

County of Warwick Archery Association Executive Committee Meeting

Held on 22nd July 2024

The Saracen's head, Balsall Common

Start Time 7:00 pm

Present: Martyn Ellis, Alan Smith, Brian Tustin, Wendy Baird

Club Representative: Adam Jenner

In the absence of the chairman the meeting was chaired by Martyn Ellis.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Derek Kelly, Nick Mitchell, Peter Hughes, Dave Redding, Gordon Jones, Helen Smedley (Regional Development Officer)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting 29.04.24

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising from 2 above

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. Regional Development Officer

4.1 Helen had submitted a written report which is attached as attachment A.

Alan would contact the clubs in the county to inform them of the proposed meeting between Helen and club officers. He would also contact Helen, as the committee considered that membership secretaries should be invited to these meetings.

5. Treasurers report/Grants

5.1 No report available.

6. Membership Secretary Report

6.1 Brian reported that there were twenty-two AGB registered clubs in Warwickshire. All are affiliated to WMAS & CWAA apart from West Midlands EMS Archers who have not affiliated any members to AGB.

6.2 Memberships as of 30 June 2024 are:

AGB showing	Seniors 887	Juniors 136	Total 1023
CWAA showing	Seniors 882	Juniors 136	Total 1018

6.3 This meant the county were waiting for affiliation fees from 5 members, one of whom was an AGB direct member who had ignored repeated payment requests. AGB had been contacted to see if they could encourage payment from him and Brian had been told he would not be allowed to join AGB next year unless he paid this year's CWAA/WMAS affiliations.

The other 4 are not a problem and should clear next month.

7. CWAA Tournaments

7.1 Derek had submitted a written report.

7.2 The 2024 Outdoor Championships took place on 7th July at Shipston with forty archers entered, of whom thirty-five shot on the day. Only four juniors entered as the date clashed with the junior nationals.

Five seniors and one junior opted for the short metrics. Two seniors shot shorter distances. There was an issue with compound pass throughs on one or two of the targets, but this was dealt with quickly by the field crew.

The weather was not wonderful but it was a good day and Derek believed that everyone enjoyed it.

He thanked Shipston for hosting the championships. It was agreed that a donation of £200 be made to Shipston.

7.3 Derek had received an enquiry regarding hosting the Clout Championships. He was waiting to hear back as they needed to talk to the venue owner.

7.4 Martyn reported that there were some issues with the Field Championships.

He had looked at March Hare and Sunset, but neither was suitable to host a record status event. The possibility of combining it with a WMAS tournament was not considered practicable.

Whilst a provisional date of 20 October at Merlin had been arranged, this clashed with an EFAA event nearby. Merlin would be contacted to see if an alternative date was possible, either the 3rd or 17th November.

Martyn stated that whilst he was willing to arrange this competition he would no longer be an AGB member from 1st October, as he would not be renewing his AGB membership.

7.5 Feedback from Sam Curtis was that the hall for the 2025 Indoor Championships at Warwick University had been booked for Saturday 25th January, and record status had been approved. The judges were booked and the prospectus and entry form ready to go.

Brian raised the issue that in order to book onto the event an individual had to create a guest student union account in order to pay the entry fee. This could deter some people from entering. Martyn agreed to draft some amendments to allow for payment by bank transfer to the CWA account. CWAA was also willing to pay the university finance deduction of 20p per person up front for the maximum possible number of entries. Adam would talk to his colleagues and the university to see if an alternative method of payment could be arranged.

7.6 Shipston had been booked for the 2025 Outdoor Championships on 8th June 2025, as this was the only date available. Andrew Stanford was booked to judge.

Concern was raised that this had been booked when two clubs had indicated interest in hosting the event, and there had been no discussion with the committee. This would be raised at the next meeting.

8. Summer League Report

8.1 Martyn reported that five scores had been returned for the first round and one for the Second.

9. Team Managers Report

9.1 Peter had submitted a written report which is attached as attachment B.

10. County Coaching Organisers Report

10.1 No report received.

11. Records Officer Report

- 11.1 Nick had submitted a written report that twelve records had been claimed during the quarter. There were five new records and seven improved records. These came from four different clubs.

12. Webmasters report

- 12.1 Wendy reported that Wordpress had been updated to 6.6. There had been several updates to plug-ins that extend the functionality of the site. Changes were made to the structure of the site to improve accessibility and remove some duplication.
- 12.2 There had been the usual attempts to login into the site. This was usually an attempt to use the site resources as part of a botnet – a series of systems that are used by bad actors to launch malware.
- 12.3 Wendy would talk to the site hosts regarding a change of email system as some issues were being experienced by certain members of the committee when trying to use Roundcube.

13. West Midlands representatives Report

- 13.1 Martyn reported that the last meeting of WMAS had involved discussion of the 2024 inter-counties competition which would incorporate a match with EMAS. A sub-committee had been set up to finalise the arrangements.
- 13.2 A meeting had been arranged to discuss the WMAS constitution, but this had been postponed due to the chair being unable to attend.

14. Safeguarding Officers Report

- 14.1 Wendy had attended a UK Coaching course as part of their offering for Welfare officers, “Time to listen” on 10 July 2024. The session attendees were all archers including another county’s welfare officer.
- 14.2 No incidents had been reported.

15. Correspondence

- 15.1 Email from Arran Coggan regarding the Competition and Events Strategy. Committee members had been asked to send their comments to Alan, and two members had responded. He had used these to formulate the submission to George Wood.
- 15.2 Email from Arran Coggan to the chair and secretary regarding the changes to AGB membership. This did not contain any significant information which was not in the email sent to all members.
- 15.3 Email from Alex Owens stating that five Warwickshire clubs would be contacted by AGB as they did not currently have a safeguarding/welfare officer in post.
The clubs concerned were Andalus Archers, Nuneaton Archers, Quantum Juniors, Bowflights Archery Club and Quantum Archers. Alan would contact the five clubs concerned.

Meeting ended 9:00 pm.

Next meeting to be held online on 28th October 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____

July RDO Report

Start Archery Week

Thank you to all those involved in Start Archery Week this year. The Midlands collectively hosted 42 events. Thousands of people will have come into the sport this way, and working together is a great way to capture the general public's attention, as well as the Media.

This has become a really important regular beacon for the sport, and I would encourage everyone to keep mid May clear in diaries again next year, and make the most of the support available for organisations planning Open events in this 9 day period.

Aim For Paris

With it being Olympic/ Paralympic year, the support continues all summer: Aim for Paris!

A wide variety of 'Aim For Paris' events have been going well so far – all are invited to consider making the most of the Games Summer by running Olympic/ Paralympic-themed events. Full details are here: <https://archerygb.org/paris-2024/paris-2024-hosting-an-aim-for-paris-event>

Clubs can register events through the CMS (please list as 'Public'). Those who are not clubs can also register through an online form. All receive a support pack. Share feedback/photos #aimforparis

Coach Support

I've been heavily involved in supporting coaching and coach development in general, working with the Midlands team of CCOs and RCOs. There is a new Head of Learning and Development now in role: Ryan Grewcock who is looking to bring helpful support in this area. The Midlands CCO/RCO team had chance to meet him this week at the latest quarterly team meeting.

Many people across the Midlands are in coach training at present – it is always most busy over the summer period. There are multiple modules available at this time of year.

This is such a vital area of the development of the sport, it would be good to prioritise support and finances for supporting coaching, for example checking Coach Bursaries are set at appropriate levels and well promoted.

Please could Counties add support to clubs by encouraging them to send completed Club Coaching Plans to their CCO and RDO. A template plan is attached.

Workshop venues

I have been trying to ask if there are any other venues that it might be suitable to use, to host workshops or coaching modules. Please let me know of any fully accessible venues.

Competitions

There was a positive meeting with Midlands County TOs, Records Officers, Results managers recently. They decided there was benefit in sharing knowledge and support regularly – so there will be opportunities twice a year: once before indoor, and once before the outdoor season.

CWAA TEAM MANAGERS REPORT Q2.2024

Not an awful lot going on in the way of County matches now that we are fully into the outdoor season, however we did enter 4 Recurve teams (of 2) and 1 Barebow team into the Outdoor Inter-Counties Mixed Teams (inc. Head to Heads) Competition hosted by Deer Park on Sun 9th June.

Edward Gray & Emelia Hughes were unlucky in the Gold medal match narrowly losing to Oxfordshire in a shoot-off, which went down to a 'nearest to the centre' call.

Squad: Edward Gray, Emelia Hughes, David Bosmans, Euan Keith, Russell Sams, Kathryn Taylor, Jennifer Shaikh, Justyna Urbanska, Georgia Georgiou, Ben Thompson (absent through illness)

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- Two of our Warwickshire Juniors from Meriden represented GB at the European Youth Championships in Romania in July, however neither were able to cope with the 40 degree heat, and on this occasion came away empty handed.
 - At the European Senior Championships in Germany in May, Kai Thomas-Prause finished in 17th place and Tom Hall in 57th place.
 - Tom Hall will be heading to his 2nd Olympic Games in Paris later this month after GB Men secured a place at the final selection event of the season.
 - At this year's JNOC's we had 9 Juniors from 3 Clubs on Day 1, however only 3 of the 9 on day 2 - which is the National Championships day - which was somewhat disappointing, however it did clash with the CWAA Championships of which 3 of the 9 Juniors attended. Congratulations to Ollie Sharpe (Meriden) who became the U'18RW Champion, and with the score tied it came down to the number of Golds. Assya & Talha Ajraou both came away with Silver medals in their respective Barebow categories.

2024 County Competitions and Entries ...

- The **WMAS Inter County matches** (Junior & Senior) will be hosted by Shropshire this year, and its now been agreed that it will be combined with the WMAS v EMAS Regional Match and will take place on Sun 22nd Sept at Lilleshall.
 - Information on how CWAA archers can take part has been communicated via the CWAA Secretary and the information has also been uploaded on to the CWAA Website
 - It's not a given to represent the County, and there is a criteria that Juniors need to submit their best 2 scores (achieved from 1st April 2024 to 1st September 2024) in order to be considered for the team. I will not deviate from this.
- The **National County Team Competition** (Senior only) will be at Lilleshall on Sat 28th & Sun 29th Sept.
 - Following the disappointment of last year we have secured both male and female teams in all 4 categories - Barebow, Recurve, Compound and Longbow.
 - Information on how CWAA archers can take part has been communicated via the CWAA Secretary and the information has also been uploaded on to the CWAA Website
 - It's not a given to represent the County, and there is a criteria that Juniors need to submit their best 3 scores (achieved from 1st April 2024 to 1st September 2024) in order to be considered for the team.

- The uptake for both Compound Men & Women and Longbow Men & Women is normally pretty poor, however we do want to give everyone in the County an opportunity to take part in this event.
- I have communicated (through the channels, and also by direct emails) that if archers fall into one of the above categories and plan to participate in this event they need to send me an email of your 'intention to take part' no later than 31st July.
- To date, we have enough interest for a CM & CW team but alas only 1 LM has put his name forward. A week to go before I need to make the change, however it seems likely that I will transfer the LM & LW team entries to second teams in the Recurve category.