



Pioneer Archers Inc.
General Meeting
21 July 2012

Challis Primary School, Braemore Street Armadale

Meeting opened at 10:47

1. Attendance

As per attendance register

No Apologies

2. Review of Grounds

- The members attending reviewed the ground layout and after measuring the grounds considered a number of options that could be used for shooting. The cost of ground hire from Challis Primary School is currently being considered by the school and the finalised amount will be contained in the lease agreement.
- The club will be required to pay the ground fee upfront at the time of signing the lease agreement.
- The lease will be for an initial period of 12 months, with the possible option of longer lease periods in the future. Some other clubs in Perth with similar lease agreements have terms of two years.
- The venue is an alcohol and smoke free venue.

3. Club Membership Fees

- The new My Archery, AA (Archery Australia) database is up and running and allows for:
 - Individual can access the database and make change it if they wish to do so.
 - Fees can be paid online for AA, AWA (Archery Western Australia) and Club memberships.
 - The anniversary date for existing members will be January 1 for AA and AWA fees, and the date of joining for all new members.
 - No pro-rata fee structures.
- Pioneer Archers will need to decide whether to set club fees to align with the AA calendar, with each individual member's anniversary date, or with some other date nominated as a club membership renewal date.
- If a member elects to pay online using their credit card, there is a 6.6% surcharge. It is up to each level of governance to determine how it deals with the surcharge.



- At this time the surcharge will be passed on and the club will monitor the number of members using this facility.
- Credit card is the only option for online payment, there is no facility for EFPOS or Bpay.
- To avoid the surcharge a member can pay via EFT (electronic funds transfer) to the club, and the club will be invoiced directly by AA and AWA.
 - The question was asked if there would be a future option to make payments at the club level via credit card. Currently, EFT is the best option for payment of monies to the club so that costs are kept to a minimum.
- The issues was also raised of a need to consider that if the club decides to align the annual payment of club fees with the current anniversary date, there is a six month period between the date of this meeting and 1 January 2013 to be considered.
- Consideration for how the fees are split must also be made; i.e. senior and junior, and whether there would be any discounts for concession holders such as students.
- In considering the setting of fees, the issue of cash flow and the need to purchase equipment for the club was also raised during discussion.
 - It was noted that donations have been made to the club to assist with the purchase of initial targets, the cost of incorporation, and various other required items.
 - Fundraising ventures such as sausage sizzles at Bunnings and other similar operators were suggested as a good option for raising funds, although it was also noted that there is a significant advanced booking queue.
 - Application for grants such was also suggested. At present, targets are the issue, and the club will need to look at purchasing more in the near future.

Moved: Paresh Bhana

Seconded: Kevin D'Rozario

Current members of the club are to pay a full annual fee amount for the first six (6) months of operations through to 1 January 2013; and the fee is \$50.00 for eighteen (18) and over or \$30.00 for under eighteen (18).

Carried unanimously

4. Target Fees

- An example of another club's breakdown of target fees was provided.
- In considering whether to set differing target fees for senior and junior members or have one flat fee.



- Some of the issues raised in the discussion of target fees related to the idea that junior archers do less damage to a target butt than adult archers, but on closer examination it was considered that depending on bow type and poundage, it was not unreasonable to expect that a junior archer could do as much damage to a butt as a senior archer. Irrespective of poundage, bow type or arrow type, all arrows entering a target butt impacts on the cost of replacement materials.
- The question was asked regarding how often target butts need replacing. It was suggested that this would depend on how the shooting calendar is constructed, i.e. shooting a lot of shorter rounds will blow out target centres quicker than a balanced mix of short and longer distance rounds.
- The type of butt used may also have some bearing. The recorder's programme is designed to track where arrows are penetrating, i.e. the number of arrows into the centre of the target, and this can be used to work out replacement timeframes.
- Some general discussion too place about the type of target butts that are available and the associated costs and replacement options. The option of sourcing alternative materials was raised, and Dunlop was suggested as a possibility. Paresh Bhana suggested he would explore this idea with Dunlop.
- Another suggestion made was the idea of introducing a levee over the top of fees that would add into fund for butts, and this may be an idea to explore.

Moved: Trevor Greenham

Seconded: Kevin D'Rozario

That target fees for all club members are \$10.00 and 50% on top for visitors.

Carried unanimously

5. Shooting Times

- In discussing which day should be used for the club shoot, a consensus view was that Saturday is the best day, thereby keeping Sunday free for running QREs and for club members to attend tournaments without having to forfeit the club shoot for that particular weekend.
- It was also suggested that the club shoot on a Saturday morning would be something that is different and may open up the possibility for membership from people who cannot attend in the afternoon. This would also provide the benefit of non-members being able to watch some shooting in the morning and then attend the come and try in the afternoon if they like what they see.
- There was consensus for a 09:00am starting time for the club shoots.

6. Bylaws

- A set of by-laws will need to be drawn up from decisions made at this meeting.



7. Interim Committee

- In accordance with the Pioneer Archer's constitution, an interim committee has been established, and consists of Trevor Greenham as President and Treasurer and Ellen Greenham as Secretary and Recorder.
- Any decision made by the interim committee will be presented to the general membership for decision.
- The club has eighteen months from the date of incorporation, 3 March 2012, in which to hold the first AGM where all office positions will be opened and the interim committee will cease to operate.

8. General Business

- The issue of lost arrows was raised. Given that the club is using school grounds, all arrows must be picked up. The club does not have a metal detector to assist with this, but it is suggested as something to be purchased in the future.
- The issue of public safety and clearly marking the grounds as an archery ranges was discussed, and the possibility of obtaining some signage for marking out of the shooting area. Signage, safety tape or safety bunting were suggested as possible options.
- Appropriately marked ropes for measuring out target distances are required to assist with setting up the field, and Paresh Bhana has offered to make this up; marked out at 5m intervals to 60m and then every 10m after that to a distance of 90m. A hose winder for rope and numbers for targets/lanes will also be organised
- The club will need a whistle.
- For target faces there are two options, heavy and light paper. The light paper tends to tear very easily. The club needs to obtain FITA approved faces in order to legitimately make claims for records. Paresh Bhana has a roll of stick on PVC that can be used as backing for target faces to strengthen them and lengthen the usage life. Trevor Greenham will secure an initial order of target faces; 122cm x10 and 80cm x 15.
- Enquiries will also be made to compare the cost of SF Archery wooden bows with Cartel wooden bows, in preparation for the acquisition of beginner's equipment.
- Paresh Bhana has made enquiries regarding laces for finger slings, and can get 90cm long, dark green with Pioneer Archers embossed in white at \$0.32 a pair for an order of 500 pairs. He will make further enquiries regarding shipping costs for the laces, and is also looking at options for G-nocks.
- The issue of transporting target butts to the grounds was also raised. There is a possibility for a tandem trailer to be hired from a private entity. Trevor Greenham will write up a letter from the club to make the enquiry about the possibility of the option to use or rent.



Moved: Trevor Greenham

Seconded: Paresh Bhana

The club will fund the first “all gold” and “60 perfect medals at each distance and face size, and first classification medal for juniors.

Carried unanimously

- The issue of developing certificates for recognising junior archer’s achievements at very small distances, eg. 5m, and for particular score level achievements was raised, with general consensus that this is a good idea. Such measures will facilitate encouragement and award in a way that allows recognition to cater for all members of the club.
- The question was asked regarding what responsibilities archer’s should take for issues such as their handicap ratings. The clubs recorder’s programme will readily manage this, and is an easy task for the club recorder.
- The club score sheets are designed, sponsorship associated with the cost of photocopying was being investigated. While the club is a largely paper-free entity, there is still a requirement in the recording process for hard copy score sheets to be submitted. Electronic recording of scores at shoots may be a option at some point in the future, but will need to occur in alignment with the practice also being adopted by AA and AWA.
- For the official first shoot and opening of the club the issue of inviting dignitaries and other supporting person/organisation was discussed.
- If the club would like to have a barbeque before or after the first shoot, Kevin and Kylie can organise a barbeque and rolls, just let them know. Kevin also has an Engel with adaptor on top that can be available for shooting days if needed.
- It was suggested that for the first six months of shooting, only overall records will be recorded. In 2013 divisional records can be introduced.

Meeting Closed at 12:13



Action List

<i>Number</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Date Finalised</i>
1.1	Rope marked with distances for target set-up	Paresh Bhana	
1.2	DOS Whistle	Trevor Greenham	
1.3	PVC for target face backing	Paresh Bhana	
1.4	Target faces	Trevor Greenham	
1.5	Laces for finger slings	Paresh Bhana	
1.6	Letter for potential trailer hire/usage	Trevor Greenham	
1.7	Sponsorship for the Printing of score sheets	Trevor Greenham	
1.8	Inviting guests to first shoot		