

# Company of Sixty

## Newsletter

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Welcome to the April 2011 Newsletter. There's loads to get through this time so why not take it with you down to the woods, open a folding stool and start reading. When you look up, all the bluebells will be out....

## Forthcoming Events

### **Friendly shoot Easter Monday.**

Start at 10am. If you would like to shoot 3Ds rather than faces, we can do that, but we need some promises of help to get them out. No help, no 3Ds. Contact Mike Hobbs if you can help for an hour on the Saturday: 01483 429 272. We also need some hands to put 'em back in their cages after feeding time on Monday. If you are planning to come let Dave Winter know so he can organise the marshalling in advance: 07971 564193. In any case you may be asked to marshal on the day.

### **June 12<sup>th</sup> Open:**

Ron Almond will be designing the course for this shoot: Cheers Ron. Anyone interested to learn a bit about course laying get in touch with any of the committee and Ron will be happy to have you go round with him and learn the tricks. In due course we will be asking for help on the work parties scheduled for Sat 4<sup>th</sup> and Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June. Those helping will be needed for a maximum of 2 hours between 10 and 12 midday. Put it in your little black books now. We will also be doing new things with the catering for which we will need a little extra help too –see below.

**Nice Surprise:** Your Club Sec is trying to organise a fun event as a 'thank you' for those members who have volunteered for the committee, turned out for work parties or provided their time, kit and caboodle. If it works out, you'll be sorry you missed it.

**Committee Meetings:** We're all busy, stuff happens which means we can't all always turn up – and we are in constant touch by phone and email. However, in principle we are planning to have a committee meeting on the Saturday two weeks before each open shoot, to check the planning and arrangements for the event are in place and to discuss issues arising. If you have any ideas or suggestions, let a committee member know (contacts are on the website and below) in good time before those meetings and we will have a chance to discuss them. **First one – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Tyrwhitt House:** We owe our woods to an imaginative gesture by HRH Prince Charles a quarter of a century ago. Long overdue is one of our own in return. We are planning to put on a couple of archery activity events over the year for the heroes at the Combat Stress centre in neighbouring Tyrwhitt House, of which HRH is the patron. If you would

like to help – probably a Saturday or Sunday morning or afternoon – contact Nick Cox 07950049526 or [ncco60@gmail.com](mailto:ncco60@gmail.com).

## Club Champs Report

A beautiful day in the woods. Sadly a very limited turn out for your club’s annual event (justifiable if you were looking after your mum on mother's day - if you decided to go to Cloth of Gold instead - shame on you) but those who made it were treated to a new look, sociable hut crammed to the rafters with a new style of catering – a free sandwich buffet and home-made cakes courtesy of Mrs C. The blueberry cake has passed into legend: Mr Kipling can get stuffed. Though not enough of you turned out it was a reminder of what a good club champs should be - very sociable, no hold ups, all the 3D's out in their finery, some positive ideas for the future of the club, help putting out and putting back the 3Ds and participants taking litter and bin bags home with them. Ask the people who went what they thought. What about next year we have a 'cake off' at the club champs and award a trophy for the best cake as well as the best archer ..... ? Linda B initiated the Turkey Trophy this year for the worst shot of the day. Curiously this seemed to be the best trophy. More curious still, Linda won it...

Class	Category	Position	Name	Club	Score	No of Targets	Target AVG
AFB	GENTS	1	Mike Hobbs		416	35	11.89
		2	John Birch		116		
LB	GENTS	1	Rob Traynor		476	18	13.60
		2	Barry Newman		386		11.03
		3	Chris Harwood		352		10.06
			Andy Pancholi		254		7.26
LB	LADIES	1	Madeleine Gutteridge		292	18	8.34
		2	Linda Bennett		26		
HT	GENTS	1	Richard Pelham		518		14.80
		2	John Pettet		492		14.06
		3	Ron Almond		480		13.71
			James Whale		418		11.94
			Kim White		418		11.94
BB	GENTS	1	Simon Willard		416		11.89
		2	John Holland		436		12.46
PV	GENTS	1	Nick Cox		350		10.00
		2	Bob Dysart		302		8.63
PV	LADIES	1	Helene Holloway		376		10.74
Most Improved Archer			John Holland				
Turkey Trophy			Linda Bennett				

## Its Massive !!!!

Inside the hut - its simply massive now all the c#p has been tidied out of it. There's a table in the middle, chairs upon which to take one's ease and imagine the almond fancies and bone china. Enjoy ! The official opening was at the Club Champs. Obviously you'll have to take those muddy boots off now before you come in. More internal changes are planned to make our catering easier, more user-friendly and convenient. See below.

## New Catering Arrangements - Great ! How Can I Help ?

After many years of sterling service in the (formerly) less than salubrious hut Carol has decided to hang up her spatula for a spell to concentrate on real work. We thought we



would turn sadness into joy by taking the opportunity to make some changes and improvements to the catering at our opens, friendlies and club events. These days people can afford to attend fewer events and a big consideration in choosing our shoots will be the quality of the catering offered. SO...

(i) If you can help us to put on really good catering you will really help the club because then **all of the profits from catering will in future go directly into club funds** to pay for targets and improvements to our club..

(ii) Gone will be the lone figure working for 8 hours in a smoky hovel. Who on earth would want to help by doing that ! **The proposed new arrangements will allow helpers to shoot on the day.**

(iii) The proposal at present is:- **Early shift** : We will ask for four volunteers to do an early shift from say 8am to 10am. Not all will need to be able or willing to cook, we also need people to set up the urns, make up sandwiches and to serve customers/take money. This means our visitors can get a breakfast as soon as they arrive. Two of those four can then go off and shoot at about 10am. The other two will stay on till midday. **Late Shift:** we need another two volunteers to take over at about 12 Midday, having shot the course in the morning (maybe the other early morning pair or perhaps you if you prefer to arrive late having taken Algernon to his Real Tennis class) to serve lunch orders, delicious cakes, tea & coffee etc and help tidy up at the end. So there's a job and a timing to suit everyone. If we have enough volunteers on the day each will only need to do one shift.

(iv) **The food offering will be different and (with your help) better.** Depending on the season we will experiment with serving better quality sausage options, and bacon and burgers in rolls (perhaps with differential pricing), home-made soups (e.g Mrs C's Leek

and Potato would be an excellent veggie option), perhaps a chilli pot, and some really excellent home-made cakes. There is a much greater profit potential for our club from a mouth-watering Victoria Sponge or Coffee & Walnut layer...oh God ..stop me someone..

(v) **The layout will change** food serving will be done through a hatch and tea and coffee served to the side of the hut. Cuts down queuing, frees up space, keeps 'em happy.

Thanks first of all to Duncan Spring, who has freely given of his catering management experience to give us lots of tips for how to pre-cook food, improve hygiene and organise our catering management. Cheers Duncan – extra gravy for you, mate.

And **thank you all** in advance for your help – Ah yes, the catch: that all sounded great didn't it, but of course those home-made cakes have to be made in someone's home ! We have spent a lot of time when we'd rather have been shooting trying to work out how to offer really good food in a way that will allow lots of members to chip in maybe once or twice a year for a couple of hours to make it work, and at the same time to enjoy a bit of archery and help our club to flourish. We can organise it, but we can't do it as well. If you would be prepared to help at one event, bake us a cake, or ferment your own secret curry recipe, please give Paul Chenery a ring on 07931 521 504. Remember, if you can't spare the time, can't cook or serve or just can't be bothered, just call and give Paul your spouse's name.

Final bit of good news, your silver-tongued Club Sec has managed to obtain the agreement of the Crown Estate to store the gas cylinders we need for our cooking on-site. No more anxious waits for them to arrive from afar. Just stretch out an arm, turn on the regulator and BREATHE.....

### Illegal immigration, 3Ds and Animal Magic

Our remaining four new 3Ds are hiding in a container at the docks, awaiting their rabies jabs and then we should see them roaming free in the woods in time for the June Open – see if you can spot them.

Oooh! New painted hessian faces?! Yup. So popular have they proved that we are commissioning a few more to grace our woods and to go alongside those which we hope will be emanating from our own members' studios. Anything ideas you have for what animals (real or imagined) you fancy shooting at contact the Club Sec as soon as poss and he'll see what he can do to satisfy your darkest desires.

We have received our new target butt material at a bargain price and have some hessian on order. The plan will be to cover our backstops with some hessian to make them less obtrusive and protect them a little from UV (Summer) and frost (Winter) damage. They look good, they last longer, we're all buying drinks.

## Work Party Organisation

Another good idea from Ron Almond and Rob Traynor will be put into action soon. We are planning to number individual 3Ds so that those attending work parties can be given a list of say five targets with accompanying 3D numbers. Collect the correct numbered 3Ds, locate them at the relevant targets, then you're done and you can get along to The Ivy in time for lunch with your celebrity chums. Makes it very simple to organise people and jobs. Thanks lads.



Even if you can't do this, you can still help out at a work party: walk the course with a bin bag, tidy and clean the hut/cooking area, make up target faces, tidy up the container, or "Do a Debbie D" and when you see some old targets or a full bin bag, pop them in the back of your Bentley and take them home or to the tip .....

## Pins - Ouch!

Cheers Roger Collis who has delivered us a bucketful of target pins. Ouch ! We were down to our last one I think.

## Temp Membership/Day Visitors

We have our own scheme as you all know. But it seems the NFAS is belatedly recognising the muddle they have got into with insurance arrangements which effectively prevent clubs from introducing new members to the sport. The Club Sec has given them the benefit of our work on this, but we wait and see what they will come up with. Might enable us to simplify the process.

## Deer Oh Deer!

Important information for all of us to note. The Crown Estate's deer managers occasionally pay us a visit. They operate at dawn and are generally done and dusted by 7.00am. A warning sign is put up whenever they are present. If (I know not likely) you are at the woods very early be aware, though they will probably be on their way out by 7.00am.

## S#!? Happens - Marshals are important

In case you thought we just do it for fun, a look on the NFAS website thread relating to Cloth of Gold's inaugural shoot reveals that the shoot had to be stopped when an archer tripped, injuring his leg. The shoot had to be stopped to get him to a safe place and thence to hospital. CofG handled it well. That sort of thing is why we need people to volunteer some time to marshal our shoots too. There are fewer shoots to manage now, and more of us to do it. No excuses !

## Change of Gate Lock

As discussed at the AGM, we plan to change the locks regularly. Last year it reminded a number of members to renew their subscriptions when they couldn't open the gate and it improves our security. We will give notice when we next plan to change – and new keys will be issued in exchange for old.

## Membership Renewals 2011

If you haven't renewed yet, please do so before you next visit the woods as you are no longer be covered by the insurance. If you're hangin up your bow, don't forget to return your key for **MONEY**.

## Committee – help needed

Three of the club's longest and most loyal servants Carol (Membership) Barry Newman (3d Wrangler) and Bob Dysart (publicity) stood down (with our grateful thanks ringing in their ears) at the AGM in March (see below). They are all irreplaceable, of course, but the club needs to replace them.

**3D: Wrangler** – Thanks Simon Willard who offered and was elected to do this job – and a grand job he is making of it too.

**Publicity Officer** – Cushy number this. Send out shoot reports to members/NFAS (all pro-formas are done) about 5 a year. Promote our events (about 6 or 7 a year) on webboards and Quick's noticeboard and awareness of the club. Keep the email and post distribution lists up to date (these are both done, so its just updating, and they stay reasonably constant from year to year). Send out Newsletters – about 4 a year – contribute certainly, but quite a lot of the copy will be provided. Help keep the website up to date. We reckon a couple of evenings a month tops. The Club Sec has been covering this job for a year or more, as well as doing the Club Sec things and a full time job – its not a biggie.

**Membership Sec:** the Club Sec has also been covering this since March and we now have a good idea of what's involved. From a standing start and working alone it took 3 hrs to process 30 applications including posting off NFAS forms/cheques and sending out (where necessary) keys - that's about 20% of the whole membership in 3hrs working solo. There is a bit of admin from time to time (e.g – the odd missing cheque or form to deal with and returns of keys from departing members). Keep and file membership and temporary membership forms received through the post. Liaise with Paul Chenery re cheques. Keep the Membership database updated. We already have one offer of a helper with this job (thanks Helen W), so that's half the work done: can you make up a dynamic duo ? NC is very happy to ensure easy handover and help generally on an ongoing basis. We will organise a group to plough through the 'hump' when most renewals come in in March so you won't be dumped on. Carol and Debbie D are still on hand to 'sign off' new archers.

**General:** As above we will try to hold four committee meetings a year on Saturdays a fortnight before open shoots so you can plan.

We are also working towards each Committee post having a shadow or alternate, so you will have a partner to work with and needn't worry about missing a meeting, or going on holiday etc.

We know life is complicated, we know you can't commit, we know you can't always be relied upon, we know you don't have much spare time. All of these things are OK, the

present committee have the same issues. It shouldn't put you off offering to help. We work very well and co-operatively together, and help each other out.

**Book-Keeping experience:** Are you a former partner of Ernst and Young or PwC ? OK, have you done any book-keeping for a small business or club before ? We would like someone to help do a periodic (at least annual, possibly quarterly) sort of 'audit' as a help to and cross-checker for Paul Chenery (Treasurer). Again only a few hours a year at most but greatly appreciated.

If you even think you might, if drunk, accidentally wonder if you might, if you'd listened more at school, help, please contact Nick Cox 07950049526 or [ncco60@gmail.com](mailto:ncco60@gmail.com) . Recent research has shown that volunteering to help others and participation in a group or club activity increases human happiness. We only want to make you happy.

## AGM News

The minutes of the AGM approved by the committee are attached. For busy executives, here are the highlights:

**Turnout:** Blimey ! Most bodies we've ever seen at an AGM. Almost more attendees than seats. Next year we'll be selling tickets.

**Membership:** In the year to March 2011 the club reached its highest ever number of members - 155. Nice. Some say that was not unrelated to the fact that we changed the gate key for the first time in about six years. We of course do not subscribe to that view. However, we will expect to renew the gate key annually from now on to improve security. Please try to introduce your friends to the club - the more new members we get, the better our finances and the more we spread the word.

**Cabinet Reshuffle** - Three of our longest serving committee members took the opportunity of a brief lull in the music to leap from their thrones of office into a well-earned rest from the joys of club admin.

Barry Newman who has wrangled the 3Ds to within an inch of their lives for a decade or more and done just about everything else in the gamut of club kit/facilities maintenance did not stand for re-election this time round. Thanks Barry. He says he'll still be around to help out and do some shooting relieved of the burdens of animal husbandry. Hope to see you around Barry, thanks from all of us. Barry's not insubstantial shoes have been filled by Simon Willard. Welcome on board Simon - now show them rubber mooks who's boss. Thanks also to Alan Wood who kindly offered to share the joys of organizing the marshalling at events with Dave Winter. When he blows his whistle you don't just jump, you say: "How High ?!"

Bob Dysart - he of the curious but interesting home-crafted bows and bits needs to spend a bit more time on the home front after serving as our publicity officer for - six years is it? Get the whittling widget out again Bob. Many thanks for all the time and effort you've put in over the years promoting the club and getting the news through come rain or shine or technical mishap. We are looking for a couple of people who can work together to share this job. We may be on the email to you anytime soon, or you could surrender now and volunteer.

Last and certainly not least Carol has also stepped down as Membership sec for a while to concentrate on work and home. Carol together with her Mum and Dad have been running the club since King Alfred applied to join as a cub (or so it is rumoured). Might be thirty odd years, no-one can quite remember. Anyway it seems rather inadequate to say thank you, but for the moment that is all we can do. But don't despair. She will still be offering tea and tips, biscuits, bows and blather at the workshop, coaching and signing off new members and telling people she's not the Membership Sec anymore. So don't go thinking you can all misbehave now. Her Spatula of office as head caterer is also being handed over (see above)

## March Open Shoot

Thanks again to those who helped lay out the course. Pictures and praise can be seen on the website under the Newsletters/News tab at: [www.co60.co.uk](http://www.co60.co.uk) .

A reasonable turnout of over 120 archers enjoyed a day of early spring sunshine with a dash of humidity late afternoon. The shoot report and scores were posted on the club and NFAS websites a couple of days after the event. For those who are receiving this by post the results are below. In future the plan is to include the number of targets and average scores in our shoot reports, so even if you don't feature or don't win, you can compare yourself with those who did on a comparable basis.

Class	Category	Position	Name	Club	Score	No of Targets 36	Target AVG
AFB	GENTS	1	DENNIS ALSTON	IND	500		13.89
		2	PETE MCDERMOTT	WESTCOTT	462		12.83
		3	MIKE BAILEY	IND	462		12.83
AFB	LADIES	1	SARAH PARKER	FLEET IBEX	436		12.11
		2	SHIELA PROVINS	HARTSPRING	152		4.22
AFB	CUB	1	ALEX KNIGHT	IND	320		8.89
LB	GENTS	1	GARY THOMPSON	HNA	468		13.00
		2	PAUL KNIGHT	IND	466		12.94
		3	GEORGE SPEAR	FLEET IBEX	460		12.78

LB	LADIES	1	KAREN FREEMAN	WESTCOTT	320	8.89
		2	WENDY GILFRIN	INVICTA	292	8.11
		3	CAROLYN MELVILLE	FLEET IBEX	286	7.94
HT	GENTS	1	ANDREW GILFRIN	INVICTA	482	13.39
		2	IAN CHRISTY	FLEET IBEX	478	13.28
		3	STEVE RAND	INVICTA	458	12.72
HT	LADIES	1	CAROLINE HART	INVICTA	344	9.56
		2	AMANDA GRINDALL	IND	296	8.22
		3	MANDY RAYNER	BRIDGEWOODS	246	6.83
HT	JUNIOR	1	JOE SPEAR	FLEET IBEX	348	9.67
HT	CUB	1	IAN CHRISTIE	FLEET IBEX	478	13.28
BB	GENTS	1	TONY PARKER	FLEET IBEX	554	15.39
				LONDON		
		2	ERIK MHARAM (?)	ARCHERS	536	14.89
BB	LADIES	3	DAVE ANDREWS	AQUARUIS	512	14.22
		1	SAMANTHA MOSS	SOUTH WILTS	474	13.17
		2	CELESTE BATTEN	WHITEMARX	440	12.22
		3	LINDA BEHANE	IND	262	7.28
BB	CUB	1	MITCHELL PARKER	FLEET IBEX	340	9.44
BB	CUB	2	BEN ROBERTSON	FLEET IBEX	236	6.56
BH	GENTS	1	BOB EDGAR	??	496	13.78
BH	LADIES	1	SUE BIRCH	IND	490	13.61
BH	CUB	1	GEORGE CHRISTIE	FLEET IBEX	468	13.00
		2	AIDEN PARKER	FLEET IBEX	292	8.11
FS	GENTS	1	GLENN MARTIN	BISLEY	608	16.89
FS	LADIES	1	DEB CHARLES	AQUARUIS	458	12.72
CL	GENTS	1	OWEN BLACKMORE	SOUTH WILTS	638	17.72
		2	DAVE PETTICAN	??	592	16.44
				LONDON		
CUL	GENTS	3	BARRY HARDY	ARCHERS	546	15.17
		1	MIKE DAVIDSON	SOUTH WILTS	656	18.22
		2	NICK HEARN	HARTSPRING	628	17.44
		3	RICHARD SEARLE	BROADLANDS	542	15.06
CUL	LADIES	1	SOO COATON	SOUTH WILTS	584	16.22
PV	GENTS	1	IAN WATKINS	WINDRUSH	454	12.61
		2	BOB MILES	DRAGONFLY	400	11.11
		3	ANT JOHNSON	DRAGONFLY	332	9.22
PV	LADIES	1	SUE BUNSDON	WINDRUSH	318	8.83

Bye for now, happy shooting....



## The Committee



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**Minutes of AGM  
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- Venue: 22nd March 2011 at Oxshott Village Hall at 19.30 (called to order 19.40)
- Chairman: John Pryke (Assistant Club Sec)
- Minutes: Debbie Downer
- Attendees: Nick Cox, Paul Chenery Carol Pearce, John Pryke, David Highfield, Terry Plucknett, Bill Boot, Simon Willard, Bob Dysart, Helene Holloway, Richard Stafford, Barry Newman, Roger Collis, Alan Bull, Don Hopper, Sylvia Marshall, Freda Marshall, David Winter, Alan Wood, Debbie Downer, John Pettett, Dennis Streeter, Helen Watkinson, Christopher Harwood, Chris Hurst.
- Apologies: Linda Bennett, Mike Hobbs, Stuart Smith, Ian Watkinson, Stan Brown

**Agenda**

1. Agreement of minutes of AGM 2010
2. Reports from Committee members, including Treasurer's Report
3. Current committee stands down
4. Election of new committee/Ltd Company Officers
5. Discussion and voting of formal proposals
6. Any Other Business

**Agreement of minutes of AGM 2010**

NC apologised that the Notice circulated contained the agenda for the 2010 AGM and not the Minutes, but noted that Minutes as approved by the Committee had already been circulated attached to the April 2010 Newsletter and a copy was available to the meeting.

JP noting that the Minutes of 2010 AGM had been approved

**Reports from Committee members, including Treasurer's Report**

***Club Secretary (NC)-***

NC reported a busy but mixed year with more positives than negatives.

A major advance had been development of structured approach to marshalling developed with help of DW. Including Marshal pack in the hut with hi-vis kit, detailed safety and emergency procedures, pro-forma safety talk. Material allows members to act as marshals and still be able in most cases to shoot. NC

emphasised the importance of proper marshalling organisation and the need for volunteers. Marshalling is required for all events involving external visitors: friendly shoots as well as opens. Importance was illustrated by the a visitor to the September Open making a complaint (without raising the matter at the shoot - contrary to the NFAS rules) that the shoot was not safely organised. NC was required to file a report to the NFAS safety officer. Although some criticisms were valid, in particular regarding marshalling and organisation of the start, NC was able to point out that (thanks to PC who saw to it) that the club could show that there is a good marshalling system in place and that marshals had in fact been appointed shortly after the start. The Club received no comment from the NFAS following the complaint.

The gate lock was changed in response to the loss of 5 3Ds stolen last year. A discussion followed concerning regularly changing the lock. It was noted that the lock change paid for itself in the number of old members renewing. PC confirmed that there was budget to purchase a new lock and keys : **It was agreed that the locks should be changed on a regular, possible annual basis and that the website should indicate that locks are changed every year to encourage renewals.**

NC referred to the arrival of the container. He thanked the member who had helped to get it for the club at virtually no cost and BN who built shelving to store the 3Ds.

NC advised that 9 more 3Ds had been purchased to replace stolen targets and refresh the aging stock. 5 already received and in use. 4 more expected in Spring.

NC reported appointment of new Chief Forester for Crown Estate and good initial meetings and contacts with him. As a result we got permission for the container, replacement of front gate and mowing of meadow and verges at no cost to the club. TCE also agreed to the appointment of a warden authorised to act jointly on behalf of the club and TCE to check the entitlement of persons to be present in the woods. AW had taken on that role and already successfully dealt with an ugly incident in which a member had intimidated another after an argument about bringing unauthorised visitors. Less appealing was the 'haircut' inflicted on the woods by the electricity company contractors to clear under the pylons and who also damaged the gate chain.

New signage was being prepared, Terry Cramp had produced improved signage for the entrance on shoot days and there is a new whiteboard erected outside the hut to facilitate improved target face replacement system. A 100yd wand shot for fun has been set up in the back meadow, with a plan to put up a parallel shot going back the other way.

A New Membership renewal form was introduced to help the club identify how members can help with necessary tasks of running a large club and the membership database has now been brought up to date and is kept in a spreadsheet accessible by members of the committee, with visibility/access restricted to them only. NC encouraged members to provide up to date email addresses as it was quicker and easier and a lot cheaper for the club to communicate with members by email rather than by paper newsletter, postage and stamps. NC mentioned that the website, although produced in its present form at very short notice by member Phil Cave, an IT web-designer, is now active and contains regular news updates and information. Members can email contributions via the site which go to JP for inclusion.

#### *Target Officer (MH/NC)*

NC reported MH not able to attend because of holiday.

Reported work party in late 2010 was very well attended, but recent two have been attended by only two people. Committee is doing its bit. Work parties now have fixed start time, advertised/notified in advance,

the work party organiser is present at the hut/container for the first half-hour to allocate jobs, the website contains details of what to bring/what's needed and thanks those that have turned out to help. No reason now why members should not turn out to help. It is not fair for a limited few to do all of the work regularly without support. The stick is if these work parties are not supported NC will not approve the running of the shoots. Once good habits are developed it should be self generating.

JP expressed support for NC's work to date and emphasised importance of marshalling and proper course laying and preparation.

#### *Treasurer (PC)*

PC reported a pleasing year membership fees increased and are £700 up. Shoot fees are a couple of hundred pound up. We sold ethafoam to Magna Carta : that won't happen again. Bank interest is down and the rent and charges are much the same. Managed to squeeze only £600 down on expenditure bottom line is just under £4000.

Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2010 were circulated by PC and approved.

#### *Membership Secretary (CP)*

CP reported that club had 160 members - the most we've ever had before is 130. Numbers are capped at 200. CP reported that about 50 members renewed only after the key change. A discussion followed on insurance arrangements for visitors/new members. CP reported that for this year we have already had 80 rejoin plus five life members.

There was a discussion regarding the importance of keeping the gate padlocked even if there are other people in the wood.

#### *3D Wrangler (BN)*

BN reported all 3Ds handed over in good order.

#### *Publicity Officer (BD)*

BD reported that he has been unable to do very much this year: he had not done shoot reports, or newsletters and had unreadable e-mails so I couldn't email information to members.

There followed a discussion concerning communications with members and use of Website/emails vs paper newsletters. NC emphasised cost and time savings to club in using emails to communicate with members and noted that over 2/3 of members have provided email addresses. He noted that such communications can be more regular than old style posted/printed newsletters, which might only be practicable say every 6 months. Concerns were raised by CH, DH, SM and FM regarding communication with members without computers. It was recalled that there used to be quarterly newsletters sent out. NC agreeing that those without computer access must receive fair information, but pointing out that that requires someone to volunteer to do that job as the committee is already at full stretch, and postal information cannot in practice be as frequent or up-to-date as via the web or email in any event. CH inquired about privacy of information held and posted on the website. NC pointed out that the membership form contains a notice and consent to storing and use of data for club purposes. Also that when committee members were given access to the database they were advised of the legal limitations on and obligations regarding its use pending preparation of a detailed DPA policy. Round robin emails would not include other members' addresses as visible to the recipient. CH mentioned pictures recently appearing in the latest news item on the website, suggested might have a password protected private members' area. NC pointed out that all the people concerned were aware that the photos were for

posting. CH asked if club was happy with security of Google docs. NC stating that before setting up the database he had raised the question of security of data with and taken advice from two professional IT consultants who are members. Both had indicated that Google docs was a suitable programme for the club's database, that many large companies use it for document sharing and that Google would be more likely to be capable of protecting data stored in its own programmes from hackers than the club would be if it had its own proprietary programme embedded in the website. NC emphasised that only current committee members have access. The information is not accessible by the 'public'.

### Current committee stands down

CP also indicates she is resigning as company secretary as well as Membership secretary.

JP sought clarification. NC provided explanation of role of the limited company and role and functions of company secretary.

### Re-election of Committee Members

NC emphasised too much for individual to do all the work. His intention is that club should work towards all officers having an 'alternate' that they can share the job with.

Club Secretary: NC agreed to stand for re-election on basis that JP can continue to assist. Proposed by JP, 2nd by HH. NC elected unanimously.

Assistant Club Sec: JP agrees to stand. Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> by PC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AW. JP elected unanimously

Treasurer: PC agrees to stand. Proposed by BD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BN. PC elected unanimously.

Target Officer: NC indicating that MH had said he would offer to stand. Proposed by BN 2<sup>nd</sup> RC.

Membership Secretary: No offers to stand. HW offered to help to shadow the Mem Sec but could not commit to do the whole job. CP agreed to do a job description in case club wanted to ask for volunteers via the website.

3D wrangler: SW volunteered to stand. Proposed by NC, 2<sup>nd</sup> HH, Elected unanimously.

Publicity officer: No offers to stand.

Events Officer: LB had indicated willing to stand again. Proposed SM, 2<sup>nd</sup> CP. Elected unanimously.

Woods Marshal: DW offered to stand for re-election. Proposed JP, 2<sup>nd</sup> NC. Elected unanimously. AW offered to continue as Warden and also to be DW's alternate in the marshalling function: Proposed JP 2<sup>nd</sup> CP carried. Elected unanimously

CP having indicated she was standing down also as company secretary:

NC offered to stand for election as company secretary. Proposed JP 2<sup>nd</sup> JP. Unanimously elected on show of hands.

NC expressed regret at loss of three stalwart and long-standing members of the committee and expressed sincere thanks on behalf of committee and members for all the work BD, BN and CP have done on behalf of the club for several years. In particular CP who had effectively run the club for many years and introduced many members (including NC) to longbow and field shooting. Unanimously approved vote of thanks. DH suggesting club should give something to thank CP. – NC indicating that was something he already had in mind.

### Discussion of Formal proposals

PC proposed keeping fees constant of this year, increase by £5.00 next year but also amend the £2.00 levy at friendlies and get rid of the levy of £3.00 on members at opens. All other clubs shoots no target charge. New members joining to pay an extra £5.00 on first-year i.e Members renewal £55.00, new members pay £65.00, because we have a number of one year only members. Intention is to incentivise people to renew.

A discussion followed about club finances and merits of shoot fees v membership fees changes.

**Proposal amended: Membership fees for all to be increased by £5 from 1 April 2012 to £55. Agreed by all bar one**

**Proposal amended: Open shoot levy to members increased to £3 from £2: Agreed by all bar one.**

### AOB

DW noted medals at last shoot all bronzes. NC suggested keeping a stock of medals in the container

CP raised point that cheques shortly going to be banned. Some discussion about future of cheques. Agreed club needs to think about payment online and this would be looked into when time permits.

NC was approached by a doctor from Tyrwhitt House last year seeking walking access through the woods. NC managed to persuade her this was not practicable but in discussion the possibility of the club putting on an archery teaching/have a go event in Tyrwhitt Ho grounds, Dr v interested as it is difficult to find ways to fill patients' days. Suggested Carol and Debbie plus 7 or 8 3D's on a Saturday afternoon with other volunteers. NC to discuss and explore further interest and practicalities.

DW inquiring about club logo clothing/polo shirts. CP says club bought job lot but gave up trying to sell them. Agreed will consider offering them but ordering on a pre-ordered basis only, not stocking up.

NC: stating he would like to do more club shoots for members and friendlies where the 3Ds are got out to shoot. At the moment the only time members get to shoot them are at opens. But quid pro quo is that members need to turn up at work parties or early on the day to take out the 3-D onto course. IF that works, we all get to shoot the 3Ds more often. If not they stay in the container.

SW proposed an incentive scoring scheme. Discussion followed and it was noted that a patch scheme already exists to address this. Agreed that bronze, silver and gold patches will be procured to support a scheme being run more actively.

JP closed the meeting at 22:14 p.m.