

**COMBINED MEETING – TOURNAMENT & TARGET COMMITTEES**  
**12 OCTOBER 2003**  
**LILLESHALL HALL, SHROPSHIRE**

This meeting of the two committees together with Peter Morris-Judges Committee and Eric Jackson-Development & Marketing was held to discuss Tournaments as a whole, to highlight problems, discuss ideas for improvement etc. It will be for future meetings to put forward ideas/suggestions to the membership.

**ITEM 1 - proposed new Nat. Champs structure**

Discussed new style national champs – qualification system to be adopted so county champs lead to regional champs & only regional champions then compete for the national title.  
Would be more media friendly? Costs & logistics discussed – to be left on record at present as a possibility for the future.

**ITEM 2 – NON-RECORD STATUS SHOOTS**

Archers seem happy with the numbers of these, methods etc. Therefore no need for this committee to interfere. If a local non-record status shoot clashes with a record status one this should not be problem as they will attract a different clientele. So instead of trying to ‘manage’ these shoots, this committee will restrict itself to encouraging them – via the Tournament Organisers Handbook etc.  
Judges Committee are finalising a video/CD on “Guide to Becoming a Field Captain” which will be sent to all clubs.  
The Tournament Organisers Handbook is a light hearted & easily accessible guide to putting on a tournament – copy to be sent to each club.  
Generally to encourage the quality & consistency of non record status shoots.

**ITEM 3 – RECORD STATUS / ROSE / FITA \* EVENTS**

(Discussed Nick Nicholson’s letter sent to regions on method of changing EAF structure to bring in to line with Sport England ideals.)  
Can anything be done to make records status shoots friendlier & hence encourage more newcomers to try them? eg. Judges to wear sweatshirts rather than blazers (Judges committee currently discussing clothing) Target Committee are proposing that dress regulations be relaxed to allow club colours to be worn at events. GNAS card may need to be amended to records club colours, in order to police this. (Clubs will need to register colours with GNAS office.)  
Too may Fita Stars ? – No. But new applications are currently refused if they fall within 50 miles of an established shoot - with modern transport should this be increased to 100 miles?

Diary clashes will always occur as some shoots chose their dates from the beginning of the month; some from the end and some are tied to other moveable dates such as Easter and Bank Holidays.  
Records status application form could be amended to request not only your proposed date for the event being applied for but also the anticipated date for the following year too. PT can then prepare a single provisional 2005 diary as well as the 2004 diary. Suggestion that the diary dates are always in AUK as events happen they are removed and the following years put included.

A total of no more than 10 Premier Events would be ideal (currently 7). Any more would dilute the status of these events. GNAS Premier Event at end of June is very popular and should retain the team element as this is the only such event in the country. This event could be used in the future as a testing ground for any new rounds which FITA may introduce rather than being a true Premier Event.

Fees for Fita Stars are currently £75, WRS £40 & Rose events £60 – should these be standardised? GNAS are currently losing on the WRS events due to the large numbers of Target Awards being claimed. This should ease off though as the events become more common.

**ITEM 4 – NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

Pam Tonkin summarised the 2003 events and progress made by the Tournaments Committee for 2004.

Nick Nicholson queried that Popinjay was not mentioned – a discussion followed about the feasibility of acquiring a mast, cage & insurance to hold an event in the future.

Barebow Indoor championships have been trialled by Marion Howells at Pentref last year. This year there are three venues (Pentref, Essex & N.Ireland) and rounds will be shot simultaneously at all three. Each venue to hold a complete set of medals and results to be coordinated over the phone/internet before champions decided. Trophies to be awarded at the All British Field Champs so there is no risk of them needing posting.

Does this mean that we could be forced to have separate Nat Champs for every bow type so that archers can shoot in as many styles as they wish and are not forced to choose a single style?

Costs of the judges/medals/field party at NT's versus the contract fee charged to host clubs was discussed. The fee no longer covers even ¼ of the costs incurred by GNAS so tournaments run on an unrealistic pricing structure? Medals are now cheaper due to a new supplier but their cost is around £150-£200 per event and this is written off by GNAS.

Compromise needed – tournaments could not wear a large increase in the contract fee – could the working party stay more cheaply elsewhere? Would volunteers agree to this as major benefit of working party is camaraderie of staying together at Lilleshall (i.e. the bar!) **Judges Committee to discuss allocation of judges to National events.**

Could a better discount be arranged with Lilleshall – currently 25% but world class events could try for 40% discount - should apply to UK Masters & premier events certainly.

Nick Nicholson – National Tournament budget is not reasonable, Board of Directors must accept that if we want world class events then we have to pay for them

**Eric Jackson to approach the Board about NT funding & Nick to attend a meeting with CE of GNAS, Pam & Lilleshall/Sport England to resolve Lilleshall prices**

#### **ITEM 5 – SPONSORSHIP**

Faces & trophies have been donated this year. More trophies are needed & a request will go in to AUK.

#### **ITEM 6 – PRO**

Archery currently has no coverage in the national dailies. Eric Jackson has a quote from a PRO for the Jnr Worlds & the person concerned will be willing to help with other PRO work up to the date of the Jnr Worlds for no extra fee – this person could be made use of in promoting, say, the UK Masters?

**Eric will ask if the person concerned could attend an event to advise us on promotion etc.**

#### **ITEM 7 – STANDARD FORMS**

As far as possible all events run by NT committee will have standard entry forms, target lists & results lists, in order to present a coherent professional face. **Target committee are to confirm exactly what information must be shown on the results lists.**

All entry forms, target & results lists are to be published on the Website.

#### **ITEM 8 – PA SYSTEM & ENGRAVING MACHINE**

These could be acquired on the back of the Jnr Worlds and would then become assets of the society. The costs of engraving the national medals are high & hence the engraving machine would soon start to recoup its cost.

#### **ITEM 9 – SUMMARY**

Update to be done of v6 of the Strategic Development Plan.

Minutes to be circulated to the Ops Committee & Board of Directors for their comments before being published.

Finance Director to be asked to undertake a review of the financial viability of remaining at Lilleshall for the office & tournaments as a whole.