

## **Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Archery Association held at Barnsley Archery Club on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

YAA President Andrew Neal opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He stated that the meeting could go ahead as quorum had been achieved.

### **Introduction to the AGM 2016 – President Andrew Neal**

Welcome to the 2016 AGM.

Just a few words from me as President before the main meeting, some of which I am sure will get mentioned in the various reports we have.

You will have seen from the articles/pleas on the website that 2015 was a difficult year with the running of the 2 weekends at Wetherby. A severe lack of helpers on both weekends has put both events in doubt and it is hoped this year will be easier on the regular volunteers.

I would personally like to thank those members on the committee that have assisted throughout the year and especially those that helped out at the 2 weekends.

### **AGM2016/1      Attendance:**

Aardwolf Archers; M Groves, C Marshall;  
All Abilities Archery Club; P Revell,  
Barnsley AC; G Smith, K Winsett  
Bowmen of Leeds; A Wilkinson;  
Bowmen of St Mary's; M Holtby  
Bronte; A Hayes  
Cobra; B Hannan, M Hannan  
Dearne Valley Archers; A Kiddy, J Kiddy, M Kiddy  
DeLacey; K Fitzpatrick  
Nova Bowmen; C Rose, S Slater  
Pennine; B Woodcock  
Saville Bowmen; M Hayes  
Selby Archers; C Byde, A Neal, D Phillips;  
Wakefield; C Heap  
YAA; P Castle  
[23 Archers]

### **AGM2016/2      Apologies for Absence:**

Adwalton Moor; D Walsh  
All Abilities; S Revell  
Archers of East Riding; C Reaney, D Reaney  
Arrowflight; G Rhodes  
DeLacey; M Fitzpatrick  
Hull Kingston; A Ward  
Sheffield Hallam University; G Beeby  
St Georges; S Trimmins  
Valley Bowmen; P McGuire;  
White Rose Archery Club; N Smethurst  
York Archers; L Smith  
Direct; Sean Gleeson

**AGM2016/3**      **Minutes of the AGM 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

AGM2016/3/1      Points of Accuracy  
Page 1 Remove first thanks to Dennis and leave second  
Page 2 Correct spellings in Treasurers report – s/as l/in help/held out/our  
Page 8 Changes to constitution were not underlined and bold

AGM2016/3/2      Approval of minutes.  
**Resolved**      **With the above corrections the minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> AGM were accepted as a true record.**

**AGM2016/4**      **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**AGM2016/5**      **Chairman's Report - Mark Hayes**

I welcome all to the AGM. Thanks to Barnsley AC for making arrangements for the AGM and for the use of a room for meeting throughout the year.

It was a busy year on 2015 as it was our turn to host the Regional Shoots: the indoor, GNAM, and the InterCounty matches which alongside our standard shoots meant a busy year which went very well, although more volunteers at Wetherby would be welcome.

The County is in a strong position financially thanks to continued good management and we continue to invest in equipment, and grants to archers, judges and coaches.

Finally I would like to congratulate the YAA archers who represented GB and also those who were selected for the County.

Good shooting in 2016.

**AGM2016/6**      **Secretary's Report - Andy Wilkinson**

I get enquiries from schools and would like to be aware of anyone working in schools, commercially or through clubs.

**AGM2016/7**      **Treasurer's Report - Dave Phillips**

My thanks again to Mick Groves of Aardwolf Archers who carried out the validation exercise. I am pleased to report no issues were reported.

For 2015 the Association made a surplus of £833.36.

Financially supported County teams in the GNAS Mid-summer Team Tournament at Lilleshall. This is the third year this event has taken place and was the first time we supported Ladies and Gents in Recurve, Compound and Longbow disciplines.

Membership, as reported by GNAS for their year to October 2015, increased by 2% (3632 to 3712), not as great as the 2013 to 2014 increase.

We issued 5 archer grants during 2015, all to juniors.

The claims process for coach achievement grants continued to receive requests in 2015, 11 in total, with 5 Level 1, 2 Level 2 and one County Coach award being presented.

The Policy for Coach Achievement Grants was revised during the year, to take account of the increased numbers of coach training courses being offered, and the concern that this could end up with an open ended funding stream. We will maintain the existing policy for qualifications started before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and claimed before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. For courses which started after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, we will hold the application until the end of the year then allocate grants pro-rata against a budget set by the YAA Committee.

We issued 3 grants for Judge Achievement, 2 at County Level and 1 at Regional Level.

The largest item of expenditure during the year was the £2200 for a replacement container. The old container doors were badly sprained, letting in local wildlife, and small corrosion holes had started to appear in the roof. The new container is to the latest standard, and with the help of Ian Smith and Mark we were able to build storage shelves at the rear of the container prior to the first weekend.

We sold on 9 of our second hand tournament bosses from Wetherby to Yorkshire clubs.

Following the sad and early death of Lez Newsome, we made a donation of £400 to the Wheatfields Hospice in his memory.

With the cancellation of the Single FITA, due to adverse weather, we offered the archers present a refund of their entry fees. We handed back £257 in entry fees. Some archers asked for their entry fees to be put towards the donation to Wheatfields in memory of Lez.

Receipts from the two weekends were down as we were not able to run the usual raffles, dues to so few people being around to assist in the running of the shoots.

Yorkshire organised the Grand Northern and the Inter Counties during 2015. There was some small surplus achieved at the Grand Northern and as NCAS covers the costs for the Inter Counties this achieved break even.

At the time of preparing the accounts at the end of December, no information had been received regarding the costings for the Field Championships, which had been run by Dearne Valley alongside the NCAS Championships. When the details did come through they showed a surplus of £333. Excluding the Field figures, but including the Grand Northern, the tournaments showed a surplus of £574 over the year.

Complaint made to our bank, Santander, about the refusal to issue a cheque book, when they said we had not used enough cheques from the existing book. I pointed out they did not know how many cheques had been issued, only how many had been presented for payment. They agreed and after refusing, then sent me 3 cheque books which arrived together the same day. They agreed with my complaint and place £30 compensation into our account. This is shown under interest.

Only 2 years ago we agreed to trial, then formalise, the block affiliation fee for junior and disabled clubs, to mirror the GNAS system, all as part of our discussions with them about collecting county and regional fees. Now GNAS are considering proposals to introduce individual fees for juniors, disabled archers and university members. It is expected a formal proposal will go before the GNAS AGM next month. The YAA committee have had preliminary discussions about how we should react, i.e. stay with block fees or change and also introduce a per capita system.

Nothing has been decided until we know what GNAS proposes and whether or not it is agreed at the AGM. If we wish for GNAS to eventually collect our county and regional fees at the same time as the GNAS fee, it would be an advantage, but perhaps not essential, that we mirror their system. Whatever they decide, I cannot see any change taking place with the county and regional system for 2016/17, so we have ample time to consider this and reach a final decision to put before the 2017 AGM.

**Resolved**

**The accounts as presented were approved.**

**Approved Mick Groves to conduct validation on 2016 accounts in January 2017.**

**Affiliation Fees for 2017/18**

The committee has not proposed any change so the recommendation is to keep the existing rates:

Senior	£3
Junior	£1.50
Junior Club	Enbloc £5
Disabled Club	Enbloc £5
University Club	Enbloc £50

**AGREED** to keep the current fees

**AGM2016/8      Officers Reports**

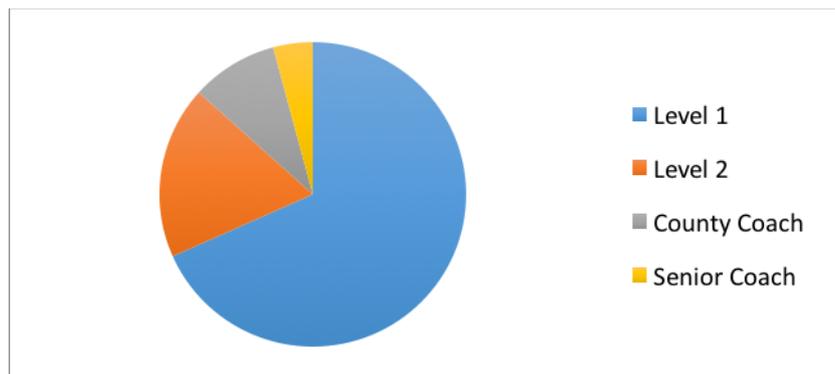
AGM 2016/8/1      CCO Kath Fitzpatrick

Coaching strength within the county.

We have 121 coaches in total within the county as of the most recent Archery GB report at the end of February; the figures and graphs shown do not include the 12 new L1 coaches who were successful at their assessment on February 28<sup>th</sup>, but does include coaches who are direct members but Yorkshire resident and affiliated. This, with the newly qualified coaches, gives a new total of 133.

Yorkshire AA	Level 1	Level 2	County Coach	Senior Coach	Total
	83	22	11	5	121

Our main growth area is still L1, which gives us a good broad platform for movement to L2, which is improving. We have a new course just started with 10 candidates and have 3 new County Coaches this year – Andy Howe, Danny Cameron and Bev Detoef.



What is good to see is the number of clubs that now have licensed coaches – 44 in total out of the 69 clubs – excluding junior clubs; however we do have one junior L1 coach – Catherine Dales of Bowmen of Leeds. This number of coaches represents 63% of our clubs, quite an increase.

### County organised coaching activities

There are a lot of coaching activities not organised through the county, which is a healthy position to be in – coaching is offered in many ways and at a wide range of clubs and venues across the county, some on a professional basis. However during the year the county does organise coach education programmes, as well as those courses organised and hosted by individual clubs. This year we have run 2 L1 courses with 100% successful candidates at each, a County Coach with 4 successful candidates – 2 from Yorkshire – and have a L2 started recently with 10 candidates. In addition, L1 courses have been run via Bradford University, Valley Bowmen and currently Harvester Archers.

Renewals have been very active too, with coaches being encouraged by the new CPD matrix which offers more accessible CPD recognition at L1 and L2. Only those L1 coaches wishing to move to L2 need any CPD.

### County squad activities

Our Junior squad has continues to thrive and we have welcomed several new members this year with around 20 attending each month during the winter. This squad is led by myself with a number of coaches attending to give plenty of support. We have been especially pleased to have new compound archers this year. Numbers of each bow style are:

Girls Recurve – 9 ; Cub – 4 Cadet - 5

Girls Compound – 1; Cadet - 1

Boys recurve – 8; Cub – 3 Cadet - 5

Boys Compound – 2; Cadet - 2

(International age groups - Cub – under 13; Cadet – under 18; Junior – under 20)

Of these, 8 are on the Archery GB Northern Academy and two on the Talent Development programme (Olympic Pathway).

Two of our previous members from a few years ago, Izzy and Adam Carpenter, continue to go from strength to strength within the Archery GB Junior Compound squads and international team representation, while Jessie Slater has shown great promise in her first Senior year.

The senior squad, led by Ian Foster, has a steady attendance of both recurve and compound archers with some significant performance gains being made. Archers have plenty of 1-1 support, a development plan agreed with them and workshops on diverse subjects relevant to improving their knowledge, equipment management and competition preparation. We are looking forward to seeing how these archers fare over the outdoor season. The squad meets monthly at Haxby in York for a day, with at least 6 days training over the winter.

A feature of both squads is their use as CPD for our own and other counties/regions' coaches who visit to gain experience and observe/shadow and assist the coaches leading the sessions.

Increasingly there are localized coaching/training groups emerging across the county – for example, a strong junior group at Aire Valley, a thriving coaching group in Thirsk, and our universities are also well supported by local coaches.

The health of the coaching scene appears to very good at the moment, and I am delighted at the new opportunities that are coming through at local, county wide and local levels for archers young and old to access coaching and for coaches to use and further develop their skills.

## AGM2016/8/2 Judges Liaison - Karen Winsett

The 2015 YAA shoots, also it was Yorkshire's turn to hold the NCAS shoots, all went well, although, due to bad weather, the YAA single WA1440 in June had to be abandoned. All Judges for the YAA/NCAS shoots were allocated; we now have a good team of YAA Judges to cover all the shoots.

County Judge, Louise Smith took her Regional Assessment at Wetherby which she passed and now has Regional status. Regional Judge Gareth Beeby was accepted for National Assessment by the Judges Committee also, County Judge Allan Shuker was accepted for Regional Assessment. Martin Middleton and Karen Hunt were assessed for County and both passed at the NCAS Indoors at QEGS.

We did lose one of our National Judges, Amanda Bartram; she was accepted for a 2 year sabbatical in 2014 but took the decision to stand down prior to returning. We also lost Candidate Judge Gareth Allen late on in 2015, due to job changes he was unable to commit to the Judges Work load. This now means that Yorkshire does not have any Candidate Judges, something that hasn't happened for a long time, can I ask if anyone knows of someone who is interested in becoming a Judge please let us know.

2015 brought in a voucher system for the Judges, rather than the glasses that have been given in past years, this did work but we did have problems with requests of different store vouchers, extra costs were involved in this for delivery and processing. This has now gone to just 2 types of vouchers; Aardvark and love2shop.

Our Regional Judges, as other Regions, took their re-accreditation paper in 2015, I was informed by one of the Judges that he would not be sitting this assessment, but all our other Regionals did. I have not been informed of any of the Judges failing the re-accreditation paper, so congratulations to them all.

### Field Seminar

I am pleased to inform the Committee that this took place on the 16th & 17th January with 8 Yorkshire Judges and 2 Judges from other Counties attending, we did incur a covering of snow for the field course walk, but both Hannah and Derrick thanked us for having this delivered specially. I think everyone learned quite a lot from both Hannah & Derrick and all seemed to enjoy the weekend. All costings have been paid.

Can I end my report by saying that, although the Yorkshire Judging team is growing we are still looking for new Candidates, our workload gets bigger every year with Clubs requesting Judges for their competitions, some weeks there's more than one shoot on the same day.

I would also like to thank all the Yorkshire Judges for their time and hard work that they put into Judging in Yorkshire, and in other Counties.

## AGM2016/8/3 Junior Officer - Mary Hannan

No new items since the newsletter

## AGM2016/8/4 PRO – Vacant

No report

## AGM2016/8/5 Target Tournaments - Andrew Neal

The year started with the County Indoor Championships with a full entry and the first time for a number of years the entry was full by the closing date. In fact it was full by the end of January. Thanks go to Wakefield Archers who again supplied the work party for the day.

The 2016 Indoor Championships is to take place tomorrow, again with a full entry, full by the middle of January.

The annual YAA weekend shoots took place in June and July at the Wetherby Grange Park venue.

The Single FITA/Metrics again hosted the Northern Counties Junior representative match with East Midland. This helped swell the entries with a full field of 40 targets out. Unfortunately the weather was not kind for us with gale force winds that resulted in the Judge in Charge calling off the shoot after only the first scoring end. A very good call given the safety aspect of the shoot.

The evening of the Single FITA saw the sad passing of Lez Newsome, and in view of this a minutes silence was observed before the YAA Championship shoot the next day.

In memory of Lez the County has named the Single WA1440 & Metrics as the Lez Newsome Memorial Metric Day.

The Championship saw slightly better weather and a healthy entry.

The Double FITA (WA1440) increased its numbers from the previous year and was blessed with good weather although the wind machine was still running! The end of the shoot however was hit by torrential rain that affected the prize giving and the final pack-up.

The outlook for the 2016 outdoor weekends is very good with entries coming in at a healthy rate especially for the Lez Newsome Metric Day. The Lez Newsome Day will again host the Regional Junior match between Northern Counties and East Midlands.

I would again like to thank all those that have been involved in the shoots, and make a plea for more helpers to ensure these weekends run smoothly.

AGM2016/8/6          Clout - Mark Hayes

The 2015 Yorkshire Archery Association Clout Championships took place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Hutton Cranswick Sports Field near Driffield, the home of Archers of East Riding who were excellent hosts as always. The weather was cool, clear and breezy making for challenging shooting conditions.

There was a record entry of 96 archers with 93 shooting on the day across all bow classes, the only disappointment being the number of juniors shooting. Christine Heap acted as Lady Paramount with Gareth Beeby, Stephen Howard and Richard Ford judging, shooting commenced at 11am and continued after lunch with a 3.30pm finish.

The trophies and medals were awarded in the clubhouse shortly after shooting finished and 19 tassel awards were claimed on the day with everyone on their way home by 4.30pm.

The results were emailed to those requesting a copy the following day along with a report to Tim Mason who published them on the YAA website and in the Summer YAA Newsletter.

I would like to thank Christine for being Lady Paramount, Gareth, Stephen and Richard for judging, the members of Archers of East Riding for the use of their excellent venue and for providing hot drinks and food all day as well as running the raffle.

The 2016 shoot will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at Driffield again, Record status and Tassel Status have been applied for.

AGM2016/8/7 Field

The 2015 YAA Field Championships took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Savin Royd Wood at Haigh. The championships was part of a bigger two day selection status FITA Combined tournament which incorporated the NCAS Championships.

The Yorkshire Champions were determined by the second day scores only. There were 18 entries from YAA which represented only 20% of the overall entry. Thanks to Dearne Valley AC again for the use of their excellent field facilities.

AGM2016/8/8 Longbow  
No report

AGM2016/8/9 CPO  
No Report received or issues through the year

**AGM2016/9      Election of Officers & General Committee**

No posts were contested.

The officers and committee members were elected as follows:

The new committee list is attached as an appendix.

This concluded the official business of the 66<sup>th</sup> AGM and the meeting closed at 11.35

**YORKSHIRE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION**  
**AGM 2016**  
**TERMS OF OFFICE AND RE-ELECTION DATES OF OFFICERS and GENERAL**  
**COMMITTEE**  
As AGM March 2016

		To AGM 2017	To AGM 2018
President	Andrew Neal	X	
Vice Presidents	Karen Winsett	X	
	Albert Kiddy		X
Chairman	Mark Hayes	X	
Secretary	Andy Wilkinson		X
Treasurer	Dave Phillips		X
Target Tournament Organiser	Andrew Neal	X	
Coaching Organiser (Deputy CPO)	Kath Fitzpatrick	X	
Public Relations Officer	Vacancy	X	
Clout Officer	Mark Hayes		X
Field Officer	Michelle Kiddy	X	
Junior Officer	Mary Hannan		X
Judge Liaison Officer	Karen Winsett		X
Minutes Secretary	Louise Smith	X	
County Teams Co-ordinator	Gareth Beeby		X
General Committee	Trish Castle		X
	Mick Fitzpatrick	X	
	Mick Groves	X	
	Adrian Hayes		X
	Christine Heap	X	
	Carole Marshall	X	
	Carole Reaney		X
	David Reaney		X
	Patrick Revell		X
	Sharon Revell		X
	Nigel Smethurst	X	
	Simon Slater		X
	Gwen Smith		X
	Danny Walsh	X	
(Child Protection Officer)	Martin Holtby	X	

26 Individuals on the committee