

Targetcraft Archers

General Meeting

Minutes Of Meeting
29-October-09

Venue – Desborough Cricket Club
West Lodge Rural Centre
Desborough

Meeting Commenced at 7.30 pm

Members Present: Pat Crook, Pete Waterton, Colin Thwaites, Stuart Wright, Tim Bull, Frances Bull, Andrew Gibson, Ian Preston, Ken Bolton, Gary Hall, Jude Hall, Mike Cheeseman, Kevin Ackroyd, Chris Pinfold, David Lowe, Daniel Watt, Alan Course

Apologies from:

Treasurers Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted as correct

Matters from Last Meeting:

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Matters Arising

1 West Lodge Venue Update:

Tim Bull reported he had a letter from KBC about the proposed change of use of our shooting ground. A meeting was arranged with KBC planning officers where Tim sought clarification on several concerns mentioned in the letter. The planning officer was very helpful and it seems we will get the change of use we require but very unlikely planning for a club house will be approved. Other possibilities will be looked at in the meantime.

Meanwhile we can use the field and keep the bosses up while the planning application goes through, providing we keep up a dialogue with KCB. Tim will keep in contact with KBC.

2 Financial Overview:

Colin reported the club finances were in a healthy state but concerns had been raised about shooting and membership fees. Membership and shooting fees for families were thought to be too high. Colin pointed out that the cost of our shooting venues was only just met by the present fees, the cost of running the club in general i.e. mowing the field, replacements and repairs to equipment, consumables etc still had to be found. It was asked if members could pay a higher membership fee but no shooting fees, as treasurer Colin said he would love not to worry about collecting shooting fees but just to cover the cost of our venues would need at least a 50 plus membership each paying a £100 membership fee on top of their GNAS fees. It was felt that this would discourage associate and members who do not shoot on a regular basis and put a higher initial burden on family membership.

Colin suggested a family concession, i.e. a family of two shooting adults plus 1 or more siblings would not pay membership or shooting fees for their siblings, the adult fees would remain the same and they would still be required to pay the Junior GNAS fees.

This was voted on and agreed. To start at the next club night.

A vote on membership and shooting fees for adults to remain as they are at present was taken and passed.

To summarise:

Adult membership and shooting fees to stay as they are.

A family comprising of two shooting adults and one or more juniors will only pay the adults membership and shooting fees, Junior GNAS fees will still be required.

3 Club Competitions:

Pete Waterton raised a question about our Fita 900 competition. He asked if this could be changed to a full Fita or even a Fita Star. After discussion a proposal was put forward that we keep the Fita 900 as it is and put on a full Fita, record Status Fita or possibly a Fita Star on the Saturday before the FITA 900. This proposal was accepted unanimously. Francess said we have time to apply for Fita Star status for our 2010 competition date. Mike Cheeseman with help from Francess will see what needs to be arranged for this. Much relies on more help from club members to run the event. Colin may not be able to help on a Saturday due to work commitments.

4 Club Colours and Logo:

Francess informed the meeting that our club colours have been registered with GNAS as agreed at our meeting on the 16th September 2008. The club colours are Royal Blue tops with Black lower clothing. Colin proposed we use the Targetcraft Archery Centre logo. The club was originally formed by Targetcraft Archery and is still sponsored by them. Tim seconded the proposal and added that other clubs formed by archery retailers use the retailers' corporate identity. The proposal was passed and Colin has agreed to source clothing and embroidery of the logo.

5 Christmas Meal & Presentations:

Tim proposed we have our Christmas meal at the Beeswing pub in Kettering. At a cost of £12.95 per head for adults and £6.50 per head for children, This was accepted and Tim has started taking names and numbers. The meal will be on the 9th December, time to be confirmed.

6 GNAS Badge Scheme:

Francess Bull proposed the club enrol in the GNAS Badge Scheme. This scheme is designed to provide beginners and younger archers with awards for developing their archery skills. Francess has said she will administer the scheme. It was agreed that this would be introduced at a later date after the clubs coaches have had a meeting to discuss how best to integrate this scheme into the present coaching program for new and junior archers.

7 Outdoor Shooting:

Following the success of the last West Lodge Challenge round being shot on a Saturday, it was proposed that 2010 Challenge rounds all be shot on a Saturday. This was agreed in principle, arrangements will need to be made with Kettering Archers. More rounds can also be shot on a Saturday and a shooting calendar for 2010 will be put together and uploaded to our website and distributed amongst our members.

8 Any Other Business:

Ken Bolton queried the clubs clothing colours decision. It was pointed out that this was discussed and passed at our meeting on the 16th September 2008, minutes of which have been passed onto all members and are posted on our website. Ken also raised the issue of one of our members who continued shooting while equipment was being taken down and put away after an outdoor session, thus compromising safety. This incident has been dealt with and the archer concerned has been disciplined.

However we have not been able to speak to all involved in this incident to establish exactly what transpired on this occasion but stricter control of outdoor shooting have been introduced. All club members must stop shooting on the finale whistle and help put the equipment away.

Stuart Wright proposed the club invest in a range of equipment aimed at the serious archer for beginners to use to advance their training. This proposal was not passed. The financial cost of this proposal could not be justified, Beginners on completion of their beginners course have ample examples of equipment choice from existing club members equipment. Most club members are only too happy to help and advise new members with their choice of equipment.

Ian Preston enquired as to what the club should do about the mower now that we have KBC cutting the grass for us. It was agreed that we keep the mower for emergencies and Colin has agreed to change the cutting deck and make good any damage or defects where possible. Arrangements need to be made to get the mower over to Colin's workshop.

Ian and Stuart proposed they run beginners course at Gretton on a Thursday evening. This was agreed subject to the venue meeting GNAS insurance requirements. Colin will look into this and advise.

Meeting Closed at 10.0pm

Next meeting Wednesday the 20th January 2010
Time and venue to be confirmed.

Ongoing from last meeting:

PROPOSAL: Code of practice for evening shooting.	Drawn up by Colin	Points to be added.	Ongoing
Vat relief on charity purchases.	Question asked by Stuart Wright	Colin will look into this, but did express an opinion that we can not claim vat relief, but will look into it. Refer to above minutes	No vat relief on purchases.
Club Colours and Club Logo			
Ability badges?	Tim Bull proposed the club put in place a method of only allowing newer members to shoot the longer distances based on ability to consistently hit the target at a shorter distance.	Accepted in theory as it should speed up outdoor shooting by spending less time looking for arrows. Still to be confirmed at a latter meeting when more information or structure has been formulated.	Ongoing
Beginners Bosses	Ian Preston proposed putting out our smaller foam bosses on a semi-permanent basis for juniors and beginners.	This has now been approved and bosses put up. Now put away for the winter.	
Christmas Dinner 2009	A proposal to move the date or have a less formal and cheaper dinner was put forward.	Decision and date formalised.	
West Lodge Challenge	Tim proposed we have the last session on a Saturday with a barbecue at the end,	This proposal was put into practice and was a great success.	
Club Building	Peter Waterton proposed we build the club house our self's.	Agreed as a sound idea. Someone will need to draw up plans and get costing's. Plans will be needed to submit to Kettering Council for a Pre Planning application.	On hold