

# SOMERSET COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> October 2004 At the PURITON SPORTS CENTRE

### Present

Tim Pattemore, Chris Hassall, Ann Jackson, Alison Pattemore, Doug Human, Ivor Thomas, Hilary Collins, Ann Jackson, Paul Tompkins, Andy Rees, Tim Jackson, Dave Monk, Richard Tunstall, Peter Wiltshire, Vikki Atkins, Mike Boulton.

### 1 APOLOGIES

Paul Atkins, Alex Kerby, Lynne Evans, Amanda Tompkins, Bill Parry.

- 2 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY MEETING** Paul Tompkins was not present at the meeting. Correction to AOB item g) for 'reset' read 'set'. Add 'longbow' between 'county' and 'records'.

### 3 REPORTS

- A **Chairman** Congratulations must go to the inter-counties team and a big thank you must go to Ernie Chapman for managing the team and their spirits and for organising the celebration dinner last Friday at Burrington Combe.

I was more than a little disgruntled at the inferences made to our County secretary. Clique? Me? If there is an understanding and reliance that fellow officers who are capable and hard working grown up over many years of similar interest in the furtherance of our county, then yes there is sort of bond, but there are no secret agendas as far as I am concerned. Bar to make Somerset archery the envy and focus of all counties. I was saddened last month to hear of the passing of Chris Britton, who has been a stalwart of archery and a hard working ambassador of our sport both nationally and internationally for a very long time, I'm sure she will be missed by family and archery in general.

- B **Secretary** Minutes of GNAS operations Committee meeting received.  
Archery newsletter from the office received  
Reminder for subscription fees  
Sport England South West - Annual Review  
British Sports Trust - Sports Leader Awards

A letter from Joyce Hale has arrived to say that Chewton Bowmen have been closed down as an archery club. A new club has been affiliated through Somerset, Dunkery Field Bowmen were a GNAS club for many years and have now re-established their links.

Many will have seen the 'plea' I have sent to all club secretaries and posted it on the county web site. This was as a result of criticisms of this committee. I have received many replies of support and encouragement and to date four invites to shoot with county clubs. Thanks to all, guess what? Virtually all of the correspondence has been from the people around this table!

- C **Treasurer** Current account approximately £1600  
Deposit account approximately £21k approx

- D **Coaching** A second meeting of Somerset coaches has taken place with 10 out of the 15 attending - see attached.

- E **Juniors** No Report

- F **Tournaments.** Chris Hassall advised that the county indoor champs would be held at Langport School on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2005. The venue is available from 0800 to 2000 and there will be three details - the first will be for juniors only, the second two for seniors. The junior results will be announced in an annex during the day.

The county champs at Dunster will be charged at £8.50 for Y/H and £6.50 for the National. A junior shooting in last years Hereford attempted to claim a Rose award, which was refused at the time on the grounds of unacceptable round. GNAS have since overturned this and awarded a junior rose.

The Battle of Britain FITA was a great success, Chris Hassall thanked all who helped in particular Ann and Tim Jackson and several out of county archers who helped set up and strip the field. Chris Hassall volunteered to organise next year's event.

**G Field** Andy Rees reported that both he and Jane have been selected for next years England team. Jane won the All British Champs in Ireland and Louise Rees won the junior event.

**H Webmaster Postals**

Information about 2004/2005 postals was sent out by email to all clubs who participated last year, and to the general clubs list, at the end of August. If any club has not received this information, then please contact me ASAP, and I will forward it on. After the very successful trial of web-based submission last year, I will be continuing with that this year. The Frostbite league starts this month (October), and the Portsmouth league starts in November.

**Webmaster**

After the SCAA coaches meeting earlier in the month (which I expect Doug will report on separately), I have put together a table listing when the various clubs in the county run their beginners courses. Can those clubs that were not represented at the coaching meeting let me know when they run their courses so I can complete the table?

I heard that there is a new club (Dunkery) so I have added it to the Club Locations page, but please check the details to ensure they are correct!

News page has been kept updated with all the news I am aware of, but I am sure there are other newsworthy things going on that I do not know about, so please send me a report on anything you would like posted on the news page. Alternatively if you want an instant notice, you can always use the Message Board.

There are also plenty of For Sale items on the site at the moment, so pass the word round your clubs.

**Agenda Items**

Longbow scores:

Not too much has been posted on the SCAA message board about this. One vote in favour of score (Dotty Rockett) and one vote in favour of hits (Doug Human). I have not heard any strong opinions from the Bath Archers members, so I think the decision is up to the council.

Equipment Sale:

Attached are the bids from Danesfield and Ina for the surplus equipment. No other bids received.

**J Judging** I am committed to a meeting in Avonmouth on that night so please record my apologies. If I had been there I was going to have a winge about the Club archers not supporting their local tournaments...a recipe for these tournaments to die.....Bath,Minehead,Coastal! .....Coastal are still considering putting on a double one way clout one summer Sunday afternoon with food if we can find a slot away from the Andover Fital.

No judging matters to report except that Anne is doing sterling work as a candidate.

There followed some discussion about ways to make tournaments more attractive to new/young archers.

Nothing definite was decided but it was recognised that if Nationals were available at York/ Herefords maybe inexperienced archers would be more attracted.

**K Records** All on SCAA web site and up to date.

**L Postal** See webmasters report

**4 GWAS Report** See attached. Discussion followed concerning the GWAS bursary available for coaching IT equipment. Doug Human to make a case for a claim, the secretary to present it to GWAS.

**5 Date of Next Meeting** Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005 Puriton at 7.45pm

**6 Any Other Business**

a) It was decided to deal with bursaries as and when they are requested. Doug Human thanked the council for the grant to buy a Junior World Champs gonfalon.

- b) This item has been corrected. There are no Somerset County longbow records so anyone wishing to claim a record should submit to Ann Jackson ensuring all details are provided - i.e. date, venue, round, score and score sheet or results copy.
- c) After discussion Ann Jackson proposed that for longbow results at Somerset competitions the winner should be decided on hits with second and third on score and golds respectively. Tim Jackson seconded - motion carried unanimously.
- d) Vikki Atkins advised that there has been some discussion about resurrecting the match between SCAA and Devon and Cornwall Archery Society (DCAS). It was agreed to propose to DCAS that the event be incorporated into the SCAA champs at Dunster. Team make up to be discussed with DCAS. The secretary to write to DCAS.
- e) Vikki Atkins congratulated Alison Pattermore on her third place at the NFAS champs.
- f) Mike Boulton tabled a proposal that SCAA consider renting 0845 telephone numbers for club secretaries and officials. He will produce some information at the next meeting and advised that details can be found through the 'phone co-op' web site. There are cost advantages as well as continuity with numbers even if officials change. This may make the society easier to access for prospective members.
- g) Doug Human advised that West Somerset Council sports initiative called 'Actifest' includes archery with both Danesfield and West Somerset involved.
- h) Ivor Thomas advised that Wellington bowmen are doing very well with a steady influx of new members and an excellent new outdoor venue.
- i) The equipment up for disposal has only received bids from Danesfield and Ina. It was suggested that the two reps agree to split the equipment under the guidance of Dave Monk.
- j) Chris Hassall advised all that affiliations must be done correctly and on time. He asked all secretaries to save affiliation forms and submit them monthly and not every time a new member joined.

He opened discussion on the current interest in archery and how do we cope with the numbers. Many clubs have a waiting list for beginners and some clubs have had to close their doors to new archers. Paul Tompkins suggested that the Puriton venue was available several evenings if someone was willing to organise a new club or a subsidiary of Puriton. Chris suggested a change to the frostbite rules to allow clubs to shoot as many as they like but only submit scores shot on the same day.

Chris passed round a news cutting announcing the death of an archer, successful in the 1960's by the name of Patricia Flowers.