



Sussex County Archery Association

Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 1st December 2018

at the Manor Field Primary School, Junction Road, Burgess Hill, RH15OPZ

Present:

Mr. Philip van Buren, President

Officers:

Mr Rod Brown, Chair - Mrs. Doreen Cannon, Secretary - Mr. Graham Stevens, Treasurer

Committee Members:

Ms Petra Ginman, Ms Adele McPeake, Ms Elizabeth Kellingley, Ms Ann Tyrrell (co-opted)

Mr James Jackson, Mr Nick Lea, Mr Iain Cadle (appointed)

And 29 SCAA Members representing 19 clubs:

Tony Tutt, Ben Green, Anthony Mansfield, Andras Tokes, Mark Worsfold, Melanie Knight-Worsfold, James Poland, Geraldine Van Buren, Rob Baldwin, Rachel Baldwin, Robert Keeling, Trevor Little, Neil Roffey, Ian Cosham, David Egalton, David Gates, Rowena Berterelli, Yvonne Jakes, Barry Jakes, Jeff Rumsey, Brenda New, Bob New, Phil Varden, Sue Habgood, David Habgood, Neil Seymour, David Webster, Julie Webster, Pete Mann.

A total of 40 attendees equivalent to a valid quorum of 37 members.

Clubs Represented: Bayeux Bowmen, Ditchling AC, Friars Gate Archers, Brighton Bowmen, Hellingly Archers, Falcon Bowmen, Arundown AC, Worthing AC, Meridian AC, Eastbourne Archers, Newhaven AC, Bognor Regis Archers, Greenways AC, Blind Veterans AC, Crawley AC, University of Sussex Archers, Adur Valley Archers, The High Weald AC, Chichester Bowmen.

1. Meeting declared open

At 10.05am

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Pam and Terry White and Anthony Arber, Susan Mangan and Isla Bezencon

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on 11th November 2017 were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising out of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Crawley Archers enquired whether progress had been made on the Development Goals referred to in response to a question.

The County Coaching Officer replied that arrangements were still being made for a Personal Development Course to be run in January, February and March of 2019, but there was still a question about who would be the Target Audience, the original thinking was to design the course to suit the Higher-Level Archers in the County.

The Team Captain pointed out that the number of Top Archers was considerably reduced, and the choice of Archers for the Junior team was even more limited, so there is a real need to bring on intermediate Senior and Junior Archers to prepare them for Competition.

The Chairman referred to recent discussions on this point and said that because of no interaction between the Coaching Guild and the County Team for many years, all top archers have their own Mentors and Training regimes and are unlikely to attend Workshops that could conflict with their

established routines. But there are plenty of archers near the threshold of the County Team who would like to improve their competition-readiness.

To be followed up at the Martlets Guild AGM later in the day.

4. Chair's Report on the Year

Mr Brown thanked everyone present for coming to Burgess Hill for the meeting, and noted that many more Clubs were represented than in recent years, and from all parts of the county.

He also thanked everyone who served on the Committee this year:

Doreen Cannon Philip Van Buren Graham Stevens Michaela Lake Petra Ginman Nick Lea Adele McPeake Elizabeth Kellingley James Jackson Iain Cadle - and also Sue Mangan and Martin Newman who gave up their posts during the year because of outside obligations.

And continued...

Elizabeth and James have finished university in the County, but as you see they are both still with us. The Committee has been a bit nomadic since the Burgess Hill Nautical Training Hut burned down, so thanks are due to James who arranged the meeting room for us at Sussex University until the end of Spring Semester and to Philip who got us into the Telscombe Community Centre since then.

Committee Numbers have been below what we would have liked (and need) so most people had to deal with more than one area. And some areas have had no-one to look after them.

As you can see from the Minutes, last year the SCAA President gave a full break-down of how poor support from the Membership is hampering SCAA activities. Since becoming Chairman I have tried to increase awareness of what SCAA is and does, but I appreciate that may take a while to translate into better participation, if it ever does.

We went through the year without Outdoor or Indoor Tournament Officers, and SCAA was unable to host its own Championships this year because of the frankly pathetic response from members to the usual appeal for Helpers.

Instead, the Senior and Junior Outdoor Target Championships were hosted on a smaller scale by Clubs - that was The High Weald for the Seniors (thanks to Adele McPeake and Darren Hall) and Arundown for the Junior (thanks to Christine Stevens and Serena Charlesworth).

There was no Indoor Championships. County did host a Clout Championship, and the Field Championships, which are always hosted by a Club, were held at High Weald, this time as a 2-day event.

One of the 'Core' functions of SCAA is to support teaching and coaching through the Martlets Coaching Guild, which has been successful in training Coaches, but is also suffering in a big-way from a shortage of Human Resources when it comes to organising Development Workshops for both Adults and Juniors, where we have been failing to deliver for a long time.

All the Archers in the county, young and old, advanced and novices, deserve better, but it does mean that more of the membership, not necessarily just Coaches, needs to be involved, particularly in administration and support.

This hits every club in some way, so please try to encourage your intermediate archers, and the archers who have been high achievers and are now easing off, to help get the Workshops back on course.

And of course we could do with more Judges in the County - anyone?

SCAA frequently gets criticised for only being interested in Elite Archers, but when I step back a bit and review what has been going on I find it hard to see a big bias in favour of the Elite.

I think Elite Archers would have good reason to say they've been neglected too, there's been no structured Elite or Squad or Intermediate training for about ten years. All the Elite Archers have found their own Mentors and Training regimes.

All the effort in fact has gone into increasing the number of Coaches, the majority being Level 1 so they are mostly involved with Beginners and Novices. To me that sounds like Grass-Roots Support.

And even though we know the majority of Club Archers don't get involved with Competitive Archery, good quality teaching with a view to getting Novices on track to become Competent if not Elite Archers IS the right thing to do.

People come to Archery Clubs expecting to learn to shoot arrows well at Targets. If they wanted to play and run around loosing off blunt arrows at other people, for instance, they'd take up Archery Tag.

So who are the Elite? Well to - start with - they're no different from any other Novices, they don't spring out of the ground fully-formed. They become Elite maybe because a Coach or other Archer in their Club sees that the Novice is interested or shows Aptitude. So far as County is concerned, the only specifically Elite Support SCAA has been giving is in the form of Travelling Grants for archers representing GB and NI internationally. All the other expenditure that does benefit Elite Archers - such as the Timing Gear, 3-D Targets, and the Tournament Equipment - is there to be used by all. The 3-D targets have even been used by Juniors and others who've never shot a field round before - with the aim of attracting them into Archery. All these facilities exist so that all SCAA members can use them.

My predecessor Pete Probert tried to visit all the Clubs, and managed to get to around a third of them. While I'd like to do that, I can't fit it in at the moment, but I have managed to have some contact with all the clubs either face to face or by messages.

But some of the clubs have been very hard to get and have not replied promptly or at all to messages. I know from talking to SCAA archers that the 'cascade' system of sending messages to Club Secretaries for distribution to members still isn't working in some Clubs.

My less ambitious aim was to be able to shorten the line of communication between SCAA and the individual members so that announcements and publicity can be sent directly in a more personal way. That may not increase participation, but it definitely is worth a try. If it works, every club will benefit because members will do more to make running the club less of a chore.

We have moved forward on this to some extent but so far only five of the 24 active Clubs have actually provided a mailing list for 2018-19 of their members who consent to receiving News Bulletins. Some clubs said they would tell their members to inform SCAA if they would like to receive news, etc, but ONLY ONE archer has actually done this. I know that isn't the only archer in that club who would be happy to get News. If your club agreed to provide the list and hasn't - that is most of you - please will you do your best to get it sent in before the end of the year. If you sent it to the County Secretary, please will you re-send to the Chairman address as Doreen has been unable to process Association Mail since August, as notified to all clubs.

A Clubs Meeting mini-conference was arranged in June.

8 out of 24 clubs attended. Another 8 apologised for absence, and another 8 never replied at all. There was plenty of useful discussion with some good ideas emerging, including a suggestion to produce and distribute an informative Brochure to be given to new members, which has been implemented, but rather than solve the participation problem the Meeting showed that more than half the clubs were insufficiently interested.

Some secretaries did apologise for not being there, but given that the average club membership is around 60 archers, it's fair to say that if a club can't even find one representative who can attend, then the level of interest is very low indeed. A summary of the discussion was sent out.

In spite of the low level of activity at County level, a number of Sussex Archers have been successful at National and International level. However, changes in the Archery GB Selection and Rankings process did hit at some of our best archers and several decided not to participate as they found it impossible to follow the required schedule.

Bryony Pitman continues at the very top of Recurve Target Archery, including being top recurve Lady at the National Indoor Champions and representing GB & NI several times in both Field and Target. Nathan Thomas and Mark Charlesworth were in the winning England team at the Indoor Home International at the same meeting.

Junior Compound Archers Holly Hunter and Kai Thomas-Prause had very successful years, but Kai is now off to follow his studies. Nathan Thomas moved to the Midlands at the end of 2017.

And even though the Southern Counties Indoor Championships have moved away from Sussex, there were still plenty of Regional Champions: Bryony Pitman, Holly Hunter, Tim Nash, Pete Mann and Marc Charlesworth.

Once again Sussex Field Archers represented GB & NI, this time filling four places in the 3-D team - Adele McPeake, Michaela Lake, Jason Meehan and Gary Cole - as well as several appearances by Bryony Pitman in WA Major Events.

There was some recognition too for work away from the Shooting Line - Archery GB gave awards to Michaela Lake for services to the Field Archery Committee, and Judge Emeritus Roger McMullan was awarded for his work with Blind Veteran Archers and at the Island Games over several decades.

That is probably nothing like a full list, but it's all that we've heard about. If we had a Publicity / Media / Communication Officer we could spend more time scanning through Results and News. If you, or your child, achieves something at Regional or National or International level, do please let SCAA know so it can be publicised, to give you credit and to encourage the others.

Another problem we have had is that many of our best Juniors have turned 18 and headed off to College or Work, and only a few have continued as Adults. But there is a new generation appearing so let's try to make sure that they get support and encouragement and opportunities this year.

So where are we going from here?

The fact that you're here probably indicates that you are one of the people at your Club who does most of the work.

I think the problem most of us in this room face is the way too many of our members expect a sort of commercial service rather than automatically settle into a self-help / co-operative way of joining in... I describe it as the Golf Range Attitude - pay, get a bucket of arrows, walk onto the range which is already set up, shoot them, and go home and let someone else collect and tidy up.

When I stand here and make the usual appeal for help to run SCAA, I am very aware that everybody has limited spare time, and first priority has to be to their home club, but the reason we need work together to pump up Participation is that we all need it, not just SCAA.

We do at last have a nomination for an Outdoor Tournament Organiser, and we do have a Senior Team Manager willing to stand again, who did host two inter-County matches in 2017.

And I'm pleased to say we have a nomination for a Junior Team Captain too - so for the first time in several years we're in a position to host the two County Matches scheduled to be held in Sussex in 2019, and to host a decent County Championships.

But we still aren't totally out of the woods, because all three events require solid Field Party support, both the day before and during the shoot. To go ahead with these events we must be certain there will

be enough able helpers to get everything set up, kept in order and packed away again without anyone having to over-stretch themselves.

I think you know we only had six people offering to help last year, that is simply not enough to go ahead. To some extent it should be the people who like to enter the Championships and Shoot for the County who should be trying to encourage their friends and club mates help run the events. The Association Committee is doing its bit, you are doing your bit at Club level, it's now down to your members to do their share.

The Alternative is to pay people to do the jobs - but we've worked out that will at the very least double the Entry Fees and other charges. But it may be we're out of step with the times and will have to become commercial, but that's a huge step change and I think we should at least try one more last gasp before going there.

SCAA has had an offer of help from a professional - a parent of one of our top County Juniors - whose work is concerned with encouraging take-up of under-used services, so we hope to do something to address the participation issue in a more efficient way as we move into 2019.

In a related move, as you should know, there has been an on-line survey going on, to gather views about the County Summer League, and in particular we hoped to have responses from the people who do not normally participate outside their home club.

We suspect at least 75% of the membership hasn't ever taken part in a League Match, but over half of Survey answers came from people who had, so it's not fully representative but a lot better than the feedback we've had before.

Like last year, our aim in 2019 is to try to engage more of the membership in SCAA Events and SCAA supported Personal Development which can provide an extra dimension to their Club Activities. I hope everyone here will join in this project.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr Stevens reported:

The accounts for the year to 31 August 2018 have been reviewed by Mr Daren Rose of Horsham. They show a deficit for the year of £49.17.

Affiliation Fees

A quick reminder on the current affiliation fees, as agreed at the last AGM.

	2017/18 rates	SCAS	SCAA**
A.	Senior archer affiliated to club.*	£2.00	£5.00
B.	En bloc - Junior archer affiliated to club.	£6 (or £1pp)	£5.00
C.	Senior archer paying Archery GB directly.	£4.00	£5.00
D.	Junior archer paying Archery GB directly.	£4.00	£2.50
E.	Disabled archer	£0.00	£0.00
F.	Archer moving to SCAA area (SCAS paid)	£0.00	£5.00

*Includes archers moving into the region.

** SCAA fees are pro rata on a half yearly basis.

Affiliations

Net affiliation income of £5,303 is on par with 2016, but down £2,000 from the high of 2015.

County Team

Net expenses were down £250 for the last year. The expenses split is £1172 for team shirts and £816 for travel expenses. Contributions of £242 were received for shirts.

Tournaments

The reduction of target tournaments significantly reduced the expenses and income.

200 Club

The balance remains at £2,170.

Fee Change

None proposed

**SUSSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

31ST AUGUST 2018

2017	INCOME	2018
2157.25	Affiliations	7605.00
330.00	County Team	242.00
0.00	Donations	0.00
6.50	Faces/Medals/Year Bars	0.00
108.50	Field Awards	69.45
3764.00	Indoor Comps	0.00
0.00	Junior Shoot	0.00
0.00	Martletts/Coaching	0.00
89.26	Misc	137.00
2978.06	Outdoor Comps	218.00
0.00	P P T & S	0.00
0.00	Purchases	0.00
0.00	Record Status	0.00
100.00	Rent	100.00
0.00	Sales	0.00
0.00	SCAS Rebate	0.00
9533.57	Total	8371.45

0.00	200 Club	0.00
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2017	ITEM	2018
24915.62	Brought forward	16442.15
621.40	Cash	597.18
-8497.69	Income over expenditure	-49.17
0.00	200 Club	0.00

17039.33		16990.16
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2017	EXPENDITURE	2018
817.50	Affiliations	2302.50
2426.81	County Team	1988.57
0.00	Donations	1200.00
183.14	Faces/Medals/Year Bars	834.30
700.20	Field Awards	0.00
4320.66	Indoor Comps	0.00
0.00	Junior Shoot	0.00
0.00	Martletts/Coaching	0.00
470.00	Misc	595.40
2027.74	Outdoor Comps	884.45
250.61	P P T & S	109.40
6664.60	Purchases	328.00
170.00	Record Status	0.00
0.00	Rent	178.00
0.00	Sales	0.00
	SCAS Rebate	
18031.26	Total	8420.62


0.00	200 Club	0.00
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30/11/2017	ITEM	30/11/2018
14271.97	Bank Account	14550.35
597.18	Cash	269.62
2170.18	200 Club	2170.18

17039.33		16990.16
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* Figures exclude 200 Club donations, fees and prizes.

I have checked the attached accounts for the year ending 31/8/2018 with the books, records and information supplied by the Association, without carrying out an audit. The accounts are in accordance with the records and information supplied.



Daren Rose

Comments:

Purchases was for 3D targets.

Misc expenditure is primarily insurance.

6. Membership Status Report

Mrs Cannon reported that according to her records the Membership stood at about 1361 at the end of the year 2017-18

7. Records Officers' report – Target and Field

Ms Kellingley reported:

Only around thirty new Target records have been claimed in the last year. I am hoping to add an on-line submission form to the County Website soon as this will help both archers and Records Officer.

Records are up to date, but for technical reasons the latest versions don't seem to have appeared on the website. The RO will work with the webmaster to resolve this in the next day or two.

Ms Lake was unable to attend but submitted this report:

The Field Records are up-to-date on the County Website but are dated 16th July as no new records have been received since then. Fewer records have been received this year which may be due to our archers nearing the top levels in their groups – as shown by several of the new records being achieved in international competition.

8. Rankings Officer's report

Mr Jackson reported:

Rankings are now up to date on the Website and a wider range of rounds can be submitted now which will be automatically converted to an equivalent WA 1440 score.

9. County Coaching Officer's (CCO) report

Mr Cadle reported:

AGB news

According to AGB Sussex has

Senior - 1

County Coach - 4

Level 2 -11

Level 1 - 32

County news

At the request of our chairman, the Martlets Guild has been looking in to creating specific performance workshops this winter to support the development of county archers. The focus is to complement the work being done by the club archers, to develop the standard of archers in the county and to provide our team selectors with a greater pool of archers to pick from.

These will start in January, details to follow.

Club level

As a reminder, the structure of Coaching in this county is based on the premise that the first line of support for any archer should be through their club coach. Where there is a need for further support the expectation is the coach will approach the Martlets Guild and discuss the requirement. From the reported numbers you can see we have a sizable pool of expertise to draw from.

With this in mind, taking into account the time and effort the club and individual coach have put into having this support available, I would urge you to work with your club coach to make 2019 a personal success.

10. County Outdoor Target Championships

Held on 23rd September 2018

As a Last Minute Incorporation into The High Weald Archery Club WA1440

Ms McPeake reported:

The Weather on the day of the shoot was extremely wet and over half the entrants did not attend, and many of the starters retired during the day. The weather improved considerably for the last few ends.

Max 52 Archers

Entries	43
Sussex	19
Other	24

DNS	27
Sussex	10
Other	17

Retirees	4
Sussex	3
Other	1

The Hardy Bunch	12
Sussex	6
Other	6

Sussex Champions

Lady Recurve	Petra Ginman	1111
Gents Compound	Terry Maskell	1248
Gents Longbow	Chris Ellis	685
Gents Recurve	Kevin Lambie	999

11. County Junior Outdoor Target Championships

Held on 9th September, Short Metric Rounds

Mr Brown Reported:

Christine Stevens dealt with entries with a little mentoring from me, and Serena Charlesworth organised the results processing. Members of the Arundown Club set out the field and ran a kitchen for refreshments.

The total number of Juniors who entered was greater than in 2017, but there were many more Novices - which of course is likely to be because of the shorter round and the shorter distances. It may be worth considering whether the 2019 Junior Championships will a Short metric again, which could be shot alongside the Club Team shoot that was suggested last year.

12. County Clout Championships

Held on 12th August at Crawley

Mr Brown reported:

It's a lot easier to set-up a Clout Field than a Target Tournament, and unlike the platoon that's needed for a County Match, three people managed it in about two and a half hours, including measuring and marking-out. That was more than a little down to how effectively Andy Joyce and Richard Britton dealt with everything. The weather forecast sounded horrendous, but all we got was some light drizzle, so it turned out to be a good day all round, finishing with six volleys by the whole field at a life-size Zombie. The only disappointment was the shortage of Sussex Juniors, Clout is something that suits them really well if they'd only try it.

There are opportunities to try it and practice, Eastbourne Archers put on two shoots each year, and Adu Valley Archers are now on a new ground which is large enough for Clout Shooting, at Dial Post which is quite central in the County, and they are intending put on some Sessions in 2019.

13. County Field Championships

Hosted by The High Weald Archery Club, Hurst Green

WA24 2DAY	Jul-18	Jul-17
No of Entrants	78	78
No of Sussex Archers	23	32

Great turnout again for our 2nd year of hosting the event.

Changed the format for the Sussex Champs this year as agreed, from being based on 1day Marked only, to 2day which included the Unmarked round.

Numbers above could suggest that this had a negative effect, as there were 9 Sussex archers less.

However, the breakdown of this is as follows:

Down

High Weald Archers	4	Field Crew/ Caterers
High Weald Archers	4	Not shooting
High Weald Archers	2	Scout Camp
Plumpton Bowmen	<u>2</u>	Unknown
	12	

Up

Adam Stevens	1
Kevin Warwick	1
Tim Nash	<u>1</u>
	3

Plans for 2019

High Weald are planning to host the following Field shoots in 2019, and are happy to incorporate the Sussex Championships, if required.

June 15/16 2day 3D selection shoot for World Champs in Canada (TBC)

July 20/21 2day WA24 (TBC)

14. Summer League Secretary's (SLS) report.

Ms Ginman presented her summary of the 2018 League results. Of the three divisions, only Division One arranged matches and submitted results. Bognor Regis come out in front, and were presented with the Division One Trophy.

As there were no results in the lower divisions there will be no promotions or demotions.

In the next two or three months the Executive will be reviewing the results of the Summer League Survey and the suggestions that have come in, and will be putting forward proposals for the 2019 League which it's hoped will match the membership's requirements better.

15. Junior Winter League report and presentations

Mr Baldwin stood in for Mrs Mangan to read the results and present the Awards, and reported: Sue Mangan was unable to complete processing the incoming scores, so I took over towards the end of the Indoor Season.

The results were as follows:

HALF-PORTSMOUTH INDOOR

Girls Recurve

- 1 Katie Chave The High Weald
- 2 Jess Filby The High Weald
- 3 Catherine Cook

Girls Barebow

- 1 Laura Turner Newhaven

Boys Recurve

- 1 Oliver Shaw County Oak
- 2 Harry Sheppard Brighton Bowmen

Boys Barebow

- 1 James Brown Newhaven
- 2 Cole Power Newhaven
- 3 Kelsey Christenson-Sloots Newhaven

Boys Compound

- 1 George Boarer The High Weald

FROSTBITE

Girls Recurve

- 1 Rachel Baldwin Arundown

I have continued to look after the Winter League, and the 2018-19 League is well under way and numbers of participants are up on last winter but are still below the 2015 Peak Entry. There is still time to get started and get into the final listings.

16. SCAS Representative

Mr Brown reported:

I attended all three Council meetings in London.

There have been a number of developments this year:

- A new Grants and Loans Policy has been adopted
- The Society is moving towards changing its Legal Status into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, something SCAA may consider before too long.
- The Southern Counties Archery Meeting moved away from St Cross Winchester after 40 years because rules and limitation by the Cricket Club and the Hampshire Wildlife Trust was completely changing the nature of the event. The new venue, Winchester Rugby Club, wasn't felt

to be much of an improvement, but an offer has emerged to host the shoot so it can move back towards the weekend rather than happen mid-week, and it could be Thursday Friday Saturday and Sunday, meaning only one day off work for the Championship days.

- A shoot open to all self-declared Disabled archers was proposed but didn't materialise in 2018.
- SCAS is co-operating with AGB to employ a Development Officer. The initiative was linked with Arran Coggan and the On Target project, which is very much aimed at solving particular problems in specific clubs - but with nearly 300 clubs in SCAS it's unlikely that approach will be feasible. It has been pointed out that there are underlying problems which apply to most, if not all, Clubs and Counties, and there should be some useful outcomes if dealt with that way.

And finally, something a bit more immediate, there will be an Inter-County Indoor Postal Competition this winter, three all-against-all matches in January, February and March. All Sussex Archers can send in scores - all we need is someone to receive and collate them.

17. Team Manager's (STM) report

Mr Lea reported:

2017 Tournaments since last AGM:

Kent indoor Nov 25th 2017 Sittingbourne (Surrey, Essex, Kent & Sussex).

The last tournament of 2017 and our most successful tournament in recent history!

Sussex took home the barebow, longbow and overall team trophies.

Notable performances:

Gents recurve

Gerry Deak 574

Marc Charlesworth 570

Gents compound

Kai Thomas-Prause 589

Dan Allen 582

Gents longbow

Chris Ellis 495

Gents barebow

Jason Meehan 560

Pete Mann 532

Ladies longbow

Nicola Curtis 419

Ladies compound

Kim Lea 563

Ladies barebow

Micki Lake 502

2018

At this point I would like to reiterate earlier comments that we have lost a considerable number of talented county archers (junior and senior) in the past 12 months either from taking a sabbatical, retiring entirely or moving out of the county!

Sussex/Hampshire 6th May - Waterside

We struggled to fill places for the aforementioned reasons and ended up fielding a team that was short by 1 lady compound, 1 lady barebow/longbow, 2 junior recurves and 2 junior lady barebows.

We lost pretty comprehensively to Hampshire in all categories.

Notable performances:

Gerry Deak - gents recurve 1245

Dan Allen - gents compound 1308

Pete Mann - gents barebow 857

Petra Ginman - Ladies recurve 1087
Kim Taylor - Ladies compound 1251
Adele McPeake - Ladies barebow 729
Lucy Goman - junior ladies recurve 1013
Lyra Ellwood - junior ladies compound 1245
Alfie Richards - junior gents barebow 638

Sussex/Kent inter-county 10 June – Vigo Rugby Club.

Unsurprisingly, we encountered the same difficulties in recruitment as we did for the Hampshire and some additional complications that reduced our team even further, especially in the junior team. Out of a possible 32 junior archers we could only muster 7.

Notable performances:

Pete Probert, Richard Cater and Terry Kennar (Gents recurve) all scored 1080-1090.

Dan Allen (Gents compound) 1312

Graham Merritt (Gents longbow) 516

Iain Cadel (Gents barebow) 742

Petra Ginman (Ladies recurve) 1140

Jodie Taylor (Ladies compound) 1267

Lyn Hill (Ladies barebow) 625

Many juniors were in categories of 1 due to the span of age, gender and bow style. All shot very well and some for their first time representing county:

Sam Twibell

Jonathan Alpes-Tyler

Alfie Richards

Lucy Goman

Lyra Ellwood

Ella James

Erin James

We lost pretty comprehensively to Kent in all categories.

So.... the positives to take were that we introduced quite a lot of new archers to county level archery and they now have that experience to call on and pass on.

Looking forwards to 2019.....

The traditional Kent Indoor tournament has been postponed from it's usual November schedule to Saturday 2nd Feb.

It is our turn to host both the Hampshire and Kent inter-counties next year.

I have already been in contact with Hampshire and we have a provisional date of Sunday 28th April and Sunday 19th May for Kent.

However.....

Both these tournaments are entirely dependent on our having the support of county membership. We will need a crew of at least 10 helpers on the Saturday and the Sunday to make these tournaments happen.

If we cannot secure this support we will not be able to host these tournaments.

18. Junior Team Manager's (JTM) report

Incorporated in STM report above

19. Safeguarding Officer

Nothing to Report

29. Proposals from Clubs

No Proposals had been received

20. Election of Honorary Auditor

Mr Stevens recommended the Appointment of Mr Daren Rose

Proposed: Ian Cosham Seconded: Iain Cadle Passed Unanimously

22 Election of Officers and Executive Committee

The Chair stood down and the President presided over the Election of Officers.

The Following Post-Holders were willing to continue, and were proposed for en-bloc election:

Chair Mr R Brown (Arundown AC)

Treasurer Mr G Stevens (Holbrook Archers)

SCAS Representative Mr R Brown (Arundown AC)

Tournament Organiser (Field) Ms A McPeake (THWAC)

Tournament Organiser (Clout) Mr R Brown (Arundown AC)

Albion League Secretary Ms P Ginman (Ditchling AC)

Senior Team Manager Mr.N.Lea (Chichester Bowmen)

Records Officer Ms E Kellingley (Bognor Regis Archers)

Rankings Officer Mr J Jackson (Sussex University)

Records Officer (Field) Ms M Lake (Eastbourne)

Proposed: David Egalton Seconded: Ian Cosham Passed Unanimously

There were no Prior Nominations for other posts, so Nominations were accepted from the floor of the meeting as follows:

County Secretary : Mark Worsfold

Proposed: Iain Cadle Seconded: David Webster Passed Unanimously

Outdoor Tournament Organiser : Christine Stevens

Proposed: Rod Brown Seconded: Iain Cadle Passed Unanimously

Junior Team Manager : Charles Poland

Proposed: Ian Cosham Seconded: David Webster Passed Unanimously

Junior Representative : Robert Baldwin

Proposed: Tony Tutt Seconded: Ben Green Passed Unanimously

Minutes Secretary : Melanie Knight-Worsfold

Proposed: Mark Worsfold Seconded: Adele McPeake Passed Unanimously

Membership Secretary : Robert Baldwin

Proposed: Mark Worsfold Seconded: Adele McPeake Passed Unanimously

Indoor Tournament Organiser : Adele McPeake

Proposed: Pete Mann Seconded: Petra Ginman Passed Unanimously

Website Manager : András Tőkés

Proposed: Mark Worsfold Seconded: Ian Cosham Passed Unanimously

The Following Executive Committee Posts are appointed or co-opted:

Safeguarding Officer : Ms Ann Tyrrell

County Coaching Officer : Mr Iain Cadle

A proposal was raised by Trevor Little from the floor on the need for a Disability Officer, and offered his services. The President felt that although the principle of this new post seems very worthwhile, the SCAA Constitution and Rules don't allow for Nominations that would create an entirely new post at an AGM without prior notice.

Constitution Considerations: Apart from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who are specified in the Constitution, Executive Posts are named in the Rules, so revisions can be made without changes to the Constitution. In addition, the Rules state that The Executive Committee shall have discretion to co-opt any suitably capable person(s) who may be non-Members to serve on the committee in any position which seems beneficial to the running of the Association. The position shall be ratified or terminate at the next General Meeting.

He therefore suggested that the meeting should vote for the principle of a Disability Officer and request that the Executive would co-opt the proposed Member at the next Committee meeting, and that the list of Posts would be revised for ratification at the next general meeting.

Proposed : David Habgood Seconded : Iain Cadle : Passed Unanimously

Mrs Cannon asked the President to read out this Statement on her Retirement:

2018 has been a very difficult year for me personally which has prevented me from carrying out the duties for which I was elected.

I have asked for a couple of years now for a replacement, and I will do all I can to assist that person in any way that I can. I would like to thank Rod for covering for me during 2018 in addition to all the other jobs he has done this year to keep our county alive. Thank you too to all those who have assisted run tournaments etc. I am very sorry indeed that I had to pull out early in the year, as I was unable to see clearly the wording on my computer, so if I have ignored you and not replied to you I am very sorry. I became secretary in 1973, and have tried to do my best for a great deal of my life, not being involved with archery is going to be a great wrench.

I joined Worthing Archery Club as a slip of a girl in February 1959 still being active there, and since that time have held many Sussex admin posts In Archery and Coaching.

I have enjoyed making so many friends over so many years, but anno domini has caught up with me.

I wish Sussex County and all its archers every success in the coming years, and now we welcome a new Secretary. It will be Important to bring us into the 21st century.

Please say hello when you see me; I do not see very clearly now, so you will have to give me a push and say is you.

23. Any Other Permissible Business

The President read out a proposal from the County Executive to confer the role of Life Vice-President on Doreen Cannon in recognition of her long service and dedication to SCAA, in which he described how he and she had joined the Executive Committee together and have remained colleagues and friends ever since, and outlined some of Doreen's accomplishments.

The proposal was approved unanimously by the Meeting.

24. Presentation of Team Roundels and Year Bars

Mr Lea Presented Badges In recognition of Archers who represented the County In both 2017 and 2018 due to the Introduction of new Roundel Badges for different Types of Archery

25. Meeting was Closed at 11.55am

Date for the 2019 AGM: to be held In approximately 12 months, but date to be chosen not to conflict with other events, particularly the National Indoor Championships

26. Discussion

Following the meeting the Results of the survey on preferences for the future of the Sussex Summer league were shown and discussed.

97 Archers took the Survey out of nearly 1400 members, so 1 in 14 responded. This is more than actually shot in the League in 2018, and probably more than have been shooting for several years. At the start of the Survey a high proportion of the responses came from Club Committee members, and then the balance gradually changed until less than a third were Club Officers. This is obviously not a truly representative cross-section, but better than the straw polls that have happened in the past. It was suggested that the result was bound to be skewed because most of the many SCAA members who have no intention of participating in League Matches simply wouldn't take the Survey.

The League Secretary will be giving this more analysis in the next month or two so a new proposal can be revealed in good time next year. We'd expect there will be some kind of consultation with the Clubs (rather than individual members) before making a final proposal.

At a rough quick read-through of the survey results it seems the Priorities for the Summer League are:

- Arrive at a format that will get more people involved
- Choose a frequency of matches that will be easy to arrange
- Choose a way of levelling Bow Styles that is easy to process at the end of the Match

And it seems there is a Preference is for:

- Male and Female Archers shooting together
- Different clubs to meet and shoot together
- Big Target Faces – which means Imperial Rounds

And there seems to be a lot of support for parallel Elite and Club-Level Leagues