

MOLE VALLEY BOWMEN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 5th September 2010
St. Martin's School, Dorking, Surrey at 6pm

Present: Jenny Gordon, Mark Peters, Bob Barley, Rob Smith, Richard White.
Joanna Eaton, Natalie Trussler, Richard Hollamby, John Wright,
Paul Grinham, Jacky Casson, Paul Day, Mark Leddin, Amy Fisher,

Chair: Mark Leddin

Minutes: Jenny Gordon

1. Apologies for Absence:

George Lee, Glenda Watson, Alex Leech, Louise Colville, James Suckling.

2. Minutes of the Last AGM

These were proposed and accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Mark Peters

Seconder : Jacky Casson

3. Matters Arising from the Last AGM

None

4. Chairman's Report (Mark Leddin)

Once more we find ourselves looking back on another year in the life of Mole Valley Bowmen. As seems tradition now I will make my annual comment about the weather. Mixed I think covers it. Probably the coldest and longest winter for 30 years followed by a blazing summer until August arrived of course.

As most of you will be aware I took a rest from shooting over the winter months and I'm happy to have come back. I have, however, defected to the dark side on my return – I'm now nominally left handed! In my absence we had a beginner's course last Autumn and we were pleased to pick up some new members. Others have joined us during the year so welcome to the club. Hopefully you will stay for many years to come although some have fallen away already. So we welcome Cheryl Sime, Alan Pettitt and Ryan Stapleton. Simon Stepto who joined the club a 'while' ago has also been a regular visitor this summer. In the last week we have also gained David and Amy who recently graduated from Warwick who will be officially joining the club this month!

So looking back over the last 12 months I'm pleased to report that generally it has been a positive year. Our ladies have been doing Mole Valley Bowmen proud! As I reported last year Louise has all but won everything she entered including the Surrey outdoor championship in July. Moreover, she has achieved Grand Master Bowmen status so is well inside the top 1% of archers in the UK. If that wasn't enough earlier this year she took part in the test event for the Commonwealth Games. We are proud to have a club member get that far in terms of national presence! And of course Natalie is now competing as a senior and is giving all of us a run for our money and came a highly respectable third at the county championships. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her well as she heads off to the world of University! Do come back and see us of course.

Thankfully the awkward situation with our neighbour has died down a little this year. At the time of writing this report there has been an attempt by the school to move the container to other end of the field. The contractors moving it were a little under equipped at the time so as you can see it didn't move that far! However, once it does move this will hopefully make for a quieter life. We can also unload kit on the way out.

The summer has followed the same format as previous years with lots of club events during May and June. A big thanks to all of those that helped out at the Cowpie, The Wand and the Shelia Brown. We also had a good turnout for the home friendly match against Malden Bowmen and Surrey Bowmen. I'm pleased to say we beat both teams that day. We also had away matches to both clubs in August. We came second in the away match to Surrey and had a convincing away win over Malden. We are thinking of changing the format next year with a rotating three way match. More on that later.

Both the Wand and Shelia Brown were well attended. However, numbers were down on previous years in terms of those shooting the Wand and for the first time in a while we didn't have a waiting list for the Shelia Brown. We are not sure if this is due to other tournaments taking place at the same time or perhaps the recession has meant people feel less willing to travel. That said we did have someone from Australia come all the way to shoot at the Shelia Brown. I think he may have also chosen to visit family over here at the same time. We would welcome any suggestions as to how we can improve this.

This brings me to one of items on Agenda for later. The AGM really is the only time of year where we as a committee report back to you as a club. This is also your chance to have your say. I believe I speak for all of the committee when I say that we were slightly disheartened last year when the AGM felt very one sided. As with any club it is often the way that a few key members do the majority of the work but everyone has a voice and is entitled to express an opinion. We generally have the same format year after year so if people do want to see a change please speak up! Ideas are welcome during the year of course but the AGM is the best time to air them! Whilst I'm a great believer in not trying to change too much there is a danger that we could stagnate as a club. I've noticed a generally low turnout on some evenings this summer which is a slight worry. I hope the session we have later on will generate some possible new ideas.

I started this speech with some hellos and it is only fitting that we say some goodbyes. Firstly we say goodbye to Tony and Julie Hill who are retiring from the sport for a while to focus on other areas. I think golf features high on that list! As many of you know Tony was our chairman for several years before yours truly. He did a tremendous amount of work during his time and was instrumental in the transition from our old site at Leatherhead six years ago to where we are today. Julie was on the verge of being selected to train with the GB squad a few years ago. Safe to say their club records may be safe for a while on the compound side. We hope to see them return one day. We are also sorry to lose one of our elder statesmen George Lee who has decided to hang up his bow at the tender age of 80 something.

Rob Smith is standing down from the committee after several years of sterling service. He can't recall when he was voted on! He is also standing down as our club captain. So I would like to personally thank him for all he has done over the last few years in both those roles.

And last, but by no means least, Paul Day who has been Club Secretary for at least 15 years feels that he has done his bit in that respect! I can't say I disagree. Therefore, he is standing down from that role so we are looking for someone to fill that capacity. He will, of course, be an active member of the club in many other ways. I think we all have benefitted from his tireless effort over the last few years on the coaching side and I'm sure you will join me in thanking him for that.

Looking forward to the winter season we start indoor shooting at Ewell castle tomorrow night – please see Paul Day for details if you haven't already done so. We have a beginner's course starting next Sunday from 12 to 1:30 so please lend a hand if you can. We all had to start somewhere and everyone has something to offer. Don't forget the Frostbites, indoor postal shoots and our annual Christmas shoot organised by last year's winner James.

I will be missing some of the indoor season as I'm being let loose on stage again in November. I will be shamelessly plugging it later in this Autumn!

Finally it only remains for me to say thank you to the committee for all their hard work and input in many guises over the last twelve months.

5. Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Accounts for 2009/2010 (Paul Grinham)

Paul reported that the club is in a healthy financial position at present, with around £2200 surplus for the year. Main sources of income were Club Subs, the Sheila Brown Shoot, the Cowpie Rally, Indoor Shooting fees and Bow hire; the Beginners Courses produced less than last year s there was only one course held in the Autumn.

The Accounts for 2009/2010 were presented and accepted.

Proposer: John Wright Seconder: Joanna Eaton

Given the healthy state of the finances, and there being no increase in GNAS fees, the committee proposed that the Club subscription rates for 2010/2011, remain at the current 2009/10 levels.

Proposer: Paul Grinham Seconder: Unanimous agreement by the club

The Statement of Accounts with Notes from the Treasurer, plus proposed 2010/2011 Club Subs details can be found on pages 6 and 7 of these minutes.

6. Election of the Committee

Paul Day did not wish to stand again as Secretary but was happy to remain on the committee as an ordinary member; Rob Smith wished to stand down as a committee member. The committee was elected as follows:

Chairman	- Mark Leddin	Prop.: Paul Grinham	Sec.: Jacky Casson
Secretary	- John Wright	Prop.: Mark Leddin	Sec.: Rob Smith
Treasurer	- Paul Grinham	Prop.: Mark Leddin	Sec.: John Wright
Minutes Secretary	- Jenny Gordon	Prop.: Paul Grinham	Sec.: Mark Peters
Committee Member	- Mark Peters	}	
Committee Member	- Paul Day	} Prop.:	John Wright Sec.: Joanna Eaton
Committee Member	- Jacky Casson	}	
Committee Member	- Vacant		

7. Election of Other Officers (non committee)

Rob Smith wished to step down as Club Captain, and Mark Peters as Vice Captain All the other Officers were willing to stand again. The officers were elected as follows:

Club Captain	- Louise Colville	Prop.: Mark Leddin	Sec.: Jacky Casson
Vice Captain	- Vacant – Mark Leddin to approach James Suckling		
Child Protection Officer	- Jacky Casson	Prop.: John Wright	Sec.: Rob Smith
Deputy CPO	- Jenny Gordon	Prop.: Joanna Eaton	Sec.: Bob Barley
Records Officer	- Paul Grinham	Prop.: Jenny Gordon	Sec.: Mark Peters

8. Confirmation of Other Roles

Postal Co-ordinator	- Paul Grinham
Shooting Programme Organiser	- Mark Leddin
Tabs Editor	- Louise Colville
Catering Co-ordinator	- Jenny Gordon

9. Child Protection Update (Jacky Casson)

- The election of the new coalition government has meant that the introduction of the new Vetting and Barring System has been put on hold.
- The Club Child Protection Policy has been amended slightly to include a section on bullying, and so the policy needs to be re-adopted by the club.

Proposed: Jacky Casson Seconded: Paul Day

- Anyone wishing to regularly coach or supervise young people or vulnerable adults must be CRB checked; Jenny Gordon has forms.

10. Club Discussion – Present State And Future Direction

This was an opportunity for club members to comment on what the club currently does well or not so well, and to make suggestions on what could be improved or changed.

Comments and suggestions were recorded as follows:

- The regular Improvers coaching sessions were welcomed and found useful by those attending; thanks to Paul Day.
- The Website was complimented on and found to be useful, especially by archers new to the area looking for a club; it was suggested that any new additions to the website might be communicated via the regular emails.
- It was felt that the use of the Whiteboards used to communicate forthcoming events and reminders at both shooting venues was very useful and worked well.
- Not many archers participate in the outdoor Rounds competitions shot on weekday evenings, perhaps because the shooting sessions are too short due to the evenings being too short; it was suggested that the competitions could be scattered on different days to encourage greater participation; someone suggested having a best score per month competition.
- The inter-club friendly matches have been less well attended this year, possibly due to peoples other commitments, but also due to lack of awareness by newer archers of what is expected and the assumption that they can't take part because they are not yet shooting at the required distances; some members said the inter-club matches provided a 'safe' friendly competition experience which helped them gain the confidence to go further afield.
- The Chairman suggested that we might consider having one annual three way match, (between MVB, Malden Bowmen, and Surrey Bowmen) rotating around the three club venues, possibly with a trophy. This would be good for ensuring that busy archers had only one match to commit to, but would reduce the opportunities for new archers to gain some experience of competition archery in a friendly environment. It was proposed that the chairman sound out the other clubs on the idea during the autumn indoor season.
- To encourage greater participation it was suggested that more information be provided about what distances will be shot, and that is it emphasised that even novice archers will be able to take part.
- New members commented that the club was very welcoming.
- It was suggested that to keep and encourage new members shorter distance targets might be placed in the middle of the shooting line rather than at one end, where new archers may feel isolated;
- It was also suggested that a separate club competition for beginners/novices might be organised with shorter distances and times
- For recruiting more new members a 'Have-a-Go' Open Day was suggested.

11. Any Other Business

a) Website Access

John Wright suggested that as Rob Smith is stepping down from the Committee it might be sensible for there to be another person with access.

The committee will discuss at the next meeting.

b) Sunday Start Time

Members were reminded that Sunday shooting starts at 2pm; it would be helpful if members could arrive before 2pm to help set up but no earlier than 1.30pm.

c) The Container

Although no confirmed news had been received it was expected that the move of the container to the other side of the field would be done soon.

The Committee was thanked for all they do.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm

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Income and Expenditure Statement for Year Ending 31 August 2010

2008 / 2009			2009 / 2010		Notes
£	£		£	£	
OPENING BALANCE					
54.45		Cash in Hand	109.37		
176.80		Current Account	1,988.17		
18,129.48	<u>18,360.73</u>	60 Day Notice Account	18,189.58	<u>20,287.12</u>	
INCOME					
3,764.00		Total Membership	3,547.15		
<u>-1,802.00</u>	1,962.00	Less GNAS Fees	<u>-1,816.60</u>	1,730.55	
Sheila Brown					
714.00		<i>Entry Fees</i>	712.00		
175.70		<i>Raffle & Catering</i>	205.05		
<u>-299.50</u>	590.20	<i>Less Expenses</i>	<u>-413.99</u>	503.06	1
Wand					
232.00		<i>Entry Fees</i>	176.00		
88.36		<i>Raffle & Catering</i>	59.62		
<u>-168.42</u>	151.94	<i>Less Expenses</i>	<u>-217.96</u>	17.66	
Cowpie					
769.09		<i>Takings</i>	561.05		
<u>-121.20</u>	647.89	<i>Less Expenses & Donation</i>	<u>-80.00</u>	481.05	2
Fetes					
109.00		<i>Takings</i>	106.00		
<u>-60.00</u>	49.00	<i>Less Expenses & Donation</i>	<u>-54.00</u>	52.00	
32.50		Indoor Shooting	763.50		4
855.00		Beginner's Courses	425.00		5
<u>755.00</u>	1,642.50	Bow Hire	<u>820.00</u>	2,008.50	6
61.50		Misc Sales	9.00		
60.10		Gift Received			
<u>361.59</u>	483.19	Interest			
		Uncategorised Income	<u>3.50</u>	12.50	
<u>5,526.72</u>		NET INCOME	<u>4,805.32</u>		
EXPENDITURES					
405.77		General Equipment	239.61		7
154.07		Training Equipment			
20.37		Maintenance			
<u>606.50</u>	1,186.71	Shooting Equipment	<u>605.66</u>	845.27	8
130.12		Club Administration	270.23		9
2,000.00		St Martin's Rent	1,100.00		3
<u>45.10</u>	2,175.22	Postals	<u>43.50</u>	1,413.73	
91.26		Family BBQ	81.18		
42.14		Xmas Meal	86.84		

<u>105.00</u>	238.40	Misc Costs	<u>-5.41</u>	162.61
<u>3,600.33</u>		NET EXPENDITURES	<u>2,421.61</u>	
	<u>20,287.12</u>	CLOSING BALANCE		<u>22,670.83</u>
	<u>1,926.39</u>	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		<u>2,383.71</u>
		HELD AS		
109.37		Cash in Hand	106.79	
1,988.17		Current Account	1,374.46	
18,189.58	<u>20,287.12</u>	60 Day Notice Account	<u>21,189.58</u>	<u>22,670.83</u>

Notes to Accounts

- 1 Sheila Brown expense increased due to having 2 set of judge gifts. Also includes £70 fee for 2011 event.
- 2 Cowpie price kept at £1.50. busy but below exceptional 2009.
- 3 Ground rent increased from £1000pa to £1100pa
- 4 High profit due to high number of guest shooters
- 5 Only demand for one course.
- 6 Long retention by a number of archers
- 7 Includes badges £150, security £36 and storage £17
- 8 Bosses £425 & faces £170
- 9 Includes Engraving £111, Donation £95, Website £35

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**Proposed Club
Subscriptions**

	Current 2009/10
Club Subscriptions	
Adult	36.50
Junior U18	26.50
Junior U14	11.00
Family Discount	10% Discount

Family Discount :

10% discount on the combined full fee membership when one or two adults **and** one

or more juniors residing at the same address joining / renewing at the same time.

Examples

	Full Fees	Discount Fee
2 Adults, 1 U18 Junior	99.50	89.55
1 Adult, 2 U14 Juniors	58.50	52.65
2 Adults, 1 U18, 1 U14	110.50	99.45