



**NOTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE FIELD  
ON SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025 at 11.00am**

**AGENDA**

1. Matters arising from meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 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, Will Kempf, Ian Hiscocks, Alan Marriott, Mark Jones, Gareth Stott

**Apologies:**

Alison Stott, Jonathan Powell, Mollie Bower

**Observers:**

David Stewart

**NOTES FROM THE MEETING:**

**1.Matters arising:**

Any items arising are dealt with in the main agenda.

**2. Welfare:**

The WO spoke about and dealt with a complaint about an email.

For extra safety two signs were suggested re. use of whistles and for access past the indoor range.. **Action MJ**

**3.Finance:**

The treasurer was unavailable for the meeting. The. final invoice for solar panels has now been paid. The pallet of extra foam has now been delivered.

#### **4. Scores and Records:**

Handicaps have now been recalculated for the indoor season which started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. A list of club records for June / July is attached to these minutes.

#### **5. Juniors**

The JLO was not available for the meeting but reported that junior nights were still going strong. The next interclub shoot is still in the planning stage.

It was confirmed that all juniors will be registered with Archery GB and that all juniors have been informed as such. The WO wished to record thanks to Mollie for having 9 juniors in attendance last Friday night (in the school holidays) and for her input with the younger end at the Have-a-go at Robert Ashton Park last Saturday

#### **6. Competitions:**

The Mid-Summer shoot went ahead on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August with Ian Hiscocks acting as TO. The results and report have been circulated.

The club outdoor championship will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September (see flyer) – TO- Alan Marriott.

The club outdoor handicap will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September (see flyer) – TO – Gareth Stott.

The archery Grand Prix awards will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October after the committee meeting.

A Clout shoot has now been organised. Refer to information previously issued. and below. The Club's very first Clout Shoot will be happening during the month of September 2025. There are two practice Saturdays, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September at 13.30, in order to shoot a clout and to get your head around how it works.

An Official Clout Shoot will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am for 10.30 am start.

This shoot is open to all bow styles and all ages. A two-hour comfort break will be had on the Sunday Shoot (circa 12 till 2), as there are no toilet facilities.

The address is Nether Moor Road, off Thewlis Lane [Alongside Wellfield Quarry] HD4 7BX.

Important to approach from Blackmoor Foot end of the road NOT from Netherton end.

Street parking alongside the field. Everything is very clear on the link below.

Please register on the website if attending - <https://valleybowmen.co.uk/have-a-go-at-clout-archery/>

Please note that there are no facilities of any kind on the field, so be prepared.

The committee is aware of the increasing cost of trophy engraving which may be putting people off from entering competitions should they win a trophy. It was agreed therefore that on the official club competitions the club will reimburse the trophy winner for the cost of engraving. These competitions will be :

Club Indoor Championship

Club Indoor Handicap

Club Outdoor Championship

Club Outdoor Handicap

For other competitions if the trophy winner wishes to have the trophy engraved at their own cost then that will still be acceptable but not mandatory.

The committee is endeavouring to find a way in which trophy winners can be recorded possibly by means of names on boards. If any member has an idea or suggestion which is fairly economical to carry out then please contact [info@valleybowmen.co.uk](mailto:info@valleybowmen.co.uk)

## **7. Coaching:**

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

## **8. Projects:**

### **MAJOR PROJECTS:**

1. Car parking provision between pavilion and boundary wall. We are waiting for a report from the tree surgeon.

## **9. Forthcoming Events:**

1. 'Picnic in the Park' went ahead on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 4pm. Thanks to all who volunteered. We made £62.00 in total.

## **10.AOB:**

a) Boards containing historical names of trophy winners still being investigated by Alison and Alan. **Action AS & AM**

b) If any member wishes to discuss the volunteer role of 'Equipment Officer' please contact any member of the committee. In the meantime Clive Morley and Michael Robshaw are taking on the role between them.

c) Role of Entertainments Officer still required.

d) 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**

e) Regarding maintenance of the bosses a timescale has still be drawn up to check and re-pack the bosses at regular intervals. **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) A rack has now been made positioned against the fence in the 'windy corner' so that both wet and dry faces can be stored there.

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

h) Gareth will now be taking over as Facebook administrator from Mark Swallow. Gareth, Mark and Mollie to discuss the future requirements of Public / Private Facebook and WhatsApp groups. **Action. Gareth / Mollie**

i) A suggestion of fitting digital locks to certain doors was made. To be investigated.

j) The Club's private insurance commenced from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2025/2026 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 and also to pay their fee for YAA/NCAS

membership through the club. The club will then pay YAA/NCAS when those fees are paid in.

The fee for YAA/NCAS is as follows (this also includes the fee to NCAS)

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Senior (over 21)         | - £9.00 |
| Junior (under 21)        | - £0.90 |
| Archer with disabilities | - £0.90 |

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

The following people have recently joined the club:

Emily Morley, Yusuf Raza

The meeting closed at 1.00pm

**Next Meeting:**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 11am at the field.