



Exmouth Archers

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 16th November 2023 at 8pm

The meeting was opened at 8pm. The meeting was held in the Indoor Centre Exmouth Archers, Withycombe Raleigh Common, Exmouth EX8 5EE.

1. Apologies

Tineke Dixon, Clive Dixon, John Poyner, Ian Priestley, John Russell, Julie & Sophie Bradford, Catherine Kierle, Allan Johns, Ken Clayton, Noel Davis.

Attendees see list below. 40 members attended. Quorum met. NFAS 5 members. Quorum met.

2. **Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting** - Accepted as read. Proposed by Tara Earle, seconded by Chris Kellaway

3. Reports:

Chairman see report attached from Tim Pratt. – No questions arose. Minutes request within a couple of months of the meeting.

Vice Chairman and Secretary had nothing to add since the report from the Chairman covered everything.

4. Treasurer

The accounts were circulated to members prior to the AGM. Proposed Karen Williams and Seconded Rob Twigg. Chris Kellaway asked about the tournament profits and food as there seemed to be confusion but resolved. Food being sold too cheap. John Strickland asked if fees could be put up?

5. Nominations to the new committee

Role	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Tim Pratt	Tara Earle	Sarah Harwood
Vice Chair	David Knight	Andrew Hoyle	Tara Earle
Secretary	Jane Barrett	Barry Fry	Karen Williams
Treasurer	Sarah Harwood	Barry Fry	Jane Barrett
Tournament Organiser			
Membership Officer	Tara Earle	Karen Williams	Sarah Harwood
Coaching Officer	Andrew Hoyle	Tara Earle	Jane Barrett
Equipment Officer	David Knight	Sophie Twigg	Rob Twigg
Records Officer	Karen Williams	Chris Kellaway	Jane Barrett
Public Relations Officer	Helen Marland	Chris Kellaway	David Knight
Field Officer	Noel Davis	Jane Barrett	Rob Twigg
Enquiries Officer	Stephen Fricker	Karen Williams	Jane Barrett
Junior Representative	Sophie Twigg	Sophie Bradford	Fynn Jenkin
Safeguarding Officer	Karen Williams	Co opted at 1 st meeting	
Committee Members without portfolio x2	Trevor Dance	Andrew Hoyle	Stephen Fricker
	Nikolette Listar	Jane Barrett	Tara Earle

6. AGM of Exmouth Field Archery Club

Noel not present due to accident so Tim chaired the process part.

Attendees

Scott Williams	Sophie Twigg	Rob Twigg	Jane Barrett
Tara Earle	Apologies	Sophie Bradford	

Nominations

Role	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Noel Davis	Scott Williams	Sophie Twigg
Vice Chair	Rob Twigg	Sophie Twigg	Tara Earle
Secretary	Sophie Twigg	Rob Twigg	Tara Earle
Coaching Officer	Sophie Twigg	Tara Erle	Rob Twigg
Treasurer	Sarah Harwood	Jane Barrett	Scott Williams

Sophie gave a brief overview of the Club and clarification of who could shoot in the woods and when. Explained about AGB insurance v NFAS.

No other items. AGM concluded.

7. Supporting Activates at the Club

Tim explained he had enough of organising tournaments due to lack of support over August's tournament and others. He confirmed he would not re stand unless things changed, and members committed to supporting the events.

Also that Club subs are not covering the basic costs.

- Karen started off the discussion with background and detail around the proposal. A long discussion followed with a number of members putting forward comments or points. It was noted that the vast majority of members in the room had helped with activities.
- Pedro said that the proposals are not mutually exclusive and perhaps a mixture of all would be in order. Suggested putting fees up anyway. Would like to know what the strategy is for the Club. What do we want it to be? Competitive? Community? Working out in the schools?
- Brian said that when he started several years ago, we all worked really hard to build up funds to build the Indoor Centre which we are privileged to own. Now the club is more transactional and people just work to get and retain a key. We do have a solid competition core. We seem to have lost the love of the sport. The majority don't seem interested in showing off and sharing our facilities to the wider archery community. Something that a club of our stature should be doing.
- Rob Twigg agreed with Brian. Need much more sense of community. More cohesion. Doesn't know why it changed. Does not know whether it's a carrot or a stick.
- Pedro wondered that because we no longer have anything to aspire to. People are now very membership driven. They tend to be subscriber based now.
- Rob Twigg suggested that maybe we should have levels of membership. One for those that help and one that don't.
- Gill Pratt suggested that maybe we should do less but do it much better.
- Nikolette has only been a member for a year, but maybe we shouldn't allow shooting at our own competition.
- David Knight pointed out that all the members that do help are generally old and doesn't see a solution. With option 4 people will go into teams and still not do anything. Also are the school holidays an issue.

- Rob Twigg suggested that we need to try and get more sense of community by doing something every week. Brixham sort of do this,
- Andrew Clune suggested about doing more work parties across the year.
- Ana Encarnacao did not feel any sense of community. No one saying hello. Negative experiences over key return, faces not being put right on the bosses, leaving too many lights on. Didn't feel particularly welcome. Willing to help but doesn't feel part of the community, but feels it might be getting there.
- Pete Forrow gave up his key because he knew he hadn't helped and was unlikely to do so and therefore felt he didn't deserve it. Suggested maybe a combination of all the options. £9 is too cheap. We are undervaluing ourselves. The fees should pay the basic bills. The events should pay for the capital outlay. Pete was not aware that we were short of help. If said if asked he would have stepped up.
- Karen Williams said that the Team Leader role would do that. Covid seems to have created groups which meet on their own times outside of the main club sessions.
- Tim Pratt spoke about the club, knowing, that obtaining the grounds would mean that the membership spreads out across the week and the loss of the community.
- Brian Harrison suggested that taking inflation into account our club fees should be £14.
- Nikolette said that £9 is really low and would support a raise in fees. Optionally would support the option of members ability to pay more as a donation each month if they were able.
- Steve Fricker said we no longer have a target to aim for. We have everything and really only have a maintenance responsibility.
- Brian Harrison says that we are no longer capable of running tournaments.
- Chris Kellaway believes we have lost a lot of members who were taking the Friday setup days off and suggested running single day tournaments.
- Tim explained his concern about having the responsibility of having to deal with anything that was still to do, because you can't tell 80 visitors that we are not holding the shoot.
- Also that Chris' assumption that people are being asked to commit to 3 days work over a weekend is not what we are trying to achieve. We want more help so people can work shifts over the 3 days and do a more appropriate amount of help.
- Trevor suggested we stop Car Boots to try and get members to help with tournaments which after all is what we should be doing.
- Steve Fricker spoke about the fact that we are very much focussing on tournaments and not how we bring on new members and that maybe a buddy system should be implemented.
- Tim spoke about the presentation given at the current beginners course and how we pushed the need to have members help. Fees are low because of this. Also, how these facilities are exceptional. I then asked Andrew to detail the familiarisation sessions we have planned for the end of this beginner's course.
- Jeannie spoke about a family membership again. Would encourage parents to get more involved.
- Pete Forrow said our vision is good and the issue needs resolving and we should be running tournaments. When he was a member at Tavistock everyone looked up at Exmouth, for the facilities that we have and the exceptional tournaments that we put on. Other clubs aspired to what we have and did.
- Julian Thorogood said when he started members were asked to help at 3 events a year to be able to get a key and have 24 x 7 access. Why are we not doing that?
- Tim explained that we were and explained how we had taken a small number of members "to task" over not helping, which on the whole has worked.

- Karen talked about using classifications and maybe this would be a method of bringing members together and structure on club sessions. This is one of the reasons why AGB have made the changes.
- Pedro spoke about community. We want a community club and delaying the decision and pass it back to Committee.
- Nikolette suggests we vote on the options and see success or failure.
- Helen supported Pedro's proposal.
- Tara suggested that we have pretty much the same committee and we will be will be criticised if we make the decision on our own. It doesn't move us on.
- Trevor proposes that we vote on Subs increase.
- Chris proposes an option 5, in as much as by the end of January you must sign up to 1 Car Boot, 1 Tournament and 1 maintenance day to keep your key. If you cant' help then you have to find a friend to substitute for you.
- Brian proposes not doing tournaments. Just do Car Boots for a year, putting up the fees to cover the shortfall. Brian is fed up of the carrot and having his key taken away.
- John Strickland proposes Brian's but with the proviso that we hold only 2 tournaments and they be single day.
- Karen pointed out that we would lose Archers as they would be less willing to travel to shoot a single day. Indeed, this potentially means those core competition Archers, herself and myself included, we will go elsewhere to get the competition that we want/need. Why are we prioritising everything else over tournaments?
- John modified his proposal to keep Car Boots but hold only one weekend tournament.

Tim moved the meeting onto some proposals and voting to try and draw discussion to a close.

Proposal 1 - Irrespective of any other decision that we increase the fees, purely because we are underselling ourselves and also to safeguard the basic bills.

Adult to £12, Junior to £8, Associate to £15.

This resolution was passed.

Proposal 2 - Options for Tournaments

1. One day only tournaments, requiring small teams to run - 6 votes
2. Not running any Tournaments - No Votes
3. As per previous years, with a soft implementation of option 4. People are not forced to go into a team, but the team captains will assemble the teams and spread the load. Teams needed field setup, field crew, pack away and catering - 28 votes

Only one didn't vote

Geoff Crewdson asked why we are not considering Car Boots as they are all profit. Thus....

Proposal 3 - Car Boots

1. Not to run Car Boots - 13 votes
2. Run Car Boots with teams - Catering and Field - Karen suggested having the Club Champs on the Sunday so that we have plenty to setup and layout the field and Clubhouse and clean the toilets. - 16 votes

5 opted not to vote.

Jane will not do catering for Car Boots any more.

Therefore Indoor Champs - 31/3/2024 and Outdoor Champs 25/8/2024

I went on to say that I will run the tournaments but only on the proviso that team captains must be in place and do their job, and lists of volunteers must be in place by the end of January. If they are not, then the tournaments will not run.

Karen suggested that we need others to shadow me to lighten the load. Agreed and we need to start lists of tasks which people can do.

Pedro has offered to come to a meeting to discuss over the options

Due to time taken no AOB and Karen's classification presentation to be included in newsletter.

The meeting closed at 10.25pm

Attendees:

Jane Barrett	Tim Pratt	Sarah Harwood	Helen Marland
Chris Kellaway	Sophie Twigg	Tara Earle	Andrew Hoyle
Ed Ronayne	Pedro Martins	Karen Williams	Scott Williams
Ian Evans	Brian Harrison	Barry Fry	Ken Clayton
Jack Wood	David Knight	Ben Glover	Ana Encarnacao
Trevor Dance	Stephen Fricker	Rob Twigg	John Strickland
Noel Davis	Paul Wood	Geoff Crewdson	Julian Thorogood
Jeannie Fletcher	Pete Forrow	Jane Forrow	Alastair Pratt
Gill Pratt	Roy Gair	Nikolett Listar	Mark Clarkson
Adam Berry	Andrew Clune	Stephen Bower	Mark Preston