

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
HELD AT MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL, WANTZ ROAD, MARGARETTING
ON SATURDAY 3rd MARCH 2012**

PRESENT: G Sibley (Hon Life Vice President and Secretary), Mrs M Hutchins (President), Mrs C Stanford (Vice President), R Frost (Chairman), A Purser (Vice Chairman), M Skinner (Treasurer), M Pearce (General Member), representatives from CADAC, Noak Hill, Pilgrim, West Essex, Rayleigh, Grays, SEAC, Burntwood, Ardleigh, Mayflower, Blue Arrows, Woodford, CTR, Phoenix and Direct Member.

Total in attendance - 35.

Meeting opened at 11am with Mr R Frost giving the Health and Safety instructions.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING WELCOME: Good afternoon to you all and welcome to the Annual General Meeting of the Essex County Archery Association. Thank you for attending today and sincere apologies for any inconvenience this rescheduled date has caused. We will move along as quickly as we can so not to disrupt your day too much but firstly I ask you to please stand for a few moments to remember the friends and colleagues we have lost during this year. Thank you.

11/12 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

THE BALDWIN TROPHY – Awarded to CLIFF TRICKER (Phoenix)
THE BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Awarded to DAISY CLARK (Chelmsford Tudor Rose)
THE BILL TUCKER AWARD – Awarded to DEBBIE FOREMAN (Woodford)
THE LUDORUM TROPHY – Awarded to SUZI STEDMAN (Ascham)
THE MILLENIUM TROPHY – Awarded to LOUISE DEVLIN (Oakfield)
THE THELMA DAVISON SALVER - Awarded to REBECCA GRIFFIN (Rayleigh)
THE DAVISON CUP (Most improved handicap recurve) – Awarded to JAMES HOWELL (Mayflower).
JOE DORMER SHIELD (Most improved handicap compound) - Awarded to REECE JOHNSON (Clacton).
AWARD FROM SCAS – Certificate for 'Service for Judging' - Awarded to ROBIN FROST.

12/12 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:

SENIOR COLOURS (Target): Miss J Barnes (Phoenix), Miss L Fisher (Colchester), Miss C Higgins (Oakfield), Mrs S Stedman (Ascham), A Purser (Mayflower), C Tricker (Phoenix), T Carter (Malgrave).

SENIOR COLOURS (Field): Miss D Clark (CTR), P Clark (CTR).

JUNIOR COLOURS (Target): S Stedman (Ascham), A Body (Mayflower), A Croft (Mayflower), J Neale (Broxhill), L Baharie (CTR).

SENIOR DATE BAR (Target): Mrs Y Wade (Burntwood), Mrs J Ikel (Oakfield), C Bushell (Malgrave), P Dent (West Essex), R Green (Noak Hill), T Maher (Oakfield), M Peart (Deben), T Riddick (Grays), R Riley (Oakfield), J Robertson (Burntwood), M Room (Noak Hill), M Skinner (CTR), A Smith (GNAS).

SENIOR DATE BAR (Field): Mrs M Saville (Colchester), D Saville (Colchester), N Bonner (Panther).

JUNIOR DATE BAR (Target): Miss E Vidgeon-Hart (Mayflower), Miss L Devlin (Oakfield), Miss S Brown (Rayleigh), Miss A Hall (Phoenix), J Howell (Mayflower), C Wheatley (Rayleigh), L Wiseman (CTR), S Yeats (Mayflower).

13/12 SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS:

Division 1	West Essex A	20820	Mrs S Stedman (Ascham)	N Smith (West Essex)
Division 2	Mayflower	20363	Mrs K Sartain (Malgrave)	S Jamieson (Oakfield)
Division 3	Chelmsford	14526	Mrs J Dorling (Rushgreen)	M Skinner (CTR)

14/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C Wooff (Hon Life Member), Mrs I Major (Hon. Life Vice President), T Major (Pilgrim), Mrs J Ikel (Oakfield), T Ikel (CCO), J Neal (Mayflower), M Vaughan (Mayflower), G Rayner (Priory), Ascham club, Mrs B Shaw (SDAC), H Shaw (SDAC), A Smith (), Ms E Hardy (Shoot for the Moon).

15/12 MINUTES OF AGM 06.02.11 having been circulated were taken as read, seconded C Smith (Pilgrim), accepted by the meeting and signed by the President.

16/12 MATTERS ARISING: None.

17/12 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS. I can't believe it is three-years since I took over from Tom Major as President of this Association. I said then he would be a hard act to follow - and he was! Last year the ECAA celebrated its Diamond anniversary. Not in quite the same way as the Queen will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee, but we did mark the occasion with a commemorative badge and I am pleased to say, these sold well and, if you still do not have one, they are available as a memento of such an achievement. To reach 60-years is an achievement. In 1951 the Association started with a President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Since that time there have been – 13 Presidents, 13 Chair, 4 Secretaries and 7 Treasurers. In 1955 a League Secretary was appointed and in 1958 a Vice Chairman, then in 1969 the positions of Senior Records Officer, Junior Records Officer and Coaching Organiser came into being. Over the years, many more positions were created to deal with the growing popularity of archery in Essex and today, by my reckoning, we have at least 20 to deal with the various works of the County. Like a swan floating on a lake, on the surface the Association is calm and serene but underneath – where no-one sees, the legs are going "fifteen to the dozen". The legs in this case are the Executive and, in particular, Graham Sibley, who does so much for us all that I hope he know how much we appreciate him. This year will see the Olympics in London and we are proud that some of our members will be involved, in particular John Willson who will be one of the Torch Bearers.

We are an Archery Association so you, the archers, are a very important part of the set-up. To everyone who has accomplished anything this year, many congratulations. It may be breaking a record, shooting a Personal Best, representing your Club, County, or Country. Many of our juniors have exceeded all expectations but the young lady who has shone throughout is Daisy Clark. Her list of successes goes from strength to strength and we are all extremely proud of her and thank her family for their unremitting support. I close by conveying my thanks to everyone for their kindness and their hospitality during my tenure as President. These three years have brought me so much enjoyment that I really don't want to hand over – but hand over I must and I sincerely hope that whoever takes over this prestigious role will enjoy it as much as I.

18/12 REPORT FROM HON.SECRETARY: Membership as at 17th January 2012 comprising 63 clubs, 1047 gents, 330 ladies, 287 boys, 122 girls, total of 1786 members. The membership figures have remained stable and must be some reflection of all the hard work put in by all concerned. Council have met on six occasions and the attendance has fluctuated from time to time, perhaps due to the fact that we changed to a Wednesday. Unfortunately at Marconi, parking seems to present a problem. Alternative venue has been suggested and consideration will be given to this although, depending on the day required and costing may rule it against us. In a different direction we must congratulate all those senior and junior members who represented the County and/or GB at various competitions during 2011. 2012 has finally arrived with a lot of hype, the Olympics, I mean. We wish all our members who have been invited to assist one way or another a very enjoyable experience. On the other hand we may see our County represented in the able-bodied or paraplegic side of things. My thanks are given to all those who have provided me with assistance during the year. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Graham Sibley for all his work for the County.

19/12 REPORT FROM HON.TREASURER: Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts tabled showing slight loss due to extra expenditure. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Martin Skinner for all his work with the Accounts.

20/12 REPORT FROM SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: First may I give my apologies for not being at the AGM due to the fact that I am at the SCAS Coaching Conference in Hendon, the date was fixed a year ago. Over the last year it has been very quiet County Record wise, so this gave me a chance to look through the records in all disciplines. Some may remember we had a period when the Record Books were missing. Using County Minutes and old Essex Bowmen I was able to update the record books, The Compound needed to be split, into either Unlimited or Limited, this I did so it's more readable and makes sense. There is no Limited and Unlimited Compound any more, it is all one, but we still have records for both in the record books. Longbow and Barebow were more straightforward as was Recurve. Top Ten; I am using a different layout to give the Team Manager more information which is what he asked for, this should all be on the website by now. Records Officers please don't send in Bray scores unless they have been shot at an open tournament. I said this in my last report I find I am having to say it again. The Olympic Year, am I expecting more records? YES, will I get them. I don't know, what I do know is we have a lot of Essex Archers both Senior and Junior working at both the Games, I wish them well and have a great time, for them it is going to be a long exciting summer. Keep the scores coming in and check the County Website for the County Records. Good shooting in 2012. Thanks to Tony Ikel. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Tony Ikel for his work with the Senior records.

21/12 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Report tabled together with records in all disciplines. Also Top Ten Recurve and list of Recurve and Compound improved handicaps. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Maggie Pearce for all her hard work with the Junior records.

22/12 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: List of Records tabled. During The year there were thirteen new records claimed. Two new Colours were claimed and three new Date Bars. In April, Panther Bowhunters again hosted a two-day Mixed Round shoot with National Record Status and the County Championships In October which was an Arrowhead Round. During the winter months Panther have been competing in the Field League. In the coming year they will again be hosting a two-day Mixed round on 21/22 April and the Southern Counties Individual Field Championships on 23/24 June. The County Field Championships should be held at Panther's ground on Sunday 7th October 2012. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Robin Frost for his work with the Field records.

23/12 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER: Hope all enjoyed the two Clout shoots arranged and run by Woodford Archers. There were new records set in both Imperial and Metric Clouts and there are still some categories yet to be shot. I trust we will see you all again this year and maybe some of you who have wondered about "doing a Clout" would like to come along and have a go. It is always a pleasure to see new faces. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Eric Davies for his work with the Clout records and Debbie Foreman for her work in organising the Clouts.

24/12 REPORT FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY: The Summer League and the Andy Harris League continue to go well and, I am told, are enjoyed by all, which makes my part worthwhile. Both continue to run smoothly but if there are any problems, referring to the Rules soon settles the matter. The Summer League for 2012 will comprise 17 teams in 3 Divisions and the dates are confirmed as: 13th May, 17th June, 8th July, 5th August, 16th September. Fixtures List has been sent to all clubs in the League. My thanks to those clubs who support the leagues and I hope you will continue to do so. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Marlene Hutchins for her work with the Leagues.

25/12 REPORT FROM COACHING GUILD SECRETARY : Another Course about to start with seven juniors. Good speakers at Meetings and these have been well supported.

26/12 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER: The counties teams have shot in four “county” matches in 2011. Senior and junior teams have competed in all the disciplines – recurve, compound, longbow and barebow and the results have been mainly good. The season started with the senior Indoor 4-counties match in March where Essex beat Middlesex by a mere 12 points, with Kent left holding the wooden spoon. London failed to submit a team for this competition and has since disbanded their county organisation. The second match was a home match against Cambridge involving both seniors and junior teams in May. This was an outstanding win for Essex, taking senior recurve, compound, longbow and barebow matches. The junior team followed suite by winning their recurve match. The overall score was Essex 2345, Cambs 1656. In June Essex hosted the match against Sussex with very mixed fortunes. The junior team won their recurve match but lost the compound and barebow matches. The senior team won the recurve, compound and the longbow matches (the latter by 3 points), but lost the barebow match. Overall the match went to Sussex as they field a very strong senior and junior barebow squad and the difference between Essex and Sussex in this discipline was enough to swing the results in Sussex's favour. In September the county fielded junior and senior teams in the SCAS Team Championships. Hosted for the first time by University of Kent and combining junior and senior competitions it was a big event. Essex junior team won both the recurve and compound championships, with the senior recurve team taking third place. The Essex compound team ended in 6th place. Two matches did not occur, firstly the 4-way outdoor was abandoned for this year because of team manager illness and the chaos in the London organisation. Hopefully this will be resurrected in 2012, while team manager changes in Cambridgeshire meant that the double longbow Portsmouth did not happen. I am still trying to facilitate this match before the indoor season ends this year. A new addition will occur in 2012, longbow will be included in the senior SCAS Team Championships. Also an inter-county junior match has been organised in March at Brighton. My thanks go to all of the county archers who were prepared to spend time and effort to perform for their county. This season included many “old hands” and also many who made their first appearance in the county sides. I included in this year's teams 38 senior and 16 junior archers. It is wonderful that people keep volunteering, some at very short notice, to perform their chosen sport at this level. Thanks also go to the parents and supporters who accompany the teams, and special thanks to those who help me on the day with various essential duties. 2012 means something very special to an elite few, but for the rest of us, we will do the best we can – bring it on!! Ask permission for help with juniors and Meeting agreed that a person can be co-opted. Report accepted by the meeting with thanks to Peter Walker for his work on behalf of the County Team.

27/12 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER: No problems so nothing to bring up. Role of the General Member is to take problems to the Executive and will bring this up at the next Meeting. Wish everyone a good year in 2012. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks to Mike Pearce for all his work on behalf of the County.

28/12 REPORT FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS: INDOOR – Very successful 2011. Profit on day but expenses made a small loss, nothing major but a loss. 18th March 2012 at Courage Hall, last two sessions full. Thanks offered to Mike Pearce for all his work with the Indoor Championships. CLOUT – Nothing to add to Records Officer's report. Thanks offered to Debbie Foreman for her work with the Clout Championships. TARGET – No report. Thanks offered to Noak Hill members for all their work with the Senior and Junior Target Championships. FITA – Appalling weather last year. I offer appreciation to the Judges and archers. Junior and senior rounds will be on one day. 21-22nd July 2012 World Record Status FITA Star, on Saturday will be Double 720. Entry forms available soon. Thanks offered to Paul Clark and CTR members for all their work with the FITA Championships. FIELD – I took over the job as County Field Organiser from Chris Bushell who had been doing the job for twenty years. I would like to thank him for his offer of help and advice to me in organising my first tournament. The first Sunday in October was very hot and sunny, most probably the hottest day for the Field Championships on record, but it was a welcome change to recent years when the weather had been inclement, mainly rain. I am pleased to report that there were eleven Arrowhead claims made and one County Record – congratulations to all the claimants. I would like to offer a vote of thanks to everyone who supported the shoot, namely the Judges, catering staff, St John's Ambulance Brigade and the archers who took part. A special thank you to our Lord Patron, Mr Tom Major, to Robin who also assisted me and to my husband, Dennis, who helped in various ways. I am pleased to say that we have UK Record Status with Arrowhead for this year's Championships which will be held on Sunday 7th October 2012, hopefully at Panther Bowhunters ground. Good shooting for the coming outdoor season. Thanks offered to Marion Saville and Robin Frost for all their work with the Field Championships. All reports accepted by the meeting.

29/12 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER: Nothing to report. Thanks offered to Robert Markham for all the work done on the website on behalf of the County.

30/12 REPORT FROM CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Nothing to report. Thanks offered to John Willson for all his work in this area.

ELECTION OF TELLERS: Mrs Maggie Pearce and Mr Peter Walker volunteered.

31/12 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: Mr Mike Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

32/12 ELECTION OF (ONE) VICE-PRESIDENT: Three nominations, all seconded. On a paper vote, Mrs Claire Stanford was elected.

33/12 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr. Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

34/12 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr Alex Purser was nominated, seconded and elected.

35/12 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY: Mr Graham Sibley was nominated, seconded and elected.

36/12 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER: Mr Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and elected.

37/12 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER: Mrs Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

38/12 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Tony Ikel was nominated, seconded and elected.

39/12 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mrs Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

40/12 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Robin Frost was nominated, seconded and elected.

41/12 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Eric Davies was nominated, seconded and elected.

42/12 ELECTION OF LEAGUE SECRETARY: Mrs Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and elected.

43/12 ELECTION OF COACHING GUILD SECRETARY: No nomination.

44/12 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS: Separately nominated, seconded and elected.
Clout 2012 – Miss Debbie Foreman. Target 2012 – Noak Hill. FITA 2012 – Mr Paul Clarke. Indoor 2013 – Mr Mike Pearce.
Field 2012 – Mrs Marion Saville.

45/12 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER: Mr N Baharie was nominated, seconded and elected.

46/12 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER: Mr Peter Walker was nominated, seconded and elected.

47/12 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER: Mr Robert Markham was nominated, seconded and elected.

48/12 ELECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Mr John Willson was nominated, seconded and elected.

49/12 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

Proposed by Mr M Vaughan, Seconded Mr A Ikel. Minutes 107.10(b) and 48/11 refer.

“In view of the changes being initiated by Archery GB, we believe that Coaching should be fully integrated into the Essex County Archery Association. The position of County Coaching Organiser (CCO) should be made an Executive position within the Council of the Essex County Archery Association. A nomination for CCO must be a Level 1 or above, licensed Archery GB Coach. The EGAC will elect a nomination each year and put the name forward to the Essex County AGM.”
In the absence of the Proposer and Seconder, this will be left to the next Meeting of the Council.

50/12 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT): Volunteers needed to become Candidate Judges, more are needed in Essex. Help in assisting at shoots was promised.

The retiring President officially handed the Presidential regalia to Mike Pearce who thanked Marlene Hutchins for all she did in her role as President and thanked all the members for their support of his nomination.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 12.20pm with thanks to all for attendance and wishes for a safe journey home.

PRESIDENT
ECAA AGM/ 03.03.12/MH