



Devon and Cornwall Archery Society

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24 November 2019

At Yelverton Memorial Hall, the meeting opened at 2.05pm with Phil Gilbanks in the Chair.

Changes to the constitution as attached were outlined by Phil Gillbanks. There were no questions.

All members present unanimously agreed the amendments.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2019

At Yelverton Memorial Hall, the meeting opened at 2.10pm with Phil Gilbanks in the Chair.

Members present: from the Committee John Poyner, Paul Callaway, Karen Williams, Sally Sandoe, Ann Gillbanks, Phil Gillbanks, Scott Williams, Sophie Twigg, Andrew Parkinson, Emma Martyn together with 15 Senior members representing 7 clubs.

Apologies for absence received from Estelle Edwick, Julia Hadley, Steve Glover, and Phillip Rees

1 Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM had been previously circulated and were taken as read. Proposed by Denzil Searle and seconded by Neil Bancroft they were accepted as a true record by show of hands all in favour save for one abstention and a copy signed as such by Phil Gilbanks.

2 Matters Arising

None

3 New Constitution

Formal adoption of the new Devon and Cornwall Archery Society Constitution as discussed in the Extraordinary General Meeting preceding this AGM was proposed by Sarah Conisbee and seconded by Neil Bancroft.

The new constitution was unanimously accepted.

4 Committee Members Annual Reports

4.1 Chairman

Report read out as attached.

4.2 Secretary

Karen reported another busy and successful year for Devon and Cornwall Archery Society, but will leave it to members of the committee with specific roles to report on the achievements. In a question from the floor it was queried if more notice of AGM could be given in various formats. It was confirmed that notice had been sent out to Club Secretaries in good time, but next year there will be a new website as well.

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4.3 Treasurer

Paul thanked Frances Clark for their work in producing the accounts
See the attached accounts and report
Since the accounts are still showing a healthy balance no increase in affiliation fees is proposed this year.
The accounts were proposed by Paul Callaway and seconded by Sarah Conisbee then unanimously accepted.

Margaret Byrnes asked how much is in the Junior Fund. The amount is £1572

Affiliations see report; We are continuing to see a decline un the number of Juniors coming into Archery.

4.4 Tournament Secretary

I would like to thank all the venues and tournament organisers for hosting the DCAS tournaments this year all your assistance is greatly appreciated

The accounts show the tournaments would have made around £1K profit but for the depreciation of the timing and PA system.

As Phil has reported in the Chairman's report the use of the scoring system and PDA's has increased this year with more clubs making use of the equipment.

The DCAS Indoor Championship was held again in Plymouth this year as a World Record Status 18m which proved popular and although we had some spaces in the morning, we were still able to cover costs and make a profit. The DCAS Indoor Championship will be held in Plymouth again next year and will once again be a World Record Status 18m. I'd like to thank Tim Pratt who kindly stepped into cover the TO duties for me as I was recovering from an eye operation the day before the tournament.

The DCAS Indoor Championships will be held on the 23 February 2020

Grand Day will be held in Exeter on 6 May 2020

The DCAS County Championship will be held at Exmouth on the 16 August 2020

Autumn Gold – Due to work commitments I did not get the opportunity to circulate clubs to see if anyone wanted to host Autumn Gold prior to the AGM so will contact clubs to see if they are willing to organise and host this event which is to be held on the 6 September 2020

DCAS Junior entry fee for DCAS tournaments will be free again next year; but the offer to pay DCAS Junior entry fees to other club open tournaments has been withdrawn as sadly, it did not attract the numbers of new junior entries as was hoped.

So Finally, I would like to thank all those archers who did attend the tournaments as your continued support is needed. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Questions

Members asked about the increase in Entry fees - Ann explained that DCAS tournament fees are set to meet the costs of running the tournaments.

It was further clarified that the offer of free shoots for juniors will only apply to the DCAS day in relation to two day tournaments at Exmouth and Redruth

4.5 Coaching Organiser

Report read out as attached.

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4.6 Junior Representative

This year Devon and Cornwall juniors placed 2nd at GWAS intercounties. This year following changes in the criteria to apply to shoot for the county, 10 juniors submitted scores compared to only 5 last year.

The Coaching session at Exmouth on 9 Nov was very successful, 32 juniors attended. Will try to get up to 3 county coaching sessions for juniors next year.

Archery is struggling to attract juniors, welcome any suggestions.

Margaret Byrnes asked, since cost may be a barrier to families, would AGB consider a family membership rate?

4.7 Senior Team Manager

The county team has done well this year. At the GWAS intercounties we retained the overall team award for the 4th year running as well as picking up longbow and recurve team awards as well.

At the National Intercounties we won Bronze for Gents Recurve, Gents Longbow and Silver for Ladies Longbow teams.

Squad sessions continue to run through the winter and are well subscribed and I have been working with Andy to offer open coaching sessions for those who are not yet at the level or able to get a space on the squad sessions.

This year we have struggled to have enough compound archers for the team. I am keen to hear from any Compound archers who would be interested in being considered for the county team next year and squad training places should be available for these archers.

4.8 Records Officer

94 new DCAS records

24 GWAS records

Records will be on the website soon

88 inc 42 juniors DCAS roses and stars

4.9 Public Relations Officer

Emma took over as PRO last year. Two newsletters have gone out at county indoors and grand day. Will be doing a newsletter following the AGM. Will only go out electronically this time. Newsletters have been well received, but need clubs and archers to provide content and photos.

241 people liking Facebook; need to engage more people.

4.10 Judges Representative

It has been another busy year for the Judges in DCAS. We congratulate Tara Earle on qualifying as a County judge and wish her well in her judging career.

With addition of Tara this provides the counties with the following numbers:-

2 National Judges

3 Regional Judges

6 County Judges.

To provide more resilience to clubs we would love to increase the numbers of judges so we invite any interested archers to approach any of the judges to find out more.

The judges uniform is changing and you may have already seen some of the new green tops at some of the competitions at the latter end of the season.

This year we had a couple of last minute requests for Judges for competitions. To avoid disappointment please can we remind Tournament Organisers and clubs to secure judges at the earliest point in the planning process.

5 Website

Scott provided a presentation of the latest draft version of the new Devon and Cornwall Archery Society Website which the Committee has commissioned. It is hoped the Website will go live early in the New Year.

6 Election of Committee

There has been no nomination for a Safeguarding Officer and this role has been vacant for a number of years. Members present were encouraged to consider anyone who might be willing to undertake the role.

The following members were elected to the Committee for the forthcoming year, being the only nomination in each case:

President	Sally Sandoe	re-elected
Vice-President	John Poyner	re-elected
Chairman	Phil Gillbanks	re-elected
Vice-Chairman	John Poyner	re-elected
Secretary	Karen Williams	re-elected
Treasurer	Paul Callaway	re-elected
Tournament Secretary	Ann Gillbanks	re-elected
Coaching Organiser	Andrew Parkinson	re-elected
Junior Representative	Sophie Twigg	re-elected
Senior Team Manager	Estelle Edwick	re-elected
Records Officer	Scott Williams	re-elected
Judges Representative	Julia Hadley	re-elected
Public Relations Officer	Emma Martyn	re-elected
Web Master	Tim Pratt	re-elected
Rep to GWAS Council	John Poyner	re-elected

(A second post of Rep to GWAS Council is held ex-officio by the Secretary.)

The formal acceptance of these elections was proposed by Phil Gilbanks and seconded by Chris Vitalli - Unanimously agreed

7 GWAS Report

Grand Western Archery Society (GWAS) is considering the appointment of a Development Officer for the region in partnership with Archery GB. This year GWAS commissioned and bought flags and banners for each county bought to be used at Dunster and now available for each County to use at their own tournaments.

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8 AOB

A reminder to all clubs not to include all email addresses in mail outs and to use blind copy was requested.

Redruth are going to run another junior tournament which is on the calendar. They will also run a charity tournament. All profits to Cornwall Air Ambulance later in the year.

Archery England: Andrew Parkinson is one of the GWAS reps, to Archery England formerly known as the English Archery Federation. The AGM is this Saturday in Birmingham. Andrew asked those present to encourage archers to submit their scores to Archery England.

8 Presentations

The Roy Skipper Tournament Organiser's Trophy was presented to Peter Conisbee of Redruth Archers for the Double 1440 3 & 4 August 2019

There being no other business the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Devon and Cornwall Archery Society closed at 3.40pm.

Date set for the next meeting of 22 November 2020.

Minutes recorded by
Karen Williams
Secretary

Accepted as a true record by

Date