



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD
ON
MONDAY 8th AUGUST, 2011**

MEETING OPENED at 7.30p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Bill Vale, Chris Middleton, David Partridge, Alex Hedger, Lorry Niewinski, Leeanne Hardwick and Glennis Vale.

APOLOGIES

Nil

WELCOME

A warm welcome was extended to our visitor Kim Blasdel.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

The 15lb. R/hand recurve bow – Purchased
Working Bee Saturday 27th August is to commence at 9.30a.m. followed by BBQ.

Qualification for new members and class badges.

Glennis mentioned that Liam Lyons had informed her of the method the archery club he joined in New Zealand used to recognize the different distances. A discussion took place on this matter; however it was decided to follow through with the decision that was made some time back. Qualification distances were also discussed as Kim asked why we did not require new archers to shoot 60mts. Glennis also informed the Committee that this was mentioned by Liam as well. As far as the Committee are concerned even though the word qualification is used they are really competency rounds. No action to be taken

Moved Alex Hedger Seconded Lorry Niewinski All Agreed

A question was asked as to who pays for the class badges and the all gold. The answer is 3rd, 2nd, and 1st class badges are paid for by GA, all gold, perfect Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman are paid for by the archer.

Handicap and Ratings.

Alex Hedger presented the ratings table for suggestions or alterations prior to laminating and placing at the club.
It was Moved Alex Hedger Seconded Lorry Niewinski to go ahead with what was presented.

Trailer	Leave purchase until a later date.
Refrigerator	There appears now to be room in the pavilion; therefore refrigerator will now be purchased to store confectionery.
Trophies	Will discuss further approx. at the October meeting.
Warning Signs	Waiting on YMCA
Beginner's Course	We had 3 beginners from the last course join the club and another 5 are seriously thinking of joining.
Hot Drinks at Canteen on Saturday.	All agreed that the tea/coffee and Milo that is available each Saturday for archers has been a success.
GA DVD Library	Bill Vale reported that he has 16 DVD's that members of Geelong Archers can borrow. It was agreed a \$5 refundable deposit (Saturdays only) be charged for a maximum of 2 DVDs. Kim Blasdel offered to keep a register of the borrower's.

Moved Lorry Niewinski Seconded Bill Vale

Moved Lorry Niewinski Seconded Chris Middleton that the business arising from the minutes be accepted.
All agreed.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

6.1 AGM Nominations

Nominations for the vacant positions are –

Vice President	Alex Hedger
Secretary	Steven Read
Field Officer	David Partridge
Member Protection Officer	Kim Blasdel
Committee Member	Lorry Niewinski

Moved Leanne Hardwick Seconded Alex Hedger

6.2 Postal Shoot – England

When Bob Kelly visited England he spoke to members of Derwent Archers in relation to holding a postal shoot. All members of the Committee agreed that it would be a good idea and Chris Middleton is to talk to Bob requesting him to organise.

Moved Chris Middleton Seconded Bill Vale

Chris Middleton also mentioned that Brendon Jones from Hamilton Archers spoke to him in relation to a postal shoot. Chris to follow up on this matter.

6.3 Position Descriptions

Glennis Vale reported that to her knowledge Position Descriptions for the Committee were not in place and tabled her thoughts. These were handed to each Committee Member for consideration and to be reviewed at the next meeting.

6.4 Bunnings

Glennis Vale reported that she has applied to Bunning's to hold a BBQ during the months of October, November or December. As Bunning's usually let clubs hold a BBQ every 2nd year and so far we have been fortunate to have it three years in a row, we may not be offered one this year.

Moved Glennis Seconded Chris Middleton that this be accepted. All agreed.

6.5 YMCA – Lease

The Secretary received correspondence regarding the lease of the club grounds. It was suggested that we make an appointment to speak personally with Robyn McKenzie to discuss further. Matters to discuss – rates, hours of use, mid week shooting, beginners courses and Come'N'Try sessions.

Moved Lorry Niewinski Seconded Leanne Hardwick All agreed.

REPORTS.

AA Instructors Course

All those who did the course commented how informative it was whether for their own shooting or coaching others.

Beginner's Course

All Agreed that the new format for the beginner's course was a success.

Bill Vale reported that he already has 14 names for the next course. It was decided that the next course should commence 3rd September.

At the last beginner's course we had a 6 year old and his father and they both wished to join. The Secretary contacted AA requesting information as to whether the 6 year old would be covered by insurance. The answer was yes they were but concern was raised regarding the possibility of potential damage to the skeletal/bone structure and muscle development in such a young person who is attempting to draw, hold and shoot a bow too strong. These problems may not even manifest themselves until 20 years further down the track.

The boy's father has been notified and is aware of the concerns of the Committee. He has stated that he has researched compound bows from various manufactures and found that draw weights of less than 15lb are quite acceptable for his son's weight and age. He also raised the point that Archery Australia's website states that archery is a sport suitable for ALL ages.

It was decided that at this stage we could not refuse membership to the boy concerned as possible legal action could be taken by the family for discrimination. The Committee is under the belief that Archery Australia will be discussing possible minimum age limits at the next board meeting. If AA does not bring in a minimum age, the club should look at including a minimum age limit in the By-Laws of the Club to cover this situation if it occurs again in the future.

It was suggested that copies of all emails between the club and the boy's father be kept at the club room for possible future reference.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLOOR.

When Jim Larven presented the Instructors Course he mentioned a device available for signaling and completion of each end. Upon investigation this was found to be an electronic whistle operated by the push of a button, no timing capabilities. Chris Middleton mentioned that Yarra Valley Archers had a device at the last competition held there that required the push of a button to commence shooting and could be set to automatically signal the end of both 3 arrow and 6 arrow ends. It also provided an override to signal cease shooting. Bill Vale informed the Committee that the cost of such a device is approx. \$200

Moved Lorry Niewinski Seconded David Partridge that one be purchased. All Agreed.

Bill Vale requested permission to purchase more fletches, nocks and extra shafts for the beginners. He also mentioned that a member has 11 arrows that are for sale.

Moved Leeanne Hardwick Seconded David Partridge that all the above equipment is purchased. All agreed.

Glennis Vale pointed out that possibly some of the By-Laws of the club needed updating as the current ones are dated 2007 and soon affiliations fees will be through AA on anniversary dating. It was requested that all Committee Members take a copy of the By-Laws, for their perusal, and report back of any by-law they felt needed changing or new ones added. Once the Committee considered these alterations they would be table for all club members to vote on at a Special General Meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

Monday 10 October, 7.30 p.m.

VENUE 6 Hillary Court, HIGHTON.

MEETING CLOSED. 10.00p.m.