**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR 2022 AGM**

Since our last AGM we have all suffered from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequently lost some of our membership, either by not renewing their coaching licence or re-affiliating to their club/Archery GB membership.

However, on a positive note we have been more proactive since lockdown with Sussex Team Development days and a workshop programme that will all continue throughout 2023, so keep your eyes on of both Martlets and SCAA websites for details.

Membership renewals have also been gradually applied for and a certain amount of leniency has been shown by the Renewals Panel due to AGB’s new confusing requirement for **ALL** Coaching grades, including Level 1 and Session Coaches, obtaining continuing professional development (CPD) points per each 3-year licence. Moreover, the new requirement for alternate Coach renewals requiring a face-2-face Safeguarding course certification has provided great consternation, caused mainly by Active-Sussex (our County Sports Partnership) discontinuing in-person workshops. We have now ascertained that a Zoom workshop will be acceptable due to it being participant inter-active.

What does not help is the AGB website information is confusing and they have not updated their renewal forms. We are currently awaiting confirmation from Arran Coggan, AGB Director of Participation, that the new CPD Matrix applies to established Level 1 Coaches as well as Level 1 Session Coaches. The Matrix details all the activities that attract CPD points and shows how easy it is to gain them. CPD should be seen as an opportunity to better yourselves as a coach by staying up-to-date and not seen as a chore or inconvenience. Professional standards must be observed and maintained so what better way to do it, than attend one of Martlets’ organised events or workshops? Contact our ADO, Keith Billinness, for opportunities to learn, help, enjoy and gain CPD points.

Your Committee hopes to see as many of you as possible at our AGM on Saturday, November 12th at 1pm so we can listen to **you** telling us what you want in 2023 and how we can help make it happen. At the end of the day we are all here to help Sussex archers benefit from professional standards of coaching that are current, accessible and produce successful results.

Have a great & enjoyable 2023 both as a Coach and an Archer.