

Targetcraft Archers

Committee Meeting

Minutes Of Meeting

06-03-08

**Venue – Gretton Village Hall
Gretton.**

Attending: Tim Bull, Ken Bolton, Colin Thwaites, Stuart Wright, Ian Preston

Appologies: Frances Bull, Jon Bull

Time: 7.30

1. Minutes of AGM were read and accepted.
2. GNAS Clubmark was discussed at length and was unanimously accepted. Colin will prepare registration documents. Tim will liaise with John Wilson (GNAS Clubmark coordinator) to arrange a meeting with their regional assessor to discuss implementation. It may be possible to hold a joint meeting with LBAC who are also applying for Clubmark status. Tim will discuss with Val from LBAC on Sunday 15th March.
3. Chartermark. A similar scheme to clubmark, Chartermark was discussed but it was felt that this was geared more to business than to clubs. It was agreed that Chartermark would not be pursued.
4. New Member Retention & Integration: It was agreed that once new archers had completed their 6 week course and joined the club that they would be assigned a “buddy”. Stuart and Ian will introduce them to any of the following: Tim, Frances, Ken, Steve Lord, Mark Edmeads or Pat. The purpose of this is to provide help and guidance to new members as well as introduce them to the wider club membership.
5. Coach Development: It was felt that with the growing number of people joining the Club that there was a risk that our qualified coaches were left with little time to shoot themselves or carry on with higher coaching qualifications. It was suggested that the club would benefit from having two additional level 1 coaches. Daniel Watt and Peter Waterton were suggested. Daniel has confirmed acceptance, Peter has been approached. The club have agreed to cover the cost of training, but only after successful completion of the course.
6. Judge Development: Do Targetcraft need a home based judge. This was discussed but it was felt to be unnecessary at this time.
7. Lease Extension – West Lodge. Stuart has investigated the potential threat to our outdoor venue and believes that this comes not only from the planned Boarding Kennels, but also from the potential expansion of the cricket club. In addition as wheat is in such short supply there may be a threat to our ground being returned to farming. This is however felt to be unlikely. Colin will again speak with the Agents to discuss a new 3 year contract. It was suggested that if the agents were interested that we propose a longer term contract to purchase the lease. Colin will investigate.
8. Indoor / Outdoor Tournaments 2008 / 2009: Frances had sent in a written statement detailing the events and status. All club members should be encouraged to enter, and help with setting up / taking down. Frances suggested providing Tea and Cakes after each of the Caswell, our FITA 900 and County Champs. This was thought to be a good idea. Colin will investigate if the cricket club would be available to us again on these dates at minimal cost.
9. Equipment – Qty / Condition Replacement. Ian confirmed that he did have an inventory list for all club equipment. We discussed the need for a general replacement policy but agreed that it was best to maintain inspections and replace as needed rather than replace to a time frame. The question of the club bows condition was discussed in depth. Given our acceptance of Clubmark it was accepted that we should in future number all club bows and hold a register of equipment. These bows would then be inspected periodically to ensure that they are safe for beginners and other have a go events.
10. AGM Financial Report: Colin was asked about a number of questions concerning the income and expenditure. Detailed explanations were provided supported by the computer records.

11. Have A Go Events: Colin, Stuart, Ian are all happy and prepared to continue with their involvement in providing Have a go events around the county. They would however appreciate more support from Club members.
12. Beginners Brochure: Colin is preparing a detailed introduction to Archery which will be given to all club members. Tim is preparing a short brochure to be given to those signing up for the 6 week training course. A copy of this has been given to Ken and Stuart for their comments.
13. Links to other clubs: Tim suggested that we should, if possible, work and play more closely with other clubs from our area. It was suggested that each year we could hold an invitation shoot with one or two Northamptonshire clubs. It was suggested that rather than do a "normal" target competition, we could perhaps put on a modified clout or mini field round followed by a BBQ etc. This idea was met with enthusiasm and will be discussed at the next meeting.
14. How to encourage club members to shoot in local competitions: Other than making everybody aware of what shoots are coming up, as Frances does on a regular basis, it was felt that there was little more we could do.
15. First Aid: It was agreed that First aid Boxes and accident books would be purchased by the club (Colin) and located at West Lodge / Montsaye & Gretton. Peter will be asked to make a wooden lockable cabinet for the box and book to be stored at West Lodge / Montsaye. Stuart would check to see if his first aid qualification was still valid. The club should also investigate who else in the Club is qualified in first aid.
16. Member Shooting / Payment Register: It was felt by the majority that the current system of Colin collecting money on each target night without a shooting register would not hold up to any scrutiny if audited by the Charities commission. In addition on the grounds of health and safety, especially during the indoor season, it was considered a good idea to know who is in the building. Colin will therefore create a register and assign payments to each as applicable. We will attempt to introduce a system of payment prior to the commencement of shooting rather than at the end. Tim to discuss with Colin the best way of notifying the membership.
17. Club Shooting Records: At present whilst Handicap records are kept, no club shooting records are kept. It was suggested that this would be of interest to all members. With apologies to past and present members who have shot well, club records will be kept commencing with the current indoor season. Tim and Frances will take this on.
18. Any other business: None
19. Next Meeting: Time and date to be agreed. Subject for Agenda – Progress with GNAS Clubmark, Social links to other clubs.. Please send other agenda items to t.n.bull@btinternet.com

Meeting Closed 10.45