



**NOTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE FIELD
ON SUNDAY 27th JULY 2025 at 11.00am**

AGENDA

1. Matters arising from meeting dated 29th June 2025
2. Welfare / H&S
3. Finance
4. Scores and Records
5. Juniors
6. Competitions
7. Coaching
8. Major Projects
9. Forthcoming Events
10. AOB

Present:

Paul McGuire, Les Griffiths, Mollie Bower, Will Kempf, Ian Hiscocks
Jonathan Powell, Alan Marriott,

Apologies:

Mark Jones, Gareth Stott, Alison Stott

Observers:

David Stewart, Annie Kynaston (part of time)

NOTES FROM THE MEETING:

1. Matters arising:

Any items arising are dealt with in the main agenda.

2. Welfare:

Support for disabled archers was discussed which will be minuted by the WO.

3. Finance:

The treasurer confirmed that the club's finances were in good order. Final invoice for solar panels to be paid. A pallet of extra foam has been ordered which is due for delivery around the end of August.

4. Scores and Records:

The Records Officers were unavailable for the meeting.

5. Juniors

The JLO confirmed that she will be taking up the captaincy at Huddersfield University Archery club within the near future which will restrict her attendances at the Friday night junior sessions. However this will not be a problem as she has arranged appropriate cover for those occasions of unavailability.

The committee wish to congratulate the JLO (Mollie Bower) on achieving the role of HUAC captain.

6. Competitions:

For the Yorkshire Day shoot on the 3rd of August, Jonathan Powell has agreed to be the TO (Tournament Officer)

As mentioned in the last minutes the role of TO is not one person's job, neither is it the job for just committee members. It is a job for any club member.

The committee understands that there have been some grumblings amongst some members that the role of TO is being left too late in the week and not enough notice is being given before a competition.

It has been suggested that TO's be scheduled at the beginning of the year when the yearly calendar / competition sheets are produced.

In an ideal world this would be the sensible thing to do.

However we don't live in an ideal world and trying to get people to commit to act as a TO months in advance is an impossible task and is therefore a non-starter.

The committee will endeavour to confirm TO's as far in advance as possible, but the committee has agreed that should a TO be nominated and then for whatever reason fails to turn up on the day (and if the equipment room cannot be accessed for the computer) then the shoot will still go ahead and will not be cancelled as was suggested in the last minutes.

It will be up to one of the members to take charge as field captain and run the shoot just like any ordinary shoot. Scores to be logged on paper sheets and left in the pavilion for the Records Officer to collect and record the scores and to confirm the list of finishers. Photos of winners can be taken and sent to the club email address so that a brief report can be written. Any trophies and medals may then have to be presented (particularly in the Handicap section) at a later date.

It was also agreed that any member who does not wish to shoot in the competitions can attend and shoot socially at any distance and however many arrows they wish to shoot. They will still be restricted to the normal 6 arrow ends (outside) and will have to follow the field captain's whistle commands, but they will not be part of the competition.

At the moment this is the best scenario that the committee can come up with. We know it is not ideal but if any member has a better solution then please contact info@valleybowmen.co.uk.

A Clout shoot is to be organised around the end of July / beginning of August. There will be a practice round in the morning with a competition in the afternoon. Watch out for further information.

7. Coaching:

For beginners to intermediate archers please register online for the next coaching session – see website for dates.

Jonathan mentioned that Dave Shaw, County coach, will be attending the club again in a couple of weeks' time.

8. Projects:

MAJOR PROJECTS:

1. Car parking provision between pavilion and boundary wall. We are now in a position to start looking at this project. An application has to be made to remove some of the trees in the middle of the area as all trees have a TPO. WK will contact the tree surgeon in due course. **Action WK**

9. Forthcoming Events:

1. 'Picnic in the Park' – Robert Ashton Park Meltham. Saturday 30th August from 11am to 4pm. A couple more volunteers would be appreciated.
2. The next scheduled Taster session held at the field will be on Sunday 24th August. There will be 2 sessions i.e. 10am to 12noon and from 1pm to 3pm . The field will be unavailable between 9am and 3pm. Volunteer coaches and helpers still required. Please book yourself in on the website Members page volunteering section. Sandwiches provided by the club for volunteers.

10.AOB:

- a) Boards containing historical names of trophy winners still being investigated by Alison and Alan. **Action AS & AM**
- b) Honours board for displaying the names of honorary lifetime members now made.
- c) If any member wishes to discuss the volunteer role of 'Equipment Officer' please contact any member of the committee.
- d) Role of Entertainments Officer still required.
- e) Gareth and Alison have gifted a foam boss for external use. Arrangements are in hand for transporting the boss from their home to the field. **Action JP**
- f) Regarding maintenance of the bosses it was suggested that a timescale be drawn up to check and re-pack the bosses at regular intervals. There was further discussion on this subject and further information to be provided. **Action committee**

In the meantime should a foam boss become unusable it should be parked at the side of the field and members must go to the target shed and take out a straw boss and stand to use until such time as the foam boss can be repacked. **Action members**

- g) There was some discussion about target faces being left in inappropriate places and the lack of placing large faces back in the target shed.

Generally the policy is for the small target faces to be kept in the indoor range and the large 120cm faces to be kept in the target shed. Wet faces can be hung temporarily in the indoor range until dry and then moved out.

However to try and make life a little easier it was agreed that a rack be made and positioned against the fence in the 'windy corner' so that both wet and dry faces could be stored there. **Action PMcG.**

Members are reminded that target faces are to be used multiple times until completely shot out before taking out a new face to use.

insurance

A suggestion to start the Club's private insurance from 1st August 2025 to aid the administration and monitoring of extending AGB renewals running into 2026.

This means that from August 2025 we will ask all new members if they wish to join AGB and all members will fall under the private insurance coverage.

All existing members of Valley Bowmen will receive double insurance cover until 30 September 2025, All members then need to decide whether they will be AGB members for 2026 and so renew their subscription to AGB.

The balance of the membership who do not renew AGB will be covered via the private insurance.

Going forward it will be the responsibility of all members who wish to renew with AGB to do so in their own private capacity.

All Committee members, Coaches and junior members will remain AGB members.

A reminder and further email will be sent out to the members in September to explain further if unclear.

The following people have recently joined the club:

New Members.

Donna Joyce

Fiona Greer

Phil Greaves

Katarzyna Bromek-Jedrzychowska

Patryk Jedrzychowska

Jane Cowlam

The meeting closed at 1.00pm

Next Meeting:

Sunday 31st August 2025 at 11am at the field.