



Herefordshire Archery Association

**Annual General meeting, held at Bromyard Bowmen's shooting Hall on 8/12/24
(Between am and pm sessions of HAA Portsmouth shoot)**

The meeting opened at 1300

Attendance

Present:

Veronica Bruce
David Bruce
Rachel Cecil
Justin Twigg
Lesley Moor
Jane Daggers
Hilary Higgott
Mark Beaumont
Pat Beaumont
Dan Callender
Pete Bennett
Andy Daggers
Jonathan Maher
Tim Wynn
Paul Weaver
Neil White

Apologies for absence

Carolyn Warren
James Mattock
Violet Willmett
Karen Michael
Dave Michael
Kevin Lovell
Ken Willcocks
Chris Bottle
Graeme Gillies

Chairman's Welcome

Veronica welcomed everyone to the meeting. She paid tribute to our absent friend Chris Claypole. A minute's silence was held in his memory. VB has sent a card to Gill on the County's behalf.

Minutes of 2023-12-12 AGM

Accuracy

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Actions and matters arising

Range registrations for County shoots are still required.

Lesley Moor finally has the Sport 80 access that she requires as County Coaching Organiser & Welfare Officer.

Review of medals and trophies – David Bruce continues to look at sourcing these. TBC at AOB.

Reports from Officers

Chairman

Veronica thanked all the committee members for the time they had put into the sport over the last 12 months, noting particularly the challenges raised by the proposed Archery GB membership renewals. Thanks were extended to the clubs for hosting the county shoots, and to David Bruce for organizing and results. The loss of Chris Claypole was noted, and thanks extended to Ken, along with best wishes for his move to Wales. She will not be standing for re-election.

Secretary

Treasurer

As Ken was absent, the Chairman gave a report based on his email to her.

A query was raised prompted by an entry in the accounts as to the nature of the Webmaster's role and costs accrued thereby. Mandy Bungey's role was clarified and confirmation given that she is standing down.

HAA's bank accounts will now attract charges. This could become a significant amount for a relatively low activity account. Something for the new Treasurer to look at.

There was a brief discussion regarding the impact of potential AGB changes about collection of county fees.

The proposal from Ken that HAA fees remain as set was seconded by D Bruce and carried unanimously.

Records Officer

Carolyn sent a list of the County Records certificate recipients for the year which is appended to the minutes. The certificates were presented later in the meeting.

She also confirmed that she was happy to stand again.

Team Manager

Once again, Rachel stepped in. The RICM was attended by Chris Bottle, Justin Twigg and Rachel Cecil. It was a particularly wet day and was abandoned at lunchtime. Herefordshire won the team longbow.

Congratulations were extended to the participants.

Representatives to West Midlands Archery Society

Meetings have been conducted on ZOOM. The major matter for discussion was the change to AGB membership fee collection. This raised a great deal of very strong opinions, and much disquiet amongst the clubs and counties.

Safeguarding Officer

Lesley informed all of the AGB imperative for Welfare Officers within clubs. She asked that each club make her aware of their Welfare Officer.

There are no safeguarding incidents to report.

Webmaster

Kevin Lovell had sent messages regarding the future of the HAA website and whether the expense would be linked to Bromyard Bowmen.

A decision was made to have a further meeting in order to clarify the situation, decide the best way forward and agree protocols for maintenance going forward.

County Shoots

The usual series of county competitions has taken place.

Championship medals are still not available.

County Coaching Organiser

Sport 80 access is now working, however accuracy is poor!

There are currently 10 Level 1 coaches and 1 Level 2 coach. We are losing Ken to Wales and the absence of Chris Claypole will be a loss to the team.

Reports from Clubs

Bromyard Bowmen

It is with great sadness that we were informed of the sudden death of Chris Claypole, on Wednesday 27th November.

Chris has been a valued member of Bromyard Bowmen and over the years gave his time volunteering for multiple roles for both the club and county. He was always first to offer help, whether it was coaching, maintenance or taking on a valued committee role. He will be greatly missed.

Ken Wilcocks has stepped down as Chairman. Ken took up the position in 2016 and his leadership and guidance have been invaluable to the club, as well as his coaching skills and ability to fix and tune pretty much any piece of archery kit. Ken has successfully steered the Club through many challenges and changes including Covid and the recent change to the Clubs charitable status.

Andrew Bailey has accepted the role of Treasurer, enabling myself to step forwards as Chairman.

The club has secured some funding to repair the clubhouse roof and discussions are ongoing with Herefordshire council to finalise the scope and planning for the works. The club has also installed a new shipping container located on the tarmac at the side of the rugby club. This currently holds a number of bosses on stands which can be wheeled out directly on to

the field making it easier to set the field up for club shoots as well as freeing up space in the other store and the clubhouse.

We continue to run beginners' courses, the latest one last month. This has enabled us to welcome several new club members, our membership now being 67.

Following on from last year, we have been able to repeat the Sunday morning coaching sessions aimed at archers of novice and intermediate level to have their technique observed and videoed, and feedback given by coaches to help improve performance.

We currently have five Session coaches and two Level 2.

Ledbury Archery Club

Membership at Ledbury remains stable at around 60 members. We have run 2 beginners courses during the year with 100% take up of membership.

We continue to offer a range of shooting experiences and clout is growing in popularity. Whilst some members shoot only clout, we ensure that everyone has access by running a monthly "Clout Saturday". This ensures that everyone develops their technique and has the opportunity to test their archery skills in a different format. Our records officer records formal clout scores and the club offers an award scheme in the style of the Tassel scheme. We have 2 newly qualified session coaches and 2 more archers have started training.

Members have continued to be active in competitions and it has been heartening to see archers progressing from the beginners courses to county competitions where the excitement of winning medals has been an incentive!

On a wider stage the notable successes this season have been:

National 50+ championships

Justin Twigg, Gents Compound champion

Rachel Cecil, Ladies longbow runner-up

West Midlands championships

Justin, Gents Compound runner-up

Rachel, Ladies Longbow champion.

Rachel also maintained her 50+ Grand Master Bowman status

Having hosted the county target championships in August, we look forward to welcoming everybody to Putley for the Clout championship at the end of the year.

Hereford Co of Bowmen

We have 17 members. The committee is stable.

Election of Officers

Post	Nominated	Prop	Sec
Chairman:	Mark Beaumont	RC	VB
Secretary:	Post Vacant; Tim Wynn to consider		
Treasurer:	Pete Bennett	RC	VB
Records Officer:	Carolyn Warren	LM	NW
Team Manager:	Chris Bottle	JT	RC
County shoots officer:	David Bruce	RC	DC
Representatives to WMAS:	Neil White	VB	LM
Safeguarding Officer:	Lesley Moor	VB	MB
Webmaster:	Deferred to future meeting		
County Coaching Organiser:	Lesley Moor		

Representatives from Clubs

Bromyard Bowmen:	Neil White
Hereford Company of Bowmen:	James Mattock
Ledbury Archery Club:	Rachel Cecil

Additional Business

Presentation of County Record Certificates 2024

Congratulations to all recipients

Any Other Business

County trophies: Item raised concerning the lack of barebow trophies. This has been overlooked over a period of time. A further concern was raised about the nature of existing trophies being appropriate to the sport.

Jane Daggers has been proactive in commissioning a trophy which her company would like to donate. This was gratefully accepted. #

There being no further business the meeting closed at 14:13.

Mark Beaumont
Chairman