



## Wymondham Archers AGM

### 23rd July 2024 at 19:30 Online via Zoom & Rugby Club

### Minutes

The meeting opened at 19:30

#### In Attendance:

Keith Brandon, Salina Baboo, Dan Parnham, Jake Francis, Mark Brookes, David Tonninson, Alex Tonninson, Peter Hill, Peter Barrett, Alice Hawkes, Terry Reeve, Bryan Swadling, Bridget Wood, Keith Obee, Allan Power, Sandra Edwards.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Daron March, David Youngman, Donna Youngman, Louise Smith, Chris Norburn, David Hall.

#### 2. Member Questions & Answers

##### **Question 1 - Bryan Swaddling & Colin**

Due to the recent, biased survey sent out by Archery GB on their fees. Can Wymondham Archery Club use its influence as a high membership club to inform Archery GB that by increasing their fees, they are putting off new members due to high costs when starting Archery?

*Salina provides summary statement*

*Colin wanted clarity about fee structure being set by AGB to which the Chair shared that there are now two strata, Under 21 and Over 21. With a third being disabled access, which is set at the same figure as the Under 21 fee.*

*Bryan's request was for the Club to lobby AGB regarding the heavily biased questionnaire recently sent to a selection of members across the UK. The Chair contacted AGB and was informed by the Director of Participation that the questionnaire was being used as a stress test from the membership. Both members indicated they were satisfied with the responses shared with them recently via the Chair.*

##### **Question 2 - from Carole Thornhill**

When I first joined Wymondham Archers the club was all about fun and valuing the members. (We even had the tagline on Facebook that we were all about fun) Birthdays and Achievements were celebrated.

My question to all the committee is, What are you as a committee going to do about bringing fun back to Wymondham Archers and how are you going to retain and value the members that you already have?

*Keith provides summary statement*

*As a response, we, as the committee, collectively emphasise the importance of involving all of you in planning and organising fun activities. We suggest forming a social sub-committee to gather your input on what activities you enjoy and how you would like achievements celebrated. This will be raised at a future committee meeting. All our committee members are volunteers and we need to acknowledge their busy schedules. However we are committed to supporting*

*and enabling anyone who wishes to take the lead in organising social events. We recognize the need to make everyone feel valued and highlight our club's excellent facilities and flexible access as significant benefits. We encourage all members to actively contribute to enhancing the club's social atmosphere.*

### 3. Minutes from 2023 AGM

No objections raised, minutes agreed.

### 4. Matters arising from 2023 AGM

There were no matters arising from the AGM 2023 not already on the agenda.

### 5. Reports from Officers

#### **Chairman & Secretary Report**

The Committee Chair wants to thank all those member Archers, non member archers and non club members who have helped bring Archery to life, with Wymondham Archers, this past year.

We are enjoying our sixth year outdoors here at the wonderful Wymondham Rugby Club and are fast approaching our third indoor season at Norfolk Showground. We have added to our assets at the outdoor Range here with a brand new state of the art shooting line, funded with grant funding from Sport England via the National Lottery, all down to the efforts of our Committee. We thank our committee from the bottom of our heart for their continued efforts supporting this wonderful Archery Club.

A very special thank you goes to our outgoing Vice Chair - Dave Tonnison, stepping aside for a well earned break, enabling the passage for Jake Francis to fill some big shoes. Dave has been instrumental in bringing to life so much of this Club, from have a go's, BBQ's, Taster Sessions, Festival of Sport and more. He has been instrumental in particular with the creation of the Shoot to the Moon. Dave and his family devised Shoot to the Moon so that everyone could take part, to contribute towards the wellbeing of others; and find an excuse to shoot our bows as far as we can... well, to the Moon. It has been hugely successful and raised thousands of pounds for Nelson's Journey. The committee chair will miss Dave's easy counsel and corporate knowledge in areas such as GDPR, financial and on occasion calming expertise. And of course he cooks a great burger. Thank you Dave, your contribution to our Club over the previous 7 years has been wonderful; we will have you back in a jiffy, don't lock the door.

Over the previous year we have run more than 80 beginners courses over the year with a transition rate from beginner to member of around 90%. We've assessed more than 35 other archers who expressed a wish to join us - 100% of who now shoots with us.

- Currently we are at 339 Archers Up from last year's 335
- The average time Archers stay in the sport is around 2.8 years. We have one or two with around 50 years, with our average at slightly more than 3.07 years. It's a small difference but quite a large percentage change. (6.6%)
- 32% of our Archers are Female
- 50% of our Archers are part of a family group. Up from 48% last year.
- 2019-2020: The average Archer age was - 43.38 years

- Now, in 2023-2024 we are at - 38.23 years - Nearly 12% younger
- Here are some statistics for the year 23/24 on our ranges
  - No. of Days in Operation 315
  - No. Lanes Booked 5,718
  - Total Lanes Provided 113820
  - % of Lanes Booked 5.02%
- At the start of this year your Committee has worked on our Strategic Direction, creating a Six Pillars approach to bringing Archery to life for Wymondham Archers, with the main priority of “Inclusivity”. The Six Pillars that are the focus of our committee meetings are as follows:
  1. Raising the Profile of the Club and Communications
  2. Governance
  3. A new 3-5 Year Development Plan
  4. Social Efforts
  5. Competitions and Tournaments
  6. Access to Archery for All Skill Levels

Nothing happens at Wymondham Archers without our fantastic Volunteers. Your Committee are grateful, thankful and humbled by the crucial contributions made by our volunteers, who are essential to the effective running of our club. We cannot express how much we value our volunteers' dedication and hard work. We would love to thank you all individually right here right now, but we are sure we would miss one of you by mistake, so please, do accept our sincere thanks and gratitude. Wymondham Archers is more than just a club; it is a community. Thank you for your dedication and support. We ‘together’ look forward to another successful year at Wymondham Archers.

### **Lead Coach report**

Our dedicated coaching volunteers are crucial to Wymondham Archers. Thank Andy Beer, Salina Baboo, Peter Barrett, Keith Brandon, Andy Rothwell, and Terry Reeve, who, along with myself, have delivered all the beginner sessions.

We currently have 8 active coaches and look forward to working with trainee coaches Stephanie Heydon and Jason Harvey over the forthcoming year. Beginners Courses 358 Sessions amounting to 90 courses.

There is a disparity between the number of sessions available and those taken up highlighting the need for increased outreach and promotional activities. Our events, including 'Have a Go's' with workplaces and the WI, 'Tasters', mental health initiatives with Men's Shed, and community collaborations; all strengthen our community presence. We also held a coaches training day and welcomed guest coaches, thereby extending our reach to more members and others.

Wymondham Archers is a vibrant and dedicated Archery community. Our efforts to support and develop our coaches, engage with the community, and retain members are the foundation of our ongoing success. We look forward to another year of growth, learning, and archery excellence.

### **Equipment Officer's**

Wymondham Archers is lucky enough to have 2 ranges open concurrently for most of the year and therefore the amount of equipment we have is considerable and spans both range locations as well as having some equipment out on hire, these all require constant maintenance and repairs which would not be possible without the huge support of additional volunteers that turn up on a regular basis to perform these tasks when a plea is put out for assistance, in particular target repairs and other range work.

As you may be aware our target foam supplier factory burnt down late last year and sourcing foam has been difficult and would have been very expensive to replace all our targets with another supplier's targets. The committee worked hard to find alternative foam, the first batch sourced required some considerable cutting down and shaping by our volunteers so where these were used the targets are a little bumpy but still perfectly usable. The second batch are the ideal size but require some minor notch cutting but these will lead to a smoother surface once the first batch is depleted shortly and starts to wear out. Hopefully by the time the next batch is used up our supplier will be back online again.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who provide their time and energy in keeping the club going. Without you all we would not be the club we are today.

On a final note; if you notice, or have any, club equipment that needs repairing, do please bring it to the attention of myself, a coach or committee member as soon as possible or contact the equipment officer email on the website.

## **Website & Social Media**

### **Site Traffic**

Consistent number of impressions compared with last year although with a slightly lower click-through rate which is potentially due to lack of new site content.

### **Maintenance**

Very little change has been made to the website in the past year, however it continues to be maintained with regular updates to the software.

- Tournament information and results are updated as required.
- The minutes page has been reinstated starting fresh from this year. All of the old minutes have been archived.
- Pete generated a form for guest archers to fill in - this is now embedded in a dedicated page on the website.
- The blog has not been active due to the updates mostly being sent out via email these days.

### **Additional**

The old and creaky club laptop which was no longer used has been securely wiped, repurposed and has a new home.

## **Health & Safety Officer's**

No issues on ranges, 1 injury investigated and closed as user error. Defibrillator on site at the rugby club, code is situated in our first aid box in the outdoor range shooting shed. Further work conducted regarding indoor range heating and lighting, shooting line. Reminder to let the club know whenever items from the first aid box are used so they can be replaced.

**Competitions report** – No report provided

**Records Officer report** – No report provided

**Fundraising Officer report** – No report provided

## 6. Treasurer's Report

[Insert Treasurer's report]

### **Question from the floor – What do we get from AGB to justify fee increases**

Mark Brookes explains that we primarily get insurance, but they also provide infrastructure, coaching, etc.

## 7. Constitution amendment

Ratify votes cast online/in AGM for amendment to section 7.3 of Wymondham Archers Constitution

### **From**

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**Vote; Carried, no objections**

## 8. Elections and Appointments of Committee Posts for

The following Committee members were elected. There were no multiple nominations for any post.

<b>Chair</b>	Peter Hill
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Jake Francis
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mark Brookes
<b>Secretary &amp; Membership Officer</b>	Salina Baboo & Keith Brandon
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Alice Hawkes
<b>Coaching Officer</b>	Peter Hill
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	Peter Barrett
<b>Equipment Officer</b>	Daron March
<b>Website &amp; Social Media</b>	Paul Kirk
<b>Fundraising Officer</b>	Chris Norburn
<b>Records Officer</b>	Jake Francis
<b>Competitions Officer</b>	David Hall
<b>Junior Members</b>	Laura Scott
<b>Supporting Officer 1</b>	Sandra Edwards


<b>Supporting Officer 2</b>	Terry Reeve
<b>Supporting Officer 3</b>	Dan Parnham
<b>Supporting Officer 4</b>	John Packman

The date for next year's AGM will be set later in the year and all members will be notified in due course.

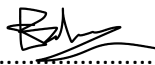
The meeting closed at 20:26

This is a true record of proceedings.

**To be signed off at AGM 2025.**

Signed  ..... Chair

Name Pete Hill..... Date 15 / 07/2025 .....

Signed  ..... Secretary

Name Salina Baboo..... Date 15/07/2025 .....