

# High Elm Archers

## General Meeting

held at

### Altcar Training Camp

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - following the AGM

**Matters raised at the General Meeting will be discussed by those present and taken forward to the next committee meeting for further discussion.**

**1. Attendees:** As per AGM

**2. Apologies:** As per AGM

### **3. Minutes of the last Meeting**

Minutes of the 2024 General Meeting where circulated prior to the meeting and accepted as accurate.

Proposed: Jimmy Patterson                      Seconded: Dave Bourne                      All present in favour

### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

### **5. High Elm Archers – Club Development Plan**

- GB – explained that the development plan had been updated post our leaving AGB and shelved for the immediate future pending future requirements.
- Membership Cards – Since leaving AGB our members have no “proof” that they are members of an archery club, the committee felt that members should have a means to show that they are members of a club and have a legitimate reason for carrying a bow. Therefore going forward we will be issuing membership cards on an annual basis.

### **6. Eric Kavanagh’s Legacy**

- A paper was circulated to all members regarding Eric’s legacy prior to the meeting. GB indicated that he had received a number of emails from members on the subject.
- The discussions that followed covered the topics of should we accept such a legacy, either in full, in part or should we decline the bequest in full and if accepted how the bequest could be used.
  - The meeting felt that it was right that the bequest should not be used as part of the general funding of the club and must be ring fenced so that it could only be used for “special projects”.
  - The meeting also felt that the suggestion of purchasing an amount of “novice” archers kit with upgrades (e.g. additional limbs) available for all club members to try would be a good idea and in keeping with Eric’s wishes. This could include some longbows or flatbows. This would be an immediate visible benefit.
  - It was also suggested that we should have a tournament in Eric’s name – GB indicated that we are already planning to do this.
- With regards to accepting the bequest, consideration was also given to the other items on the agenda before a vote was taken and the feelings of the meeting were that we should accept the full bequest.
  - A vote was taken – all present voted in favour of accepting Eric’s bequest in full with the caveat that the fund is ring fenced for “special projects” and not be used as general club funds.

### **7. Incorporation**

- Since becoming an independent archery club it has been identified that members of the club could become liable for claims against the club.
- Therefore to gain additional protection for the club, its management committee and its members we should consider becoming a legal entity.
- TD asked the meeting on behalf of the committee to allow the committee delegated authority to consider what form of incorporation would be appropriate for the club.
  - The exact form of incorporation is to be decided and further consultation with the members will be sought before incorporation is actioned.
  - A vote was taken – all present voted in favour delegating authority to the committee to consider incorporation as a way forward.

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#### 8. Altcar Ongoing

- GB reminded the meeting that we will not have access to the Altcar site for a period of 9 weeks over the summer due to a doubling of the number of cadet camps using the premisses. Whilst this is the first time this has happened it is not the first time we have had to cancel shooting sessions, due to military training.
- There are plans in the pipeline to upgrade the accommodation at Altcar and expand the training capabilities of the site.
- There has been an increase in military training use of Altcar in recent years. Which suggests that the camp is likely to get busier in the future. Which will in turn likely impact on civilian usage.

#### 9. A.O.B.

- a. RP asked why we now have Metric / Imperial practice nights – can we revert to just practice nights.
- b. MG Asked can the shooting schedule have imperial rounds scheduled for the week prior to the 252 challenge week so that members are not switching from metric to imperial set ups on the day of the 252

#### 10. Date of Next General Meeting

As per the AGM:

Meeting Closed 17:03

Minutes by G. Burrows (Secretary)