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Annual General Meeting 2024/25

1. Roll call

Attendees: AM, TG, NF, WE, CP, SP, KP, CP.WP, LD, ND, MF, SL, SD, FB.LC, AC, CR, TM, AR, RC, NB, JB, TB.

Apologies received from MM, DL, SS, AG, CW

N.B As these notes are published on the club website only initials are included to meet data protection rules.

2. Chairperson's Report

Another busy year for the club, our third at Stowmarket Golf Centre following Covid and moving from Claydon High School. And our 26th year as a club. Not many clubs can offer Target, Field, Wand and Clout Archery! – Just Rove, Flight and Popinjay missing!

The club has run weekly club target days (now on Saturdays as well as Sundays) allowing archers to progress with summer and winter Archery GB classification awards as well as the popular 252 and 300 achievement awards. With good progression being made by club archers – with a number of members now achieving Bowman level. Thanks to Jackie for managing the scoresheets and presenting well deserved badges.

The club has again improved its facilities this year with a new shed built to store club equipment. Backstop netting has also been installed on both the main range and long ranges. The long range is now wider and can support 90m and 100y target distances. Thanks to Chris W leading on this with again help from others.

As with all clubs they exist and thrive on the patronage of all of its members. But cannot function without the committee members and volunteers who go that bit further and give their time and energy to make the club the success it is.

Thanks to all committee members and others who contributed this year it's much appreciated. We have more aspirations for the coming year and hope all will come with us to further improve our club.

Thank you all for the Help and support you have given me over the last few years as Chairperson. Hopefully you will give your support and help to whoever takes over as the new Chairperson. I would like to ask the new Chairperson to actively encourage and support all archers in the 252 schemes during the summer and the Star scheme during the winter (indoor



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round). Huge Thanks goes to Trevor B, Jackie B, Rob, and Treasea, inholding the club together and Caroline for sorting out the Taster and Beginners sessions, Finally Thank you all for coming to the AGM today.

3. Secretary's Report

Membership is now 100 split 88 adults and 12 u18. The club had 20 new members during the year 8 with previous experience and 12 from beginners' courses. Conversion rate of 25% from beginner's course. But based on current attendance expect renewal in October to be around 60 to 70.

Field archery has expanded at the club during the year with monthly summer mixed field shoots being run. The club also ran its first open field event at Haughley Park in June. Attended by 40 representatives from 17 clubs. Very positive feedback and the club plans a two-day 24 target event next year with hopefully UK record status. Thanks Stephen L and all the helpers for making this year's event happen.

The club has also run six monthly clout shoots during the summer thanks to David A for running them. Numbers unfortunately have dropped during the summer from 14 to 3 participants. So, need to understand the level of interest in the club and how best to progress.

Demand for club training events has once again been high with the club running four taster sessions and four beginners' courses during the year. With great feedback from participants. We have a waiting list for both events for next year 15 and 12. Thanks to our Head Coach Caroline and all who supported and helped run the sessions. In support of the training our club equipment has been enhanced with the inclusion of the St Eds equipment and maintained and improved thanks to Ian during the year.

A club competition was held last Sunday the first we believe in the clubs 26-year history and awards will be presented later in the AGM – another thanks to Stephen L. The club ran several events (less than previously as no events officer) Three birthday events, a Fete, Team Event and a couple have a goes 75 people.

The committee has also introduced a Hatton Cup which will be presented annually for most improved archer during the year based on handicap at the AGM – will be presented later – thanks to Robert for instigating this.



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The club supported the Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association who ran both winter and summer monthly coaching events. Including hosting the session in May at our range.

The club ran its ever-popular fun shoots Halloween, Christmas and Easter. Once again thanks to Caroline and those that help make them happen.

Club Coaching Clinics have also been run by the clubs Development Coaches (L2) as well as technical sessions for Compound bow tuning thanks David L and one later this month on Recurve / Barebow by Stephen and Chris.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasure to provide extract of the financial statements and supporting narrative highlights- requested 27/9/2024


5. Election of Committee Members

Two committee positions had two candidates willing to stand. In the case of the Chairperson role a ballot was held with the successful candidate being Stephen List. The other role was that Range Equipment Officer, and it was agreed two people covering that was the best approach.

All but the chairperson role was voted in by show of hands. So, the committee membership for 2024/25 is as follows and starting 1st October 2024.

Role	Nominated
Chairperson	Stephen List
Secretary	Trevor Benjamin
Assistant Secretary	Sam Punton
Treasurer	Robert Clark
Assistant Treasurer	Teresa Mitchell
Safeguarding Officer	Trevor Gibbs
Data Protection Officer	Trevor Gibbs
Head Coach	Vacancy



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Club Representative	Ade Coote
Event's Organiser	Vacancy
Website Master	Tracey Osborne-Lomax
Tournament Officer	Stephen List
Records & Medals Officer	Jackie Benjamin
Training Equipment Officer	Martin Fox
Range Equipment Officer	Chris Wiseman John Downing

6. Archery GB

AGB Membership Fees - age range changes – as a result of the removal of student membership by Archery GB and change from Under 18 to under 21 the club will adopt the same age profile structure for its fees going forward. With Adult and Disabled as currently. But will maintain a 18-21 rate and a Junior U18.

Club Affiliation – was discussed in the light of recent AGB changes to fees and renewals. It was agreed that Gipping Valley Archers would remain affiliated to Archery GB.

7. Agree 2023/24 Club Membership Fees

The committee proposed a reduction for the U18 GVA membership fees – four total p/a fees were considered all of which provide no income to the club's funds and three are below costs


£22.50	(covers AGB & Reg/County fees – £35 range fees not covered - below cost)
£30.00	(covers AGB & Reg/County fees +£7.50 towards £35 range fees – below cost)
£32.50	(covers AGB & Reg/County fees +£10.00 towards £35 range fees – below cost)
£55.00	(covers AGB & Reg/County fees +£35 range fees – break even)

After much consideration and discussion and two votes the majority decision was £55 p/a

Membership Fees will be as follows for 2024/25

	Total(p/a)	AGB	GVA (p/a)	GVA(p/m)
Senior	£180	£60	£120	£10
18-21	£140	£20	£120	£10
Junior U18	£55	£20	£35	£2 Oct then £3 for 11 months
Disabled	£140	£20	£120	£10



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8. Club Constitution

Two changes to the club's constitution were agreed as follows.

Members voting must be over 18.

Restructure the age profile to align with AGB move to 21.

9. Presentations

Club Competition – the following awards were presented by Stephen List
Adult

Male Barebow	1 st Simon, 2 nd Gavin
Male Compound	1 st David 2 nd Trevor B
Female Compound	1 st Jackie
Male Recurve	1 st Andreas 2 nd Martin 3 rd Trevor G
Female Recurve	1 ST Sam
Male Longbow	1 st Stephen
U18	
Male Compound	1 st William
Female Compound	1 st Calleigh
Male Barebow	1 st Jefferson
Female Longbow	1 st Kaitlin

Haddon Cup will be presented at a later date to be confirmed.

10. Matters Arising

Reminder to the membership that two committee roles remain vacant

Close

NB thanked everyone for attending and contributing and closed the meeting 15:40

Next Committee meeting 17th November 2024 at 2pm (note change from the 10th to avoid clash with remembrance Sunday).