

**County of Warwick Archery Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

**at Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Leamington  
Spa, CV32 6BL**

**Start Time 8pm**

**Present:** Wendy Baird, Dawn Goding, Derek Kelly, Phil Spink, Brian Tustin, Mary Kelly, Clive Beech, Chris Evans, Roger Wyton , Martyn Ellis, David Redding.

Derek Kelly Welcomed Martyn Ellis to the Committee as committee president.

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Geoff Beston, Ellen Beston & Kath Vick.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting (15.10.15)**

2.1 The minutes were agreed.

**3. Matters Arising from 2 above**

3.1 (Para 4.2) Brian Tustin Said that he had emailed Shipston Archery club with the details of how to affiliate to the County, he had yet to receive a response, Brian said he would send them a reminder via email.

3.2 (Para 4.3) Brian Tustin said he had emailed Stuart Wood-Evans regarding the Admin rights to The County Facebook page, He had not received a response, Brian would try contacting Stuart again. Clive Beech said he would also try to Contact Stuart.

3.3 (Para 4.4) Roger Said that he had got the Gents Compound Clout Trophy and the Complete Archer Compound trophy, leaving only the Gents Recurve Clout trophy missing.

3.4 (Para 10.2) David Redding said he was concerned that the issue of the County Coaching group had been raised again as it had been fully discussed and voted upon at the EGM.

**4. Correspondence**

4.1 Dawn Goding had received from Kath Vick the Resignation as the County Records officer. The committee would like to take the opportunity to thank Kath for all the work she has done for the county.

Also received correspondence from Nick Mitchell Records officer at Meriden archery club volunteering for the county Records Officer Post on the committee.

An email had also been received from Neil Murray of Meriden Archery Club, also volunteering as County Records Officer.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

- 5.1 Roger Wyton reported that there is a surplus of Approx. £4,000 for the Qtr., mainly due to affiliation fees received, the surplus for the financial year would be approx. £5,600, after finalising Medals etc. This will leave an overall surplus of Around £26,000, Roger requested ideas on how this money should be spent as there were currently no real plans to allocate the money. A general discussion was had where the figure of £10,000 could be allocated towards Coaching, David Redding said that £5,000 initially would be enough and this could be monitored and adjusted accordingly once completely up and running. All Agreed.
- 5.2 Roger asked everyone to think about where else the money could be spent, it was discussed that as most of the surplus had come from affiliation fees, that some of it could potentially be spent running coaching days or weekends to help improve Level 1 and Level 2 archers. It was agreed that the committee would think about ways to spend the surplus money and make suggestions for projects to Roger & the committee.

## **6. Membership Secretary's Report**

- 6.1 Brian Tustin reported that all clubs had now affiliated for the year.

## **7. CWAA Tournaments**

- 7.1 Derek Kelly reported that the Indoor championships on the 31<sup>st</sup> January was now full.
- 7.2 Field championships - Martyn Ellis said that he had been in touch with Andrew Leadbetter who had said that an inspection the day before the field championships would be required, there had only been 17 entries so far, 1 from Coventry, 13 from Leamington and 3 from outside the county, it is a disappointment that other clubs haven't entered, there is space for 48 entrants, a reminder would be sent out to Warwickshire club secretaries. Derek Kelly asked if there was a possibility of a field training session put on before the Championships as there were some clubs especially inner city that have never been able to try field archery. Martyn said that there had been a day planned for Leamington at March hare archers, this had been postponed to 6<sup>th</sup> February due to poor ground conditions, there are members from Meriden also going however there were still half a dozen placed left.
- Martyn suggested that some of the county money could be spent hiring the March Hare field for a day for archers to have a go at field archery, Martyn said he would be happy to organise this, if anyone was interested to email Martin.
- Chris Evans said that if people were willing to travel Shrewsbury were open for £5 you could go and shoot 12 targets, you just had to email them to let them know you were going.
- 7.3 Derek Kelly said that the Trophy and Medal for Indoor were chaotic and suggested that they remove the Doubles/pairs trophy, this had originally been awarded to Husband and Wife teams but over the years had become any two people, the Trophy was in fact missing and thought this would be a good time to remove it. To have a Handicap, 1 for Juniors, 1 Seniors, 1 each for male/female archers, the separate Jnrs/Snrs could encourage archers to enter by giving all a chance. All Agreed

Derek said the criteria for the medals awarded means that if there's a single senior entry the Gold medal is not awarded, this is unfair as they have made the effort to turn up and shoot the competition. Derek suggested that this is changed to the same format as the Juniors: Single entry gets Gold, 3 Entries for Silver and 5, entries for Bronze to be awarded. All Agreed.

Martyn said that for the CWAA field, outside entries had previously been split County/Non County, these were pooled at last year's competition, in order that the County first could also win the competition first with the various divisions in field competition, this had worked last year so he would do this again this year.

## **8. Team Manager's Report**

- 8.1** Clive Beech said that there was nothing to report, dates will shortly be available for matches but these are likely to change, currently the counties match is scheduled for the same weekend as the National series, he will email out the dates ASAP.

## **9. Coaching Officer's Report**

- 9.1** David Redding said he had held a coaches meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December to give an update from 2 conferences that had taken place, only 16 coaches attended.

- 9.2** Lloyd Brown is due to give a seminar on the 6<sup>th</sup> February at Meriden Village Hall, all 32 Places have now been filled.

A seminar is to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March between 9.30am and 4.30pm at Meriden village hall, this will initially be open to coaches only, there are 25 places, the seminar will be given by a team from Cambridge who have piloted the Archery GB Boost Archery programme, this will be an interactive seminar, a clini-band and mat will be required, this seminar has been paid for out of the County coaching group funds. The seminar will be advertised in the next few weeks.

Ben Jones from Merlin Archery has agreed to give a seminar on Compound Bows, this will take place in the spring and will be open to all, the date has yet to be confirmed.

- 9.3** The current Level 1 Coaches course which will start in March has received 7 completed application forms, the course will only break even with 8 candidates. Derek said he is expecting 8+ by time the course begins.
- 9.4** David said that there are currently 22 Level 1 coaches (2 of which are registered on a Level 2 course with Worcester), 5 Level 2 Coached (1 of which will be doing the County coach at the end of the year), 4 County Coached and 1 senior Coached totalling 32 coaches within the county.

## **10. Records Officer's Report**

- 10.1** A report from Kath Vick reported that 5 claims were submitted and 1 claim re-submitted. 4 were for Ladies Longbow, 2 were Gents Recurve, 4 of the records broke previous records. The re-submitted claim came from Neil Murray for Gents Recurve single clout, after checking the Archery GB rules it was recommended that all were ratified. All were ratified.

- 10.2 Derek Kelly suggested that Nick Mitchell having volunteered first to replace Kath has Records officer, that he be co-opted onto the committee until the AGM. All Agreed

## **11. Public Relations Officer's Report**

- 11.1 Wendy said she had found it incredibly difficult to get news for a newsletter, or to get local papers interested, clubs were not sending anything and questioned what the purpose of the PR officer was. Wendy proposed that the PR officer is removed and becomes a general committee member taking the general members up to 3 at the AGM. Wendy Proposed, Clive Beech Seconded. All agreed.
- 11.2 Wendy apologised that the county Junior squad had ceased, that with the additional opportunities provided by Archery GB locally, that there was little point in continuing with such few numbers.

The Archery GB Sessions are held at Redhill in the winter and Meriden in the Summer, Sessions cost £20 each and are open to all archers, it was suggested that to spend some county money that the committee could pay for some sessions for junior archers, Philippa Lowe who runs the sessions had said that the sessions were filling up with archers from Worcester, it was agreed that the county juniors need encouragement.

## **12. WMAS Delegate's Report**

- 12.1 Chris Evans said that WMAS had received a volunteer for the RCO position, Tony Halston was from the Northern Counties, WMAS had discussed how to vote the RCO onto the committee, and had agreed that the coaches within the region should decide who becomes RCO, this is the way the Judges do it. The coaches will be asked to vote before the AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, there will be an email sent out with details to the regional coaches. There will be a fund set out for the regional coaches, this will be managed separately from the Region on a day to day basis but audited in the Regions accounts at the end of the year, the fund can be topped up if required, there is no figure for the fund yet. Judges are already in this position.
- 12.2 It had been agreed that the minutes from the regional meeting would be published as soon as they have been produced, these would be unratified minutes' subject to change, this was to ensure that the information held within the minutes didn't become outdated before being published. Derek Kelly said this may be something the county should look at in the forthcoming year.
- 12.3 Geoff Beston will be standing down as region secretary, if anyone would like to put themselves forward for the position, if there are no volunteers he has said he will stay on for one more year.

## **13. CWAA Summer League**

- 13.1 Martyn Ellis said that this had not been published yet but would be shortly, last year's results are up on the county website, the trophy was being engraved ready for presentation at the AGM.

Derek Kelly had bought the trophy catalogue for the decisions on the trophies for the Juniors and Handicap trophy, and suggested a shield, Brian Tustin said that the 11yr trophy could be used for 22yrs by using the back of the trophy as well, this was agreed by all.

## **14. Safeguarding Officers Report**

14.1 Geoff Beston sent a report that there had been nothing to report.

## **15. Constitution - Voting**

Dawn Goding had received a reply from Keith Knight regarding the constitution rules on voting and the production of membership cards to vote, Keith had advised that "proxy" voting would not be wise, what if the person given the proxy vote then doesn't attend the meeting. On postal voting this could be a good idea for people who cannot attend, postal votes would require registering the vote with the County secretary in writing. With regards to producing membership cards, this is a complicated area as not all members have received their cards, however they should be able to produce a receipt for membership fees to Archery GB, usually the CWAA fees are paid at the same time, although direct members would require a receipt from the county on payment of CWAA fees.

Wendy Baird said that the problem with postal voting is that the postal vote will only be counted on the original wording of any proposed change, should the wording change at the meeting any postal votes would be discounted.

A discussion was had regarding the points put forward and it was agreed that the voting rules would remain unchanged.

It was discussed that point 8.4 of the constitution needed to be made fairer to those that had paid affiliation fees but had not received their membership cards, therefore it was proposed that the words "on proof of payment" be inserted. Changing 8.4 to

"Members present when voting occurs must be prepared to show G.N.A.S membership cards or proof of payment if challenged and those members not satisfying this requirement may have their vote declared null and void"

Wendy Baird Proposed, Clive Beech seconded. All Agreed.

## **16. AGM**

16.1 Dawn requested that the committee submit any agenda items for the AGM, it was agreed that the CWAA AGM will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 8pm, this will be held at Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 6BL. Brian Tustin to book.

Roles on the committee currently vacant are Development Officer and County Coaching Organiser.

## **17. Date & Venue of 2016/2017 Committee Meetings**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

All will be held at RLSAS, Brian Tustin to book.

## **18. Any Other Business**

- 18.1 Brian Tustin said that the Regional intercounty results had still not been received from Hereford, Clive beech said he had not received them despite requests but would email again, Brian suggested that a letter requesting the results to the tournament officer at Hereford.
- 18.2 Chris Evans suggested that any requests are brought to the county and he will take them to the region.
- 18.3 Roger Wyton said the expenses form had been revamped and proposed that the 2-month deadline for submitting expenses were removed. All Agreed.

**Meeting ended 9.46pm**

**Chairman.....**

**Date.....**