

Pines Park Archers

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Held at Lady Margaret Hall

The meeting started at 7.35pm and there were 15 voting members present.

Apologies from Barry Buckley, Dave Holmes, Derek Smith, Lynn and Andrew Ball, Chris and Ellen Button, Mark and Carol Rackham, Gary Wragg, Karen Yorke, Jasmine Goodall, Matt Bailey and Brian Holmes.

Election of Officers

Present Committee were voted back in. Tom Jackson was voted in as Junior Rep.

Chairman's Report

Mick Dews commented on the numbers of members shooting at the woods at the weekends and also the number of people turning up to help at shoots. The club is going from strength to strength, with a good standing in the NFAS. Trish Jones, NFAS president had given glowing reports after shooting our course.

Chairman's Award

This years award went to Steve Osborne for his contribution and efforts and initiative over the year.

Thanks also went to Jon Throup for his dedication to coaching and was presented with a bottle of whiskey.

Treasurers Report

The report was read out by Mick Dews as Barry Buckley was on holiday. It was stated that we need to keep approximately £3,000 contingency. At the present moment the club has about £2,000 for club use. It was stated that any member of the club can ask to see the books at any time. Money this year has been spent on 3D's and paper target faces, and more will be spent on upkeep of the cabins in the summer.

Matters Discussed

Shoot Fees Increase – It was agreed that we would charge competitors £7.00 per adult at our shoots, in line with quite a few other clubs. Fees for junior competitors will not increase.

Clothing

Thanks were given to Adie Morgan and Neil Gilbert for ordering clothing.

Crossbow Ruling

At this time the NFAS is still working on risk assessments. Our concern is that we don't want youths running around with xbows, and the bosses will not take xbow bolts. Jon Throup would have to check if he can coach xbows. It was agreed that Winnie Smith would poll the members by email to find out their views for or against. It was agreed that everyone wanting to shoot xbow should go through a dedicated paid xbow coaching course with Jon Throup.

Summer in the Wood.

We have already got rid of a lot of rubbish already, and thanks go to Neil Page for the loan of his works van for the removal of said rubbish. It was stated that it was looking a lot better round the cabins. It was agreed that some repair work and painting of the cabins would be done over the summer and a screen fence would be put up round the toilet area, depending on permission from the FC.

Club Shoot

It was agreed that if members are prepared to do the setting up themselves, then a club shoot can be held for the members to shoot. The committee will not be doing any of the work.

Harvesting

We were told that they would not be re harvesting for 6 years, but the wood is being auctioned in May. Harvesting will probably be over the wintertime.

3D's and Faces

Members would like to suggest different 3D's. We see no problem with this. If any member wants a certain 3D please take a photo of it etc. and let us know.

Faces – Mick would like a member of the club to be main buyer of target faces for the club. Pasting up onto cardboard is also part of the job. Normally £250 is put aside for buying faces.

Hall During Summer

It was decided that we would not keep on at the hall over the summer, as we may not make the rent. Alternative venues were discussed.

NFAS

Members were advised to check out the NFAS website for a recent warning NOT to take 'mates' round the woods with them. Our insurance only covers us for dedicated 'have-a-go' and they must have signed the register.

Members were asked to email if they were interested in hiring a minibus for the Nationals in September.

The members were informed of the passing of Diane Swift.

Julie Shaw offered to organise the Christmas meal.

Meeting closed