



Epping Archers Extraordinary General Meeting.

Wednesday 5th July 2023.

Present:

Mick Laskey (Acting chairman)(ML)
Graham O'nion (Maintenance and facilities secretary)(GO)
Andrew Hewitt (Competition secretary)(AH)
Justin Matlock (Membership secretary)(JM)
Ali Raif (Assistant treasurer)(AR)
Jim Davison (Equipment secretary)(JD)
Mark Banham (Club secretary)(MB)
Bob Taylor.(BT)

Apologies:

Roger Muggleton(RM)

(1) It was proposed that Mick Laskey would take over as acting chairman until the next AGM when it could be fully facilitated. Unanimously agreed.

(2) ML raised the issue of people participating in archery at both the GPC and North Weald that are not members. He categorically stated that this was not to occur. It breaches the club insurance and breaks archery GB rules. A list of members is to be displayed and anyone not on the list to be challenged. A signing in register is to be kept at both North Weald and GPCA, with the line captain to be shown. The line captain must not be distracted with other matters.

(3) GO was then asked to leave the room for a short time. It was then proposed by MB that GO is made a lifelong member to the club for all the hard work he puts into the club. This was unanimously agreed, and Graham was asked to return. He was invited to accept the offer of becoming a lifelong member, which he accepted. [Action: MB to email RM to inform him of this.](#)

(4) The keyholders for the GPCA were then discussed. There are several sets of keys, but it appears that some of the sets are outdated. It was decided that a set of keys would be left behind the bar in the community centre, which can be signed for if required. Graham, as facilities secretary would also hold a set so that there was an alternative should the community centre be closed for any reason. [Action: ML to collect the set of keys from Michelle Bird.](#)

(5) An issue has come to light where Graham held a beginner's course when his coaching certificate has expired. It was discussed how the new beginners could be officially signed off. It was suggested that a coach from another club could be asked to attend (at club expense) to assess and sign the beginners off. This would be more



cost effective than refunding the cost of the course and uphold the reputation of the club. **Action: ML to speak to Zoe, the club secretary of Foxes Archery, to see if any of their coaches would be will to assist.**

(6) Coaching courses. The club currently has no certificated coaches. JM has researched the coaching courses. A course is now broken down into modules, with the majority being online, and only 2 modules requiring physically participation. This would negate the need for people to stay at a hotel and would reduce expenses on the club. It was proposed that Justin Matlock, Bob Taylor and Jim Davison would participate in courses. It was then put to a vote if the club was prepared to cover the expense of Graham O’Nion to be reclassified. It was unanimously agreed that the club was prepared to do this. The rational being that Graham’s certificate ran out during the pandemic, it was unprecedented times and was extremely difficult to arrange things. Archery GB was also unwilling to allow a grace period which made things extremely difficult for everyone. ML raised the point that Michelle Bird, who was a coach was very good with juniors. It was agreed that ML would speak to Michelle to see if she would be willing to return. **Action: JM to look into the courses, and circulate details. ML to speak with Michelle to see if she would be interested in returning as a coach.**

(7) Beginner’s courses were then discussed. It was highlighted that there was a waiting list of over 40 people at this time. MB asked why the course had to be done over a period of 4 weeks at GPCA and could they not be down on a weekend, which would mean a shorter space of time, but could cover the same content. Other clubs use this format and it may be more convenient for both coaches and prospective members. Once the coaching course had been completed, this could be looked into.

(8) MB then raised the issue regarding people wanting to join the club as associates to be able to use the outdoor facilities at North Weald. ML stated that at a club he shoots at there is a flat fee to shoot each visit, £5.00 per person. It was agreed that if people, who are, and can provide details of Archery GB membership can shoot for £5 per session per person. It was decided that the best way to move forward with this was to have the website updated with a booking session section, so that a club member could be present to allow access to the bosses. BT stated this was something he may be able to assist with having some knowledge of websites. He also stated that the current website looked very aged and outdated. **Action: BT to liaise with Jonathon Peck who runs the website to discuss updates.**

(9) Mick Laskey then set out his vision of moving the club forward. A lot of old equipment has built up at both the GPCA and North Weald, which he and Jim Davison, who had been elected to carry out equipment secretary role, would sort through. He expressed that he wanted to have equipment at the ready so that it was easier to find equipment for when new beginners joined. GO highlighted it was difficult to order equipment when it had to be funded then the cost claimed back. This was agreed, and it was proposed that the archery supplier Quicks would be



approached with a view to setting up an account. [Action: Mick Laskey to speak to Quicks regarding setting up an account.](#)

(10) GO then asked if the club would be willing to cover the cost of a new battery charger for the lawn mower at North Weald, as the old one had become defective. It was agreed that although there is a lawn mowing contract, GO cutting the area for the shooting lines for various distances was extremely useful and made setting up much easier. Unanimously agreed. [Action: GO to send MB the relevant part number, to that MB can speak to RM and arrange payment.](#)

(11) ML then proposed that when the old equipment is sorted, a bow is put together so that if a member of the club is struggling in finding the cost of purchasing their own equipment, a bow can be sold to them at reduced cost, as has previously been done. Unanimously agreed.

(12) ML then mentioned that RM wishes to stand down as treasurer and a replacement would need to be found. It was a possibility that a solution had been identified and he would update the committee. [Action: ML to look into a replacement treasurer.](#)

The meeting was then concluded.