



Bowmen of Rutland

Meeting on Thursday 10th September 2025

19.30 via Teams

Present: James Williams, Chairman
Chrissie Mortlock, Secretary and Public Relations Officer
Debbie Hill, Treasurer and Minute Secretary
Charlie Haynes, Safeguarding Officer and County Rep
Kate Goodwin, Deputy Safeguarding Officer
Dave Cook, Assistant Records
Kerry Knight, Social Media Representative Officer
Alex MacConaill, Assistant Equipment Officer

Apologies: Keith Johnson, Vice Chairman
Peter Fox, Junior and Disabled Rep

Welcome by the Chairman

James welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting. Chrissie requested the bow hire item be raised up the agenda, which was agreed.

Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

Approval of Minutes 7th August 2025

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

All matters were included within the agenda.

Bow Hire

Kathryn took over when Jenny retired a couple of years ago. She has recently had issues with her bow hire e-mail address and spends more time boating. Because of this she is not renewing her AGB membership so will no longer be a member of the club, meaning that unfortunately, she can no longer continue to raise bow hire invoices. Chris has suggested an alternative way of managing this, using free software he uses at Laxton Village Hall. It is a simple online accounting package with the facility to e-mail bills, statements and records if e-mails have been opened, etc. Chris is happy to set this up then hand over to Dave, who offered to take on this role. There is an enhanced version available, costing around £5 pm, enabling collection of payments through a "click here" button. It was felt this would be considered at a later date.

Chairman's Update

James thanked Matt for all the work he has done for the club, which was very much appreciated. James has been maintaining arrows in the interim.

Treasurer's Update

Debbie had spoken to Santander regarding the transfer of funds to the Barclays account, which still hadn't taken place. Apparently, they require Tier 1 and Tier 2 documents for Susan Custance. Given that all of this was sent in the same envelope, it can only be assumed that they have lost these. Debbie will send copies of the copies tomorrow. The Barclays account balances are currently £40,974.56 with a further £11,450 (approx.) due from Santander.

Receipts include outdoor shooting fees, beginners course payments and bow hire. The bi-annual rent of £1,250 had been paid and Debbie had set up two payments to Red Kite Radio, which Chrissie was going to cancel as the bank details had changed.

Secretary and PRO Update

Chrissie had formally replied to Matt regarding his resignation on behalf of the committee. She had also received many e-mails from members and prospective members.

AGB affiliations are ongoing. Per Sport 80, the Club has 125 valid members, with 50 of these having more than 50 days left on their membership and 17 having renewed for the coming year.

New and lapsed members were charged the wrong fee by AGB. Rather than make refunds, they will have their membership extended by 30 days.

Safeguarding/Welfare Officer Update

Charlie advised that there were no issues to report. He had not had time to create a scenario for discussion.

New Ground Update

Nothing had been heard from Tom or Savills regarding the Heidelberg site, and this is no longer considered an option.

Charlie had spoken to the Director of Football at Ketton Sports Club, but the lease for additional land is no further forward.

Chrissie and James are meeting with the new manager at GVCG tomorrow to explore an extension to the current lease.

Charlie has spoken to Rutland Logs, who may have some land available, but advised them that we are pursuing an extension at GVCG first.

Kate had heard that Uppingham Town Council (UTC) were looking to lease land behind a new housing estate for community use. Current rents charged to the Cricket and Football clubs are low, and the land is already flat and suitable for archery. Charlie agreed to see if he could call UTC directly to find out the current status.

County Update

Charlie did not attend the meeting, and the minutes had not yet been circulated.

Archery GB and Midlands Update

There has been a phishing e-mail inviting people to buy AGB member details. AGB have confirmed that they would never sell member data and advise anyone who receives such an e-mail to forward it, without clicking any links, to membership@archerbygb.org.

Beginners Course September

Chrissie has 12 and possibly 1 more signed up, with this being the last one until Spring. Most of these are adults and older children. One attendee is not able to attend the full course on both days but is very keen so will catch up on other dates. The committee were happy that the two 17-year-olds could be left by parents if they did not want to stay, as there was sufficient supervision.

Junior Shoots

James thought it was a fabulous event. Peter had managed to get balloons standing in front of boss rather than being pinned. Lots of juniors attended and fun was had.

On Target

Courses have been attended by Chrissie, Charlie and Debbie, but we are waiting for details on new ground/extension at GVCG before progressing this further.

Dates

Indoor Shooting is booked from 6th October every Monday and Friday until Friday 27th March. Price the same as last year. Charlie will invite Griffin Archers, who made this economically viable last year.

Coaching is continuing every 2 weeks, unless Charlie is otherwise engaged.

Taster Session Chrissie has had lots of interest. This will take place on 25th October at 11am.

Outdoor Club Champs was moved to 11th October with 18th as reserve date if the weather is poor.

Greetham Ground and Maintenance

Bosses: Charlie will make some repairs when he next has tools with him.

Mowing: Should take place on Thursday 12th

Field Layout: Revert to pre-metric layout with 2 x 30m and 2 x 50m on 14th September.

Club Shirts

No further progress due to workloads.

Any Other Business

Selby: Portsmouth & Frostbite (also L&R Frostbite)

L&R 300: Starts in October

It was agreed that we would enter 3 Recurve, 1 Compound, 1 Longbow and 3 Barebow for each competition.

Dave presented the records page he had put together for the club website, which he had based on the County website design. Everyone was very impressed with how it looked. There are a few issues to resolve but once done he will talk to Chris about loading the information onto the members area of the website.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th October via Teams

Proposed future dates: Wednesday 12th November via Teams
Wednesday 3rd December via Teams
Wednesday 14th January pre-AGM via Teams
Friday 23rd January AGM via Teams