

Minutes of Sherwood Archers Annual General Meeting

held at Lower Kirklington Road Southwell NG25 0RR on

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2025 at 12.30pm

Present:

Paul Woods (Chair) Stephen Lamb (Vice - chair), Mark Burton (Treasurer), Jane Burton (Secretary), Susan Stankovic (Membership Secretary), Lee Waterfield (Voting member), Paul Moran (Voting member)

Marie Davis (safeguarding officer), Paul Riley, Mike Brooks, Mark Cotton, Alison Cotton, James Cotton (Jnr), Roger King, Gary Dodd, Stuart Moore, Patricia Steer, Tony Bunney, Beth Bunney, Xander Bunney, Alex Tranmer, Jo Cordon, Lou Cordon, Kevin Ball, Malcolm Douglas-Kellie, Pete Waring

1) President's Address:

Due to our current President, Mario sadly passing away shortly before Christmas, leaving the President's position vacant, the meeting will be conducted by the current Chair.

2) Apologies for Absence:

Amy Sykes (junior rep, committee), Martyn Smith (Voting Member), Serena Lamb, Kevin Inglesant

3) Acceptance of the minutes of last AGM held on Saturday 10th February 2024:

These were accepted as a true record of the last AGM by all present having been proposed by Marie Davis and seconded by Lee Waterfield

Officers Reports:

4) Chairman:

Members, I would like to start this report by acknowledging the loss of our President, Mario before Christmas and his work for the club, county and region. It was humbling to see so many at his funeral.

I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to act as your Chair over the past year.

I would also like to start by thanking all of my fellow committee members for their help and support over the past 12 months and other officers and supporters for their hard work and commitment, all of whom have made the club work this past year.

We have hosted competitions, beginners courses, taster sessions, work parties and social events, all of which have contributed to the field fund and helped to achieve the financial target for the year.

During the last year we signed a new 10-year field lease, having previously faced potential eviction.

On that note, for those members who may not know or for those who may have forgotten, we are trying to build a field fund on the basis that we are still vulnerable to a 12-month notice period that can be invoked at any time, and there is no guarantee that at the end of this lease, we will be offered another.

Prior to the AGM we have hosted the EMAS, NAS and Club indoor competitions at Joseph Whitaker in Rainworth, and there is a full event calendar ahead of us that I urge you to get involved with both as a competitor and helper.

I am afraid that I need to take this opportunity to have a moan. We constantly struggle to get helpers for club competitions beyond a hard core of members who repeatedly turn out to help. We cannot run competitions without help and without competitions we cannot raise money for the field fund. We have come close to cancelling competitions because, until the last minute, we haven't had enough people to run them, which is not acceptable. A lack of willing help tells me that members are not behind the field fund project and without the backing of the members there is a question-mark about its viability. Thank you and I hope you have a successful year ahead.

5) Vice Chairman:

I would firstly like to take this chance to thank our late President Mario Stankovic for his dedication and hard work over the decades in promoting both Sherwood Archers, and the sport of Archery as a whole. He played a central role in helping to shape our club into what it is today, along with being such a positive role model within the County and Region alike. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

I would also like to thank all of the committee and volunteering club members for their hard work and dedication over the last twelve months. With their help and guidance, the club has enjoyed another successful and prosperous year. The field especially is looking the tidiest that it has been, during my time at the club at least, with the verges being cleared of the ever-spreading brambles.

I have enjoyed helping the club for the last 12 months, and I am willing to stand for re-election if required.

6) Secretary:

Sherwood Archers has had a pretty full-on year, as usual, and I would like to thank all of our members who have given their time so freely to assist with the numerous tasks, events and activities that we have completed over the last twelve months as our Club cannot run without the support, input and physical help from our members. Just a reminder that we have no paid employees in this Club and run solely at the expense of members generously giving their time so we can all enjoy the sport, our Club and its facilities.

So what have we been doing, you may well ask? Aside from all the continuous work maintaining the range and our facilities we have hosted numerous tasters and have-a-go's, including larger sessions for the local Oddfellows Group, BLESMA (the armed forces charity for blind and limbless veterans), and our third annual AGB Start Archery weekend. Our three beginners courses, several indoor and outdoors competitions and a session for the Counties female archers has seen even more people, of all abilities, enjoying our facilities whilst shooting, with some deciding to join the Club as a result. Our regular Saturday morning 'scored round's and 'badge' sessions have allowed many of our newer members, as well as some of our more seasoned, to prove how well they are progressing with their bow skills. On the social side we have had quiz and bingo nights and enjoyed several other fun nights out where we have been able to get to know each other a little better without our bows and arrows! Behind the scenes we have completed the new lease for the field, made major changes to the website, though you may not even have noticed, and continued the development of the Clubhouse to create a more usable space for everyone.

I look forward to another year of seeing Sherwood Archers flourish as a Club and hope that more of you will join in with the wide range of activities on offer. It is the Committee's role to try to run the Club that you want, that said they need your input and help to achieve that. They are always open to ideas and comments from members to improve our Club but ultimately without your support and assistance, they are limited to what they can achieve.

7) Treasurer:

I have now been in the post as Treasurer for nearly a year. I would like to thank the previous Treasurer, Jason, for a seamless hand over. The Club works with the basic principle that membership fees must cover the day to day running costs of the club, these provide the clubhouse we are all sat in, pays for grass cutting, electricity, water, safeguarding courses etc. There is always pressure on these budgets as membership numbers can fluctuate significantly. It is at this point I would like to thank Malcolm, Mark and Alison for their work on the website leading to substantial cost saving and also Gary for keeping the grass cutting to a minimum, again, at a substantial saving to the club. I'm pleased to report that we have stayed within our budgets for 2024.

As you are aware the club had a scare a couple of years ago where we were given notice to vacate the field. After a lot of hard work and investigation it became clear that the club was not in the financial position to be able to move to another equitable site. Luckily the scare passed and here we still are. However, it was at that stage the committee took the decision that a concerted effort was required to increase the cash reserves for when the inevitable does happen. This is done using any profits made from other activities such as putting on competitions, beginners courses, taster sessions etc..

We also have to remember that we need to keep developing the Club's existing facilities. Those of you who have visited other clubs can testify that our facilities are above and beyond those at other clubs, and it is our intention to keep improving and moving forward. The immediate plan is for a new kitchen facility to be added to the clubhouse "social" area. As with the field fund this is being funded from the profits made from the competitions, beginners courses, taster sessions etc

So if you do help out on any of these events, please remember you are investing in the future of the club.

So where did we finish at the end of 2024

The clubs total income for the year, including uncleared items, was £34,323.00

The clubs total expenditure, including uncleared items, was £19,130.28

The clubs total cash at hand is £62,040.58

The clubs required reserves reportable to the Charity Commission are £20,426.13

This leaves the current field fund at £41,614.45

So going forward into 2025:

2024 saw AGB increase their fees significantly, on the back of this, the committee decided to keep the club fees for 2025 as static as possible. Unfortunately, to enable that to happen, the decision had to be made to abolish the points scheme. This was a difficult decision to make, however, along with budget reductions, it was the only way to avoid increasing fees.

So what does it cost to run the club? Our 2025 budget stands at £6,531.25, down from £7,809.25. This will no doubt be a challenge but we can all do our bit to help by looking after the bosses, faces, turning the lights off when not needed etc..

The 2024 Accounts have been checked and a signed copy of the summary has been tabled for acceptance

8) Membership Secretary:

This year has again seen mixed fortunes regarding membership, with take up from the beginners courses being very up and down. We have however, gained some new members who have chosen to join us from other clubs. Our membership numbers for this year are unfortunately down again with our current memberships standing at a total of 96 as opposed to 108 last year. The breakdown of this is Honorary Members 4, Juniors 16, 18/25 year olds 4, Seniors 69 and 3 Associate. If your personal circumstances change please remember to either change these on your personal Sport80 account and let me know so that I can update the club record.

I am willing to stand for re-election if required.

9) Records Officer:

Over the 2024 outdoor season I have recorded a total of 350 scores which is down from last season.

Of the 350 scores submitted 111 were club records which is also down from last season, but as records get higher, they also become harder to beat so I think 111 is a good number.

I have also recorded 56 clout scores across all categories which have produced 12 new club records. The total scores from juniors were 57,

25 of which are in the under 21 category and 32 from all the other age groups combined, split equally between boys and girls.

What is encouraging are the number of scores from novices and new beginners which is partly down to the Saturday morning scored rounds and also more new archers having a go at competitions around the county.

The category that has exploded is the new 50+ with a total of 186 scores submitted across all bow classes. Of which 52 were club records.

Up to 1st Feb I have also recorded a total of 84 indoor scores of which 25 have achieved new club records.

I am happy to continue in the role as records officer for the coming season

Now onto the awards:

I am happy to announce all the medals can be awarded this year starting with

The best first handicap awards, which as the title says is for the archer with the best first outdoor handicap, so you only have one chance to win this.

Junior best first handicap – Isabella Dean – 77

Senior best first handicap – Joanne Cordon – 62

Next is the most improved handicap award, everyone has the chance to win this

Most improved junior – James Cotton – 6

Most improved senior – Garry Dodd – 20

Now to the classification badge awards

This is the new classification you ended the 2024 season on if you improved from last year or it is your first classification.

It may sound like I have missed a lot of people out; I haven't it just means you already have the classification badge you finished on.

Archer 3rd class:

Janey Slinger

Patricia Steer

Soma Cusack

Archer 2nd class:

Alex Tranmer

Sam H Brown

Archer 1st class:

Alice Wood Stevens

Isabella Dean

Stuart Moore

Wayne Ketton

Bowman 3rd class:

Paul Riley

Joanne Cordon

Louise Cordon

Garry Dodd

Bowman 2nd class:

Amy sykes

James Cotton

Mark Cotton

Mike Brooks

Paul Woods

Bowman 1st class:

Paul Moran

Here endeth my report and awards for this year

10) Junior Representatives:

It's been a good year with more juniors joining the club, ages now ranging from 7 to 17! It's been great to see so many of our young members regularly coming to club sessions, scoring rounds and competing both at home and away. To name a few achievements;

- Isabella and Alba shot in their first Notts league in August, two impressive scores, hopefully the first of many more!
 - Xander and Xavier were selected to represent Nottinghamshire in the inter counties tournament in September, with Xavier winning the junior barebow. Well done to you both, cracking shooting.
 - Our youngest member shot their first competition at our annual St Nick shoot at Christmas, well done Albert!
 - Special mention to Xavier for not one, but two rose awards this year!
- There are many, many more, lots of new club records have been set and an impressive

amount of medals awarded! Brilliant results all round and congratulations to all.

It has been nice to see our junior members getting involved with various work parties this year, most notably at the spring clean up; a big thank you for all your efforts. Our thanks also go to the parents/carers for their help at work events and club sessions, your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of the juniors we would like to thank our dedicated coaches for their continued guidance and unwavering encouragement both at club sessions and competitions. We hope for another successful year of shooting with more and more juniors representing the club at tournaments throughout the county and beyond!

Both myself and Xander are happy to stand again.

11) Safeguarding Officers':

In the last 12 months the safeguarding officers have received one safeguarding concern.

This was looked into by both officers and after discussions with the claimants it was deemed not to be a safeguarding based concern and referred to the club committee to investigate further.

12) Proposal to be decided by vote of all members present:

To alter the constitution by removing the roles of president and one vice chair, thus reducing the executive committee to a total of 9 members. The 'President' role to become a position appointed by the committee as and when they see fit.

Proposed by Paul Woods and seconded by Jane Burton this motion was carried by a majority. All present voted in favour with one exception who voted against

Elections:

13) Election of Executive Committee:

*The following nominations were received at least seven days prior to the AGM:

**non committee roles

Role	Nomination	Proposer	Second
President	Position removed from Committee (see item 12 above)		
Chairman	Paul Woods		
Vice Chair	Stephen Lamb		
Vice Chair	Position removed from Committee (see item 12 above)		
Treasurer	Mark Burton		
Secretary	Jane Burton		
Members Sec	Susan Stankovic		
Voting member	Paul Moran		
*Voting Member	Martyn Smith	Martyn Smith	Jane Burton
Voting Member	Lee Waterfield		
*Junior Rep 1	Amy Sykes	Amy Sykes	Jane Burton
**Junior Rep 2	Xander Bunney		

**Safeguarding officer	Marie Davis		
**Safeguarding officer	Gareth Fuller		

There being no contested nominations all the above were agreed by those present.

All business being conducted successfully, the meeting was closed at 13.15pm

Chair's signature:
P Woods

t Tuesday, December 31,
d 2024

Income	Unrestric ted	Restri cted	Total
Memberships			
ArcheryGB	4,283.00	0.00	4,283.00
NAS	315.50	0.00	315.50
EMAS	395.00	0.00	395.00
Club membership fee	6,823.12	0.00	6,823.12
Club membership fee (Extension)	1,393.48	0.00	1,393.48

Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restrict ed	Total
Affiliations			
ArcheryGB	4,359.00	0.00	4,359.00
NAS	257.50	0.00	257.50
EMAS	362.50	0.00	362.50
Membership refunds	149.00	0.00	149.00
General Running Costs			
Rent - Field	1,225.00	0.00	1,225.00
Grass Cutting	991.20	0.00	991.20
Club Bosses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Field Maintenance	587.85	0.00	587.85
Website	151.17	0.00	151.17
Services	612.50	0.00	612.50
Insurance	510.70	0.00	510.70
Buildings Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Admin etc	158.80	0.00	158.80
Cesspit	0.00	0.00	0.00
House Keeping	18.24	0.00	18.24
Toilet Block Plumbing	-	0.00	0.00
Banding Materials	25.46	0.00	25.46
Club Ngt Charcoal			

Shoots	Hosted	2,602.44	2,602.44	Shoots	Hosted	827.56	0.00	827.56
	Sherwood Archers	7,342.10	7,342.10		Sherwood Archers	2,576.30	0.00	2,576.30
	League Entries	167.00	167.00		League Entries	187.00	0.00	187.00
					Medals / Judges Gifts and Expenses	351.06	0.00	351.06
					Competition Bosses	986.20	0.00	986.20
					Active4Today (£250) - Start Archery Weekend			
Grants	Active4Today (£250)	0.00	0.00	Grants	Start Archery Weekend	250.00	0.00	250.00
Beginners Courses		1,820.00	1,820.00	Beginners Courses		196.05	0.00	196.05
Bowhire		2,474.00	2,474.00	Bowhire		280.12	0.00	280.12
Have-Go's / Tasters		305.00	305.00	Have-Go's		0.00	0.00	0.00
Field Visitors		50.00	50.00	Field Visitors				
Start Archery Weekend		461.67	461.67	Start Archery Weekend		80.99	0.00	80.99
Field Honesty Boxes		227.35	227.35					
Level 1 Coaching Course			0.00	Level 1 Coaching Course		0.00	0.00	0.00
Level 2 Coaching Course			0.00	Level 2 Coaching Course		0.00	0.00	0.00
Safeguarding Course		0.00	0.00	Safeguarding Course		32.00	0.00	32.00
Notts Coaching		350.00	350.00					
Badges/Keys		225.50	225.50	Badges/Keys		232.32	0.00	232.32
Merchandising		149.00	149.00	Merchandising		657.91	0.00	657.91
				Faces club use		0.00	0.00	0.00

Indoor Shoot Fees 2023/2024	1,300.00	1,300.00	Rent	Hall - Joseph Whittaker School 2023/2024	1,080.00	1,080.00
Indoor Shoot Fees 2024/2025	1,361.00	1,361.00		Hall - Joseph Whittaker School 2024/2025	1,824.00	1,824.00
Donations	584.00	584.00				
Newark Lottery	52.00	52.00				
Non-Budgeted	300.00	300.00	Non-Budgeted		131.22	0.00
Bank Interest	1,341.84	1,341.84	Work Party Costs		28.63	0.00
Total Income	34,323.00	34,323.00	Total Expenditure		19,130.28	0.00
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Bank balances at		31/12/2024	
Bank name	Description	Balance	
	Current Account		5,926.68
	Reserve Account		5,959.66
	Notice Account		49,080.61
Opening cashbook balance at		01/01/2024	
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A Plus: income			
B Less: expenditure			
D Cashbook balance at		Tuesday, December 31, 2024	
		Unrestricted	Restricted
			Total
			46,847.86
		34,323.00	0.00
		19,130.28	0.00
		15,192.72	0.00
			62,040.58

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		31/12/2024
J	Petty Cash held	-
	Total adjusted cash and all bank balances	390.32
K		62,040.58

Difference between adjusted cashbook balance and bank balance at period end	(0.00)

Note: "Total adjusted cash and bank balance" K should equal "Cashbook balance" D