

MOLE VALLEY BOWMEN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 6th September 2015
St. Martin's School, Dorking, Surrey at 6pm

Present: Jenny Gordon, Mark Leddin, Bob Barley, Glenda Watson, Alan Pettitt, Paul Day, Zoe Leah, Joanna Eaton, Ian Stewart, Cameron Stewart, John Wright, Geoff Burgess, Greg Francis, James Suckling, Louise Colville, Paul Grinham, Catherine Du Preez, Megan Donohoe, Dan Donohoe, Simon Willard, Mark Peters, Yvette Gariazzo, Albert Gariazzo.

Chair: Ian Stewart

Minutes: Jenny Gordon

1. Apologies for Absence:

None received.

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous AGM on 7th September 2014

The minutes were proposed and accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Joanna Eaton

Secunder: Mark Peters

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM

- Item 9 C - First Aid/CPR Refresher Session - Has not happened yet. Football club have a defibrillator; we have agreed with them that we will supply a storage cabinet, but now we have to agree with school a position to put it, so that it is also accessible to the public, as half of its' cost was paid for by British Heart Foundation. First Aid session it is proposed will cover the use of it.
- Item 9 D - Postal League results - Complete results are not (should this be now?) being posted.
- Item 9 E - Encouraging member participation - Things done: shorter distances for all competitions; Colour Scheme more visible; Better communication re friendly matches done - we outnumbered Surrey at Surrey! Mini competition at end of Beginners course has happened twice, seems to go ok; More participation at local shoots - more members have been taking part. Will gather momentum in time; Archery GB Progress Scheme - James has yet to look into it; Beginners continuing – there has been better take up.

4. Chairman's Report (Ian Stewart)

I'm finding it hard to believe that another year has flown by since I last gave an AGM speech. This is now my third speech, so I should be improving.

It's been a productive year for the club. With the postal matches, we've always stepped up to the mark and put in good scores, particularly with the longbows.

Personally, I think it's important how we represent ourselves to the outside world. The Cow-pie rally was very busy. We had a lot of willing, hard-working volunteers. In particular, I remember Albert, who spent most of the day on his knees! Why on his knees? That's so that he was at child-height.

The Wand shoot was well attended and those who shot, enjoyed the day. It was impressive that some of our club members dressed up for the occasion. Catherine even talked her family into dressing in medieval costume. The Sheila Brown was also well attended, and the judges remarked on how well run it was.

The friendly matches have given us the sweet taste of victory, we have one more match left to give us a 100% success rate. A lot of that is down to us fielding a large capable team, and much of that is down to Paul's improver sessions.

Only last week-end, 6 club members went to shoot at the Guildford Acorn on a very wet, typical bank-holiday Monday. They all stuck to the task, and the result was a haul of 3 trophies, 7 gold medals and one silver medal.

It's not all about shooting, sometimes elbow grease is needed, and we now have a newly-painted container that looks presentable.

If asked to find one event that sums up the club, my mind goes back to the end of March, when the indoor shooting came to a close. We were easily persuaded to end the evening with a drink at a local pub. On the way there, Greg discovered that he had a flat tyre. He hardly got a look-in. One person

jacked up the car, another unbolted the wheel, then another collected the wheel-nuts, and held a torch. Greg was elbowed out of the way, as the work was done for him. That's what the club is about for me – helping each other.

Finally, enough of looking back on the year, we have something significant to look forward to. If you haven't already heard (or guessed), James and Louise are expecting a baby in December. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them the very best – as long as it doesn't affect our postal scores !

5. Treasurer's Report (Paul Grinham)

- No accounts available were available at the time of the meeting, due to technical difficulties with the treasurer's laptop.
- However he reported that the club's financial situation ok – the Sheila Brown, Beginners' Courses and Cowpie have earned income as usual; the Treasurer assured the meeting the club is breaking even.
- The accounts were later supplied and can be found on pages 5 and 6.

6. Election of the Committee

The committee was elected en bloc as follows:

Chairman	- Ian Stewart	}		
Secretary	- John Wright	}		
Treasurer	- Paul Grinham	}		
Minutes Secretary	- Jenny Gordon	}	Prop.: Catherine Du Preez	Sec.: Joanna Eaton
Committee Member	- Mark Peters	}		
Committee Member	- Paul Day	}		
Committee Member	- Bob Barley	}		
Committee Member	- Mark Leddin	}		
Social Events	- James Suckling	}		

7. Election of Other Officers (non committee)

The current officers were elected en bloc as follows:

Club Captain	- Louise Colville	}		
Vice Captain	- James Suckling	}		
Child Protection Officer	- Ian Stewart	}	Prop.: Mark Leddin	Sec.: Yvette Gariazzo
Deputy CPO	- Jenny Gordon	}		
Records Officer	- Louise Colville	}		

8. Confirmation of Other Roles

Paul Grinham is willing to continue as Sheila Brown Organiser for next year but would appreciate a Deputy. Post holders were elected en bloc as follows:

Postal Co-ordinator	- Louise Colville	}		
Shooting Programme Organiser	- Mark Leddin	}		
Website Co-ordinator	- James Suckling	}		
Catering Co-ordinator	- Jenny Gordon	}	Prop.: John Wright	Sec.: Zoe Leah
Sheila Brown Organiser	- Paul Grinham	}		
Wand Organiser	- Mark Leddin	}		

9. Any Other Business

A Proposed Change to Club Subscriptions

- New Club Subscription Fees – An increase in fees was proposed, as laid out below. The proposed new subs remain competitive compared to other local clubs.

	Proposed 2014/15	Current 2014/15
Adult	£42.00	£40.00
Junior U18	£32.00	£30.00
Junior U14	£15.00	£14.00
Family Discount	10% discount	10% discount

New Fees were accepted:

Proposer: Paul Grinham

Seconder: Ian Stewart

- New Club subs are due for payment by the end of September at the latest; John will email out information in due course and will be available to collect in person at the field.

B Online/BACS payments to the Club

- A member asked if it would be possible to do BACS payments for Subs.
- The Committee has looked into online banking and BACS transfers; currently it is not applicable for our club account, there are also the problems of having more than one signatory, and lack of balance information. A new type of account would need to be set up.

C Income Generation

- The issue of raising more income from the club was discussed.
- The Club gets a number of invites to do courses or have-a-go sessions at events other than those we already attend, and for other organisations. The club's ability to say Yes is based on enough members having sufficient spare time; running sessions on club shooting days reduces members opportunities to shoot.
- It was suggested that we could extend the Wand, by perhaps adding another medieval style event eg a Clout for the second half of the day, and then charging a higher entry fee. Additional income would be raised by increased refreshment sales. Committee to look into this.

D Looking after the Field Crew at the Sheila Brown Shoot

- Cameron suggested we need a gazebo for field crew. Suggestions of largish tent bought for the club, for use at shoots and events.
- Committee to discuss; we need to be mindful of storage capacity in the container.

E Club Membership, Participation and Retention

- Albert asked how many members we have; John reported that at Archery GB renewal there were 54 members; a few have not renewed yet. Getting commitment from people to continue after beginners course is difficult for some; people realise they have to put in the effort, some will, some won't. Albert commented that the Improvers sessions were really useful; perhaps we need to push this more to the beginners on the course, do a special beginners improvers session after the course?
- What about running Have-a-Go/Taster Sessions at St. Martin's? We need to advertise them for insurance purposes.
- The use of Facebook was suggested, for an MVB Club page – Catherine Du Preez offered to set this up.
- Joanna suggested passing info to local schools re tasters/have-a-go. Catherine offered her marketing skills to help with recruitment activities.
- Could we have more people on the beginners courses?

F Indoor Shooting

F.1 Venue

- The club is looking to change to a venue closer to Dorking; additionally, our current venue, Ewell Castle School, has increased the hire charges.
- Any suggestions for suitable secondary schools or other locations to be communicated to the committee, who will investigate possibilities.
- Indoor Shooting will remain at Ewell Castle School until at least Christmas.

F.2 Fees

- Historically MVB has funded indoor shooting from the fees paid to shoot indoors, with the concepts of a weekly fee, and a block booking fee ie paying for multiple sessions in advance. Increased hire charges, and loss of regular indoor visitors from other clubs is making breaking even more difficult, although it has run at a profit in the past.

- A closer venue could help us encourage Reigate Bowmen to join us indoors, thereby increasing numbers.
- The Treasurer made three proposals:
 - £6 per weekly session; or reduced weekly fee of £4.80 for 10 weeks block booking – we'd run at a slight loss.
 - £6 per weekly session with no block booking discount; based on numbers shooting income would be around £600 and would cover our costs, but if people don't commit on block booking and people don't turn up then we might get a net loss.
 - Increase weekly fee further and also up block booking fee.
- The meeting agreed on option 2 - £6 per weekly session, can block book but no discount.
Proposer: Paul Grinham Seconder: Ian Stewart

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.32pm

MOLE VALLEY BOWMEN									
Income and Expenditure Statement for Year Ending 31 August 2015									
2012 / 2013		2013 / 2014		2014 / 2015		Notes			
£	£	£	£	£	£				
				OPENING BALANCE					
439.42		557.73		Cash in Hand	396.21				
4,203.08		3,303.28		Current Account	3,216.20				
				Accrual	-350.00				
21,221.97	25,864.47	23,221.97	27,082.98	60 Day Notice Account	23,221.97	26,484.38			
				INCOME					
3,881.10		3,760.19		Total Membership	4,130.00				
-2,054.25	1,826.85	-1,973.00	1,787.19	Less GNAS & CSAA Fees	-2,391.50	1,738.50			
	554.87		564.76	Sheila Brown		569.84			
721.00		741.00		Entry Fees	821.00				
280.30		194.75		Raffle & Catering	175.20				
-446.43		-370.99		Less Expenses	-426.36				
	15.01		-23.98	Wand		67.80			
164.00		92.00		Entry Fees	188.00				
119.80		63.70		Raffle & Catering	116.85				
-268.79		-179.68		Less Expenses	-237.05				
	478.67		322.49	Cowpie		489.30			
482.50		338.09		Takings	505.70				
-3.83		-15.60		Less Expenses & Donation	-16.40				
	57.00		0.00	Fetes		88.50			
112.00				Takings	138.50				
-55.00				Less Expenses & Donation	-50.00				
	62.01		233.60	Indoor Shooting		-89.40			
1,534.00		1,794.00		Shooting Fees	1,376.00				
-1,400.00		-1,500.00		Hire Costs	-1,400.00				
-71.99		-60.40		Expenses	-65.40				
1,199.93		925.81		Beginner's Courses	1,019.40				
421.00		110.00		Bow Hire	670.00				
466.16		338.00		Misc Sales	80.26	4			
				Gift Received					
				Interest	53.55				
	2,087.09		1,373.81	Total other Income		1,823.21			
5,081.50		4,257.87		NET INCOME	4,687.75				
				EXPENDITURES					
76.67		92.06		General Equipment	274.82	5			
157.80		1,131.26		Beginner's Equipment	191.93				
125.60		60.00		Maintenance	246.03	6			
1,684.71	2,044.78	1,352.83	2,636.15	Shooting Equipment	935.27	1,648.05			
268.11		685.51		Club Administration	894.22	8			
1,200.00		1,300.00		St Martin's Rent	1,300.00				
50.00	1,518.11	75.70	2,061.21	Postals		2,194.22			
93.42		100.00		Family BBQ & catering	202.04	9			
201.23		49.60		Xmas Meal	24.00				

	5.45	300.10	9.51	159.11	Misc Costs		226.04	
	3,862.99		4,856.47		NET EXPENDITURES	4,068.31		
		27,082.98		26,484.38	CLOSING BALANCE		27,103.82	
		1,218.51		-598.60	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		619.44	
					HELD AS			
			-350.00		Accrual	641.89		10
	557.73		396.21		Cash in Hand	312.37		
	3,303.28		3,216.20		Current Account	2,874.04		
	23,221.97	27,082.98	23,221.97	26,484.38	60 Day Notice Account	23,275.52	27,103.82	
	Notes to Accounts							
1	Comparable with recent years			5	Detectors	9 Anniversary cake & BBQ		
2	Second year at new venue. Promising			6	Mainly paint	10 2015/16 costs including above for indoor shooting and postals		
3	Lower average and no guests			7	£890 bosses			
4	Sale of old detectors & bosses			8	£360 mugs, £35 badges and centres, £80 engraving, £40 shirts			