

MOLE VALLEY BOWMEN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday 7th September 2014
St. Martin's School, Dorking, Surrey at 6pm

Present: Jenny Gordon, Mark Leddin, Bob Barley, Glenda Watson, Alan Pettitt, Paul Day, Joanna Eaton, Ian Stewart, Cameron Stewart, John Wright, Praful Ginimav, James Suckling, Paul Grinham.

Chair: Ian Stewart

Minutes: Jenny Gordon

1. Apologies for Absence:

Louise Colville, Lorrel Walker, Mark Peters.

2. Minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes were proposed and accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Joanna Eaton

Seconder: Mark Leddin

3. Matters Arising from the Last AGM

- Item 10 c) – Club Discussion – Club Competitions – Actions points not yet followed up: have score sheets out more often; Club Secretary to email members monthly to remind them to submit scores; set a start time for competition sessions.
- Item 11 a) – Any Other Business – Amendment to Club Constitution – Paul Grinham amended the wording for the clause to be inserted regarding “Dissolution of the Club”, and emailed members confirming the change had been made.
- Item 11 b) – Indoor Shooting – As agreed John Wright had emailed members to offer free taster sessions for those who'd not shot indoors before, as a way of encouraging greater participation.

4. Chairman's Report (Ian Stewart)

Another AGM, and this year seems to have flow by. The summer is almost over – where does the time go?

This year marks the clubs 40th birthday. I started shooting some 33 years ago (at another club). When I first shot friendly matches against Mole Valley Bowmen, it was obvious that this was a friendly club. That ethos is still there today. With our Wand shoot, and the Sheila Brown, many of the archers commented on how friendly the shoots were. Long may that last!

This year was also an anniversary for myself, as it was my silver wedding anniversary. 25 years ago, I married at St. Nicholas' church in Bookham. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that Mark Leddin was in the choir on that very day. I've scrutinised the wedding video, and it does look as if he was there – somewhat smaller, and without the beard.

It's been a busy time with lots of events on. We've had the beginner's course in the spring (well attended as usual), the Cow Pie rally, the Wand shoot, and the Sheila Brown. I concerned that these events are a big ask of the members. They not only call for volunteers, but also stop shooting at the club. Despite this, you, the members, have always helped out. I've a motive in being complimentary, because the autumn beginner's course starts next week, and all help would be appreciated.

This year has seen some notable achievements by club members, but nothing to do with Archery. Mark Leddin completed his 100km walk along the South Downs, and James had his cycle ride from Paris to London. Both for charity. I've done nothing as adventurous, except that it was August before I realised that I had not shot any first class rounds. Not wanting to be seen to be slacking, I promptly shot the three required rounds in just one week.

But perhaps the biggest event was a house move. No Names mentioned, but he was running out of time, despite several trips in his white van! The plea for help was answered, and a team of volunteers stepped

forward. One hard day's work, and a lot of furniture was shifted. I've never seen so many tables and chairs come from one house – and these squeezed into one bungalow!

5. Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Accounts for 2013/2014 (Paul Grinham)

- The accounts were circulated, and Paul expanded on them.
- Paul reported that for the first time in many a year the club has made a loss! Approximately £600 in comparison to making around £1000 in the last few years.
- Whilst income is much as it has been we didn't do the St. Martin's School Fair; the Wand Shoot is never a great money spinner, although the Sheila Brown Shoot does generate income; miscellaneous sales listed on the accounts are mainly the sale of old bows on eBay, but there was less bow hire.
- Expenditure includes the replacement of many training bows – 14 new were bought; the club spent a lot on new bosses this year.
- Looking forward, indoor shooting fees may be liable to increase; we currently pay £500 for the hire of Ewell Castle School for each 10 week period, but it is possible this may go up, as the school has a new Principal.

The Accounts for 2013/2014 were presented and accepted.

Proposer: Paul Grinham

Secunder: Jenny Gordon

The Income and Expenditure Statement with Notes from the Treasurer can be found on pages 5 and 6 of these minutes.

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.: Joanna Eaton	Sec.: Praful Ginimav
Committee Member	- Mark Peters	}		
Committee Member	- Paul Day	}		
Committee Member	- Bob Barley	}		
Committee Member	- Mark Leddin	}		

James Suckling asked to be elected as a Committee Member, possibly to help encourage more social events for club members, to aid membership retention.

Proposer: Mark Leddin

Secunder: Paul Day

7. Election of Other Officers (non committee)

The post of Child Protection Officer remains vacant; The situation with regard to DBS requirements remain unclear, but CSAA has a newly appointed CPO which may help clarify things. The remaining officers were elected en bloc as follows:

Club Captain	- Louise Colville	}		
Vice Captain	- James Suckling	}		
Child Protection Officer – Vacancy		}	Prop.: James Suckling	Sec.: Paul Day
Deputy CPO	- Jenny Gordon	}		
Records Officer	- Louise Colville	}		

8. Confirmation of Other Roles

Paul Grinham is willing to continue as Sheila Brown Organiser 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.: Joanna Eaton	Sec.: Bob Barley
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 2013/14
Adult	£40.00	£39.00
Junior U18	£30.00	£29.00
Junior U14	£14.00	£12.50
Family Discount	10% discount	10% discount

New Fees were accepted:

Proposer: Ian Stewart Seconder: Jenny Gordon

- New Club subs are due for payment by the end of October at the latest; John will email out information in due course and will be available to collect in person at the field.
- A member asked if it would be possible to do BACS payments for Subs. The Treasurer said it wouldn't be impossible but would need further discussion by the committee.

B Possible Pro Rata Rate for Club Subs

- Archery GB currently do a quarterly rate for people who join part way through the year.
- MVB currently have a half yearly rate.
- After discussion it was agreed to keep our half yearly rate.

C First Aid/CPR Refresher Session

- Alan Pettitt, our resident First Aider, proposed running an update session for existing or new members sometime, on a Sunday morning before afternoon shooting. Date and time to be agreed.

D Postal League Results

- Cameron Stewart asked if the complete results for postal matches could be published, ie listing all the archers who took part and their scores, rather than just those who ended up in the final team on the day, due to having the highest scores.
- This request will be passed onto Louise, our Records Officer.

E Encouraging Membership Participation in Competitions, and Membership Retention

James Suckling suggested that we might do more to encourage members to go out to more competitions, and help newer members take part, even if only in the Friendly Matches with local clubs. This was discussed by the meeting with the following suggestions made:

- What about having a Buddy System?
- More competitions at shorter distances for newer members
- Make the MVB Colour Scheme more 'visible'.
- Improve communication about the Friendly Matches to let people know that shorter distances are available for less experienced archers.
- Have a mini competition at the end of the Beginners' Course.
- All club members could talk to five new members to ensure new people get to know the club and feel welcomed and included.
- James and Louise will look at what other local competitions, outside MVB, might be available/suitable for newer archers to try, or even well established members who don't tend to shoot outside the club.
- Archery GB has a Progress Scheme – combining theory and practice. This could be used but would require some administration. James volunteered to look into it.
- Offer the Beginners course participants, two introductory weeks of practice at normal club time of 2pm on Sunday, on the two Sundays immediately following the course. This means they are still covered by GNAS Insurance (which allows for courses of up to six weeks), but also enables them to shoot with other club members they have got to know during the course. This may encourage greater take up of club membership.

- Send out a follow-up email for Beginners' Course participants, a few weeks after the end of the course, if they haven't come back, to ask if they are likely to join the club and continue to shoot. It would be useful for us to know reasons why Beginners don't choose to join/continue, although it was acknowledged there will always be a percentage who only ever wanted to 'have a go' and feel it isn't for them, or can't commit the time.

F Club Website

James, as the club's Webmaster, asked members to let him know if there is anything else they'd like to see on the website or any ideas for improving it.

G Winter Sunday Shooting Time

After the clocks have gone back in October, Sunday shooting will start at 1pm, to make the best of the available daylight.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.17pm

MOLE VALLEY BOWMEN								
Income and Expenditure Statement for Year Ending 31 August 2014								
2011 / 2012		2012 / 2013			2013 / 2014		Notes	
£	£	£	£		£	£		
					OPENING BALANCE			
54.11		439.42			Cash in Hand	557.73		
3,425.29		4,203.08			Current Account	3,303.28		
21,189.58	24,668.98	21,221.97	25,864.47		60 Day Notice Account	23,221.97	27,082.98	
					INCOME			
					Total Membership	3,760.19		
4,781.85		3,881.10			Less GNAS & CSAA Fees	-1,973.00	1,787.19	
-3,341.75	1,440.10	-2,054.25	1,826.85				10	
	383.18		554.87		Sheila Brown		564.76	
637.00		721.00			Entry Fees	741.00		
199.80		280.30			Raffle & Catering	194.75		
-453.62		-446.43			Less Expenses	-370.99		
	61.55		15.01		Wand		-23.98	
140.00		164.00			Entry Fees	92.00		
99.05		119.80			Raffle & Catering	63.70		
-177.50		-268.79			Less Expenses	-179.68		
	0.00		478.67		Cowpie		322.49	
		482.50			Takings	338.09		
		-3.83			Less Expenses & Donation	-15.60		
	89.10		57.00		Fetes		0.00	
136.10		112.00			Takings			
-47.00		-55.00			Less Expenses & Donation			
	453.10		62.01		Indoor Shooting		233.60	
453.10		1,534.00			Shooting Fees	1,794.00		
		-1,400.00			Hire Costs	-1,500.00		
		-71.99			Expenses	-60.40		
984.00		1,199.93			Beginner's Courses	925.81		
600.00		421.00			Bow Hire	110.00		
1.50		466.16			Misc Sales	338.00		
					Gift Received			
32.39	1,617.89		2,087.09		Interest			
					Total other Income		1,373.81	
4044.92		5,081.50			NET INCOME	4,257.87		
					EXPENDITURES			
767.06		76.67			General Equipment	92.06		
140.20		157.80			Beginner's Equipment	1,131.26		
300.55		125.60			Maintenance	60.00		
104.50	1,312.31	1,684.71	2,044.78		Shooting Equipment	1,352.83	2,636.15	
145.81		268.11			Club Administration	685.51		
1,200.00		1,200.00			St Martin's Rent	1,300.00		
49.72	1,395.53	50.00	1,518.11		Postals	75.70	2,061.21	
75.37		93.42			Family BBQ	100.00		
66.22		201.23			Xmas Meal	49.60		
0.00	141.59	5.45	300.10		Misc Costs	9.51	159.11	

	2,849.43		3,862.99		NET EXPENDITURES	4,856.47			
		25,864.47		27,082.98	CLOSING BALANCE		26,484.38		
		1,195.49		1,218.51	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		-598.60		
					HELD AS				
					Accrual	-350.00			9, 10
	439.42		557.73		Cash in Hand	396.21			
	4,203.08		3,303.28		Current Account	3,216.20			
	21,221.97	25,864.47	23,221.97	27,082.98	60 Day Notice Account	23,221.97	26,484.38		
	Notes to Accounts								
1	Increased prices but no impact on entries			5	Replaced many training bows	9 Assumed amount			
2	Always going to be marginal			6	Boot scrapers	10 Includes 250 due to SCAS/CSAA			
3	High utilisation			7	Bosees & faces				
4	Sale of old trainer bows & bosses			8	£400 on medal centres, £130 shirts				