAS Jnr
	11.07.09	Grace Butterfield	CTR	20-m 122cm face	259	SCAS Jnr
	11.07.09	Grace Butterfield	CTR	30-m 122cm face	216	SCAS Jnr
	11.07.09	Grace Butterfield	CTR	15-m 80cm face	265	SCAS Jnr
	11.07.09	Grace Butterfield	CTR	10-m 80cm face	306	SCAS Jnr
	12.01.10	Alice Hall	Priory	Portsmouth 3-spot	525	Club