

SOAR VALLET ARCHER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUES 23 SEPT 08

NAVIGATION INN – BARROW

Present:

All persons wishing to continue membership of the club, Season 08-09

Apologies:

None received

AGM opened at 7.30pm

The meeting was called to order by the court jester, who called for the assembled archers to stand and in pledging their alligence to the Chairman, welcome him into the room with cheers and applause. This they duly did as Steve was carried into the chamber by his bearers. The Chairman looked suitably impressive bearing the Club staff of office in one hand and a pint of beer in the other!

The Chair having been installed, the archers were called to order.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Steve Ward reported a good season with the weather not spoiling shooting outside.

Membership has increase greatly during the year with the club showing a healthy mix of gender and ages.

Juniors in particular have shown an increase with some strong shooting.

Junior Captain 'Ollie' Oliver was tanked by the chair for his work during the season.

Training

A new GNAS course has been introduced to provide a safe and controllable introduction for new members. This is a six week course at a cost of £35 plus usual subs.

Safety

Steve was pleased to report no serious safety issues, but stressed that continued vigilance and correct behaviour is essential.

Contacts

A new style contacts list was distributed to enable next of kin to be informed of the burial arrangements!

Linemaster

In line with GNAS policy it was agreed that the linemaster cannot shoot whilst others are on the line. If practicable they will shoot first alone – others may then approach the line to shoot under the linemaster supervision.

Competitions

A team was sent to the County Championships where they scored well and had a great day out. It is hoped to attend many comps this season and members were encouraged to 'give it a go'.

Awards

Jason scored a 500 and backed it up with a 550 so will be receiving medals from Archery GB.

Indoor home

Steve was very pleased to announce our new indoor home at Seagrave is working well. We are lucky to have such facilities as only 2 local clubs have indoor facilities.

Working party

The Chairman thanked those who turned out to clean and paint the storage container – now looking very smart.

Set Up

The club expects ALL member to help with setup/knockdown and general club housekeeping. In line with this – PLEASE DO NOT START TO PREPARE YOUR OWN KIT UNTIL ALL SET UP IS COMPLETED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

David distributed the contact forms and asked that member fill in and return them. With David standing down this year, the Chair proposed a vote of thanks for David past work.

WEBMASTER

Liz has created an superb website for the club. Members were encouraged to visit & submit items to Liz for posting.

Liz was congratulated by the Chair for her excellent work

The Social secretary awarded Liz a 'bonus point' for using the word 'Plethora' in her address to the club.

MEMBERSHIP

New season cards were ready for collection upon payment.

Under the process of submission to Archery GB.

ALL fees must be paid within 14 days of the AGM

You CANNOT shoot until your fee is paid

Payments made after the 14 day will mean you must wait until the next induction course and pay the induction course fee in addition to your subscription.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A weekly registration form has been created to enable a safe and accurate check of people and finance.

Club funds are in the black and currently climbing - this will enable us to purchase more equipment soon.

The Christmas party is to be held on Tues 16 December at The Hunting Lodge

Details to follow

Discount @ Merlin Bows

If you quote your club membership number when buying from Merlin the Club (not you) will get a 'bonus point payment' against club purchases.

Outside funding

Shires Grant – this appears to have lapsed

BUSCA – awaiting club account before granting money

Neil has a grant in process for equipment and will report back

The club balance (before subs) was stated as £409.68

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

With approval of the club members the following were elected as Officers of the Club:

Chair: Steve Ward

Master at Arms: Jack

Secretary: Jason

Child Protection: Neil

CPO Deputy: Liz

Records: David

Treasurer: Jackie

Social: Ian

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Russell worried about the space v numbers

It was decided to use two shooting ranks and if numbers increase further to consider two evenings of shooting.

David mentioned lighting at the new venue. Work lights are to be tried.

Saturday shooting was mentioned as open to all members

Neil is hoping to obtain new target from EMA under their grant scheme

A noticeboard is to be fitted in the new venue – feel free to use it.

Website business to be forwarded to Liz

AWARDS

Chairman Steve rounded the meeting off on a jovial note by presenting awards to members who had contributed to the club's success over the year. Club certificates were presented.

This concluded the official club business at 9.30pm

Members then adjourned for supper in the function room where the evening degenerated further.