



General Meeting Minutes

Agenda

Mana Archery Club Inc

13 December 2008

9:00am – 10:30am

Location: Mana Club Rooms
Meeting called by: Waddy Wadsworth - President
Attendees: All Club Members
Primary Purpose of the meeting: Election of Executive.

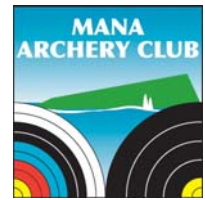
Present:

Waddy Wadsworth, Graham Nootebos, Graeme Ellis, Micky Gunn, Dallas Sait, Tony Eastwood, Andy Reisch, Carole Hicks, Nick Massey, David Blackford, Liz Willing, Tatiana Massey, Lisa Moffat-Hamilton, Warren Meekin (with son, Shane), Philip Reynolds (last quarter)

Apologies:

Graeme Dodds, Marg Wadsworth, David Willing

9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome, introduction and President's report
9:15 – 9:30 am	Financial Report (Treasurer) (Presented and Carried)
9:30 – 10:00 am	Election of Executive (5 members as per constitution) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President• Treasurer• Secretary (Vacant)• Member• Member
10:00 – 10:30 am	Discussion of business plans for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Out Door



- JAMA
- Indoor
- Field Course.
- “New” Clubroom

Finish 10:30 am



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Presidents report

It has been an interesting few years for the club and for myself. Some of the material gains we have made have been:

- Rental of our current grounds (\$112.50 per annum for 19 years)
- Building and development of our clubhouse
- Acquisition of the container and 10 portable butts
- Acquisition of bows and arrows for coaching
- Development of our grounds, including the bank at the back with the protection fence at the top
- “Free” power to the clubhouse from the council meter on the toilets
- Power for our lights etc to the pole by the range
- A field course which by all accounts is up to international standards (for \$0)
- A container with signage etc at the field course
- Around \$26,000 worth of 3D targets which are as good as they get at the moment.
- An ongoing supply of waste plastic to pack butts
- Two storage sheds (at no cost so far).
- Access to a wool shed and press to press our field butts.
- A load of cut Pinex for butt replacement
- Loads of target faces which should last us a few years (both field and target)
- The development and implementation of our own “Awards” scheme for new archers.

On the people side we have had a few people come and go as is to be expected in a club our size but we can now boast a membership of around 70 paid up members which puts us up there as one of the bigger archery clubs in New Zealand. This growth I believe is attributable to a number of factors.

- Our visibility, by road and by train people see us every weekend
- Our facilities, we have good resources available to people now; but most importantly
- That dedicated band of coaches who turn up weekend after weekend to help people to engage with and grow in the sport. This commitment I believe is the key to why we are where we are now and also our future. For this reason I cannot praise or thank them enough for their work.



Looking back on this it looks really good compared to the state of the club when I “volunteered” to become President. Then had 6 bows, about 10 mixed sets of arrows, half a range at Tawa and around 15 paid up members. We sure have come a long way since then!

For the future. I think we have still got some things we can do to keep up our momentum and get us to a position where we are able to be secure in our future, and independent on others for the security of our facilities. What I have in mind is

- some emphasis on the growth of our **Field course**. I know that field shooting is not everyone’s “cup of tea” in the same way as field shooters get bored with target shooting, but the key in my view is that if as a club we can cater for both then we will provide the variety we need to keep functioning. Importantly in this is the need to ensure that what we do in these two areas complements each other rather than set up an internal “competition” which would be divisive.
- the development of our own **indoor facilities**. Realistically we are going to be priced out of the Kennel Club by their desire to run a “commercial” venture. It also needs to be acknowledged that we have had a good run there for a long time. The cost of the development of the sort of building we could use is now very high and it seems unlikely from my enquiries that we are ever going to get a deal the same as we had in the early days with the Kennel Club again. The ideal situation in my view would be our own facility but this would be very expensive and outside of our current financial capability.
- **Tournaments**. We have the facilities, we just need people to put their hands up to run them. We showed we were capable of running a very successful National Tournament in January this year, and if we can do that we can do local or regional ones at least as well.
- **JAMA**. We need to look at what we do for our younger archers. While we have the coaching and the merit scheme, we still, in my view, need to look at challenging our young archers to work towards national representation. We have had four in the New Zealand team in the past and we could certainly do that again if we had someone who could focus their energies on that area.
- **Club House**. We have quickly out grown what I thought would last us for years. There is however the option of picking up the old “Women’s Bowling Club” just over the fence at what I believe is a very reasonable rental of around \$130 per month. I have had discussions with the council around the potential to extend the building to accommodate our own indoor range.

This was most promising and they talked about a “shared responsibility loan scheme” which they loan money to the club over 15 years. Not sure on the detail yet as I did not want to go too far down that track without having a clear indication from the club that we did in fact want to pursue the idea. The Council are happy if we took on the lease and sub-let it to other users. I have had a number of people both inside the club and outside (like the Bunnings Social Club) who have expressed an interest in hiring it for functions. This would be OK with the Council providing alcohol was not sold there. Bring your own and it is OK. This would if managed well cover most of our



rental costs so this is something I will be asking the “new” executive to look at as a priority.

- **Internal trophies.** We have these and some have a very long pedigree. We really need to look at how we can bring them back to life and have some internal competition to keep our skills sharp.

At a personal level it has been hectic starting the Year with running the Nationals which was a great success from my perspective. This was not a “Waddy” show and there are some people who stepped up and really gave a lot to make it work. Various Club members helped out throughout the year on days that they could doing everything from cutting tracks to packing wool packs. On the 10 days of “chaos” there were some other who in my view went that extra mile to make it work through rain and sun, moans and praise (and whinging Poms). Graeme Dodd, Liz Willing, Tony Eastwood, Carole Hicks, Jan Koszler, Mickey Gunn, Barbara Koszler, and of course Marg my wife, I cannot thank you all enough, and the 130 plus archers (125 of them having a great time) I am sure also thank you as well. It sure put the Mana Club on the National and International map as far as a place to have fun shooting bows and arrows is concerned.

From a shooting perspective, yes I have done some although it may not seem that way to some of you. In fact I managed to break the 1300 FITA barrier which had always eluded me in the past by shooting 1326 in Napier (our target at 30 metres, mine are the white fletches) and get my 90 metre perfect pin, at last.



I would like to thank Marg for the incentive of offering to buy me a new quiver when I got to the 30 metre mark if I broke 1300, and for delivering my nice new leather quiver when I did

In conclusion I would like to thank those who get on and do things in and for the club with little fuss or bother or thought of reward. Graeme Ellis for organising the shooting calendar, Graeme Dodd for keeping the grounds up to scratch, Tony, Gordon and Andy for breathing life into the indoors, and of course Graham Nootebos for keeping us financially viable and organised. Also those who always turn up for a working bee time after time, you also keep the club alive and I thank you for that. Marg for chasing me along when I get a little hoha when something does not go quite as well as I think it could for some reason, thank you.

It is really an honour to be the President of an organisation with so many people who just get on and do things to make it work and I am sure that in a year or two we will have become even bigger and better and a more exciting fun club to belong to. Thank you all for allowing me to be in that role.

Waddy Wadsworth

President



Nominations for Office Holders

President	Waddy Wadsworth
Secretary	Micky Gunn Marg Wadsworth (Declined)
Treasurer	Graham Nootebos
Executive members (Two)	David Willing Graeme Dodds Micky Gunn Graeme Ellis

Outcome

President	Waddy Wadsworth
Secretary	Micky Gunn
Treasurer	Graham Nootebos
Executive members (subject to changing the constitution to allow for three members)	David Willing Graeme Dodds Graeme Ellis



Additional Agenda Items

1. I wish to propose changes to the constitution in that In order to be in line with Incorporation we have and AGM (Each year) and delete the General meeting

How meetings will be held

5.1 change "a General meeting" to "an Annual General Meeting" are invited to attend "each year".

Tony Eastwood

Carried after discussion

2. I would like to suggest that a non-office holder on the executive (probably Micky) pick up the Junior Archery portfolio and re-establish the JAMA programme through the national junior body as a priority. We must allow our young archers access to this programme and provide the relevant support to them. You and I both know this programme benefits Juniors - after all we did have 4 juniors as members of NZ teams during the 90's/early 2000's.
3. Club conducts a "minor" tournament style shoot bi-monthly. To be conducted at close range (eg ST Nicholas?) and scheduled into shooting calendar. All club archers do this shoot and the experienced archers are spread up and down the line at different targets so that the more novice archers are able to shoot with them.
4. I'm as guilty as anyone of this - but as a club we should start adhering to the shooting calendar. Archers should present themselves at 10, pay their dues and be "allocated" a target, rather than just turning up, pulling things out and doing their own thing. This would only apply on Saturdays. Should the archer wish to do their own thing, this could be done on another day when the range is open (eg Sunday, mid-week evenings). Should we do this we could develop a club ranking system, broken into recurve and compound (not gender) so that people can rank themselves against other archers in the club and try and climb the board and knock people off their perches.
5. We look at amending the Achievement programme. Although it is good (very good), it probably doesn't push people along fast enough. As an example, some archers who have been shooting for two years, still do not move beyond 20 odd metres. They should now be shooting with us. Although we need this programme, we also need to get them up with the rest of us sooner, whether or not they wish to compete in tournaments.
6. We really do need to purchase a lot more bows due to the numbers of archers we are now getting. As well as the basic beginner bow, do we want to consider better quality bows eg Samick Agulla, Sebastian Flute solely for the more experienced beginners eg 6 months or more?
7. Coaches have run maintenance/tuning days this year. Although turnouts from club members has been poor, we should continue with these twice annually to ensure knowledge is passed to the newer archers and they are able to set up their gear and keep it going.



8. Re-emphasise to people that should they want to improve, they are able to contact a coach (at the club, or by phone/email etc) and arrange for one on one tuition. Coaches, their experience/profiles and contact details should be well publicised on our club notice board and by emails. (Our coaches should write up a profile for this). Do we consider a standard rate for a half hour and one hour session that can be paid to coaches, by trainees for use of their time? I know this is generally frowned upon but any one on one coaching is taking up the coaches time, and a small payment may make the archer appreciate the advice all the more, and see it as more worthwhile.
9. Should we host a major target tournament (which I believe we should), we should try and create a "niche" and establish it as a highly attractive tournament. Winners only, no placings.
10. Recurve/compound, male/female. Lets source prize money for the winners of each division (dunno where from), make it attractive to archers from throughout the country and abroad if possible. Call it the Mana Cup.

Dave Willing

Carried after discussion

11. I would like to propose that at the ANZ General meeting Mana put forward a proposal to review the structure of ANZ (and as a consequence regional groups) with a view to having clubs affiliate rather than individuals and pay an affiliation fee either per archer or per multiples of say 10 archers. This in our case would mean that if ANZ did this and set a fee equivalent to say \$15 per head they would get from Mana \$1125 per annum instead of the \$700 they currently get. WAA would get \$750 (@ \$10 per head) instead of the \$50 - \$60 they get now.
12. Club membership would still be under \$100 per annum. The real benefit to ANZ though is that it would effectively at least double its numbers overnight which is great for SPARC etc. Winner all around I would have thought?
13. The review should also look at the respective roles and functions of the National Body vs Regional Bodies and develop clear delineation between the role of "Governance" and "Operations".
14. I have a comprehensive paper on this which could be used as a base discussion document if this was proceeded with.

Waddy

Carried after discussion

15. That the bi-annual meeting for the election of Officers in accordance with the constitution be held every second June. People have more time and shooting is not a priority because of the weather.

Marg Wadsworth

This was carried after discussion however the date of the AGM was to be February/March, and annually.



Club Uniforms

To be reviewed

Carried in principle – To be referred to the incoming Executive for promulgation

Membership classes

Abolish the Gold membership class. With the inauguration of the field course, the Gold membership class would be too complex to maintain or to sign up to.

Carried.

Items for Action

1. Change the Constitution to allow for President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Members of the Executive (instead of two)
2. Change the AGM date to annually in the Months of February/March.
3. Review shooting calendar and shoots.

Meeting ended 11:30 am.