

Neston Company of Archers

Annual General Meeting Minutes

18 April 2019 7.00 pm at Wirral Rugby Club

Part 1: Business of the AGM

1. The minutes of the AGM 2018 were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

Graeme Gibson gave the Chair's report as follows:-

The chairman provided an update on discussions held to date with regard's to the club having a toilet block facility on the field area where we currently shoot. The discussions have led to the committee reviewing our agreement with the club with regards to outdoor shooting, currently this is an informal agreement which works well for the club, the club could become an association with the rugby club but agreed with members not to progress this at the moment.

The membership did agree for the committee to pursue general enquiries regarding the toilet block build with the vision being to have this facility available for county and national events held on the field. The committee will also continue to express an interest with the rugby club on any future ventures for building indoor facilities and will keep the membership informed of any developments.

The Club and its members continue to provide a positive and safe environment for enjoying archery. We will continue over the next year to invest in equipment and resources as needed to ensure our members have access to the right equipment to enable them to progress.

The chairman announced to members his decision to step down from the role and the members offered their thanks to the chair for undertaking the chair duties to date.

3. Treasurers Report

Jim Streets reported that the indoor fees for the club are still costly but an increase in shooting attendance has improved the income raised, however there still remains a shortfall in covering winter indoor fees which for last year were over £1000. The club continues to enjoy good indoor and outdoor facilities for shooting.

The issue of cheques being phased out in the future was raised by the treasurer and the matter of not being able to have on line banking may be a problem, it is hoped that Archery GB may be able to offer advice on this when required.

Equipment spends to support all members shooting is currently at a minimum of £1,800.

For 2019 the club bank balance is £20,549

4 Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Scott Gibson advised the members that the changes proposed for the constitution were minimal and mainly changes to current wording. SG addressed the members with the changes and these were approved.

The keyholder applications were discussed with regards to an archer having 12 months experience and this was agreed to be removed.

It was agreed for solo shooting applications to be renewed annually due to insurance requirements

5. Proposal to rebase Club Records

Steve Povey Health and Safety/Records Officer stated that he now receives no club scores/records and this means that handicap's cannot be calculated There is a need for the club to move forwards from this point with regards to records and a process to rebase records was discussed. It was proposed that in order not to lose historic record's to date these would be on the club website and then have a rebase from April 2019, it is hoped this will also enable archers to use scoring going forwards as a gauge to chart their own progress. This proposal was approved by members.

It was agreed that risk assessments need to be on the club website.

A request was received from a member with regards to having a children's system for badges and it was explained that this is very costly but that a junior version could be considered.

6. Election of Committee Members and Officers

The post of chair is now available and the current chair has agreed to remain in post until May committee meeting where expressions of interest will be considered and an appointment confirmed via an EGM.

The Secretary and Treasurer stated that they would only stand for a further 12 months subject to re-election

The Health and Safety/Records Officer will have 7 Clubs removed from title
All committee members (except the chair) indicated their willingness to stand for re-election.
Committee members approved.

7. Associate Membership at Neston

There was a general discussion about the associate member process and the proposal to retain associate members as part of the clubs constitution was upheld by the membership
It was also agreed to invite associate members to club functions and agreed that associates could shoot outside of normal club shooting times as long as a club key holder is present.
It was explicit that all non-key holders need to abide with the keyholder.

Under this item an agreement was reached to increase the annual membership by £5 with no increase for juniors.

Part 2: Awards and Recognition:

This agenda item was not actioned at this AGM

Part 3: Proposal for monthly Sunday scoring

Discussions were agreed to have monthly scoring on a Sunday to provide development for archers and improve club records.

Finally the treasurer proposed a £5 tip for bar tender which was approved from the club funds by members at the AGM