



Grimsby Archers

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Secretary's report AGM 2020

I have been secretary of Grimsby Archers for over 20 year now.

When I first took on the position of club secretary, the club had just 13 members, nowhere to shoot outdoors and a very dilapidated, some would say derelict indoor shooting range of just 9 yards. My first job was to find new indoor and outdoor shooting spaces suitable to take the club into the 21st century. I began teaching beginners to boost club numbers, got lottery grants to buy equipment and train existing club members as coaches to make the club sustainable. Over the years, hundreds of members have come and gone and today, even with the additional challenges that Coronavirus has thrown at us, 48 members have renewed their membership with Grimsby Archers. 26 members have decided not to re-join, one of whom has moved to another club.

It is with some regret that I have to announce that I am one of the members who has decided not to renew my club membership. My medical condition makes it impossible for me to take part in shooting anymore and so I feel my journey with archery has come to an end. It is time for other people to pick up the mantle of ensuring that the future of Grimsby Archers future continues through these difficult and uncertain times to provide a safe place for the archers of today and tomorrow.

The job of secretary is to take minutes at the club's meetings and to be the first point of contact for people interested in archery although it may seem that the role involves more.

I suggest that a new role of membership secretary should be made a separate committee position to manage the club and AGB memberships. A task which has been made much easier since AGB computerised their membership system and put it online.

Also I took on the job of Records officer two years ago to computerise the record keeping, to make my successor's job easier, which has been quite successful, although obviously there has been no scores submitted over this summer.

My suggestion for the future of the club is that you form a proper working committee to make the decisions necessary to run the club directly in the hands of those of you with a vested interest in the future of the club. This was something I was never successful in doing.

I suggest also that you set a limit on the number of years that one person can hold any one job to prevent the complacency that has set in over the last 20 years.

I will of course, do anything and everything I can to ensure a smooth handover to whomsoever is lucky enough to be involved in the running of this fine club in the future.

I wish you all well and hope you wont think too badly of me

Best regards
Chris Petchey

Grimsby Archers is a 'not for profit' organization, promoting and practicing the sport of archery in its many forms except bowhunting.

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