

County of Warwick Archery Association Executive Committee Meeting

Held on 29th April 2024

The Saracen's Head, Balsall Common

Start Time 7:03 pm

Present: Derek Kelly, Martyn Ellis, Alan Smith, Brian Tustin, Nick Mitchell, Peter Hughes, Roger Wyton, Gordon Jones.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Redding, Wendy Baird, David Beeton, Helen Smedley (Regional Development Officer).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting 29.01.24

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

3. Matters Arising from 2 above

3.1 The form for archers to apply for grants for international events was now available on the website.

4. Regional Development Officer

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

5. Treasurers report/Grants

5.1 Roger presented the receipts and payments account for the last quarter and the account for the 2024 Indoor Championships.

5.2 As usual, the bulk of the income for the period related to affiliation fees (£885) and we also received £144 in entry fees for the Indoor Championships to add to those already received in the 2023 financial year. On the expenditure side, £350 was paid over to WMAS for their share of the affiliation fees received. The expenditure incurred on the 2024 Indoor championships amounted to £1,259 which included £1,035 paid over to UWAC as their net share of the entry fee income after the deduction of expenses incurred by the CWAA. £1,200 was paid to AGB for entry fees to the 2024 National Team championships and £813 spent on County Team shirts. The value of any shirts remaining at year end from this purchase will be transferred to the balance sheet as stock in hand.

5.3 A new trophy was purchased for the Summer Postal League in respect of unsighted bows, at a cost of £115, including the initial engraving, and the Presidents Trophy was updated with the details of the last six years winners at a further cost of £30.

5.4 £400 was paid out in Individual Archer financial assistance grants.

5.5 The 2024 CWAA Indoor Championships Account included the cost of the medals awarded at the championships.

5.6 As interest has been on the rise and interest received on the CWAA's deposit account with HSBC is better than it has been for some years Roger proposed to transfer £10,000 from our current account in order to increase the income from this source. This would still leave us approx. £16,000 in the current account which based on current expenditure expectations would be more than enough and indeed we might be able to transfer further monies to the deposit account later in the year. This was agreed.

6. Membership Secretary Report

6.1 All AGB registered clubs in Warwickshire are now affiliated to WMAS & CWAA apart from West Midlands EMS Archers, who have not affiliated any members to AGB.

6.2 Membership as of 31 March 2024 are:

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| AGB showing | Seniors 841 | Juniors 127 | Total 968 |
| CWAA showing | Seniors 830 | Juniors 127 | Total 957 |

This meant that we were waiting for affiliation fees from 11 members, one of which was an AGB direct member who had ignored repeated payment requests. AGB had been contacted to see if they could encourage payment from him.

The other 10 were not a problem and should clear next month.

7. CWAA Tournaments

7.1 Entries for the Outdoor Championships were low and the entry forms would be resent to all county clubs.

Barebow trophies would cost £80 per shield.

7.2 Robert Southern at Princethorpe College had contacted the county as he thought that they may be able to host the county clout. He would talk to the land owner.

7.3 Martyn reported that having looked at Sunset and March Hare, they were not suitable for a record status field shoot. The county Field Championships would therefore be held at Merlin in mid-October.

7.4 Martyn would visit March Hare to see if it would be suitable to host a training session. Consideration would also be given to a training session at RLSAS covering both clout and field.

7.5 The sports hall (zone D) at the university of Warwick had been provisionally booked for the CWAA Indoor Championships on Saturday 25th January 2025, as no Sunday dates were available that month. The hire cost was £957 as the University archery club could obtain a 30% discount. Warwick Uni would also expect something for hosting. It was agreed that the county offer the university archery club £1100 and they meet the hire cost of the hall. Peter would contact Sam with this offer and report back.

7.6 Two clubs, Shipston and Meriden, had expressed interest in hosting the 2025 county outdoor championships.

7.7 Discussion took place concerning how awards were made at different tournaments with respect to open and county awards.

8. Summer League Report

8.1 Martyn reported that seven clubs had entered the summer postal league. All seven had entered a senior team, three senior unsighted, and two junior.

9. Team Managers Report

9.1 Warwickshire entered both Junior & Senior teams into the first Indoor County Team Championships which was hosted by Gloucestershire at Hartpury Sports College on 9th March 2024. Five counties took part in this inaugural event - Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire. The format was a 'mixed team' of 3 archers. For the juniors, even though we had 9 archers in total we were only able to field teams in the Barebow and Recurve categories. Both the recurve and barebow teams came 3rd, and in the overall team award we also finished with bronze.

Junior Squad: Edward Gray, Tin Leung, Wai Leung, Javanya Mudha-Jones, Assya Ajraou, Talha Ajraou, Adriana Jones, Rebecca Gillett-Smith, Elizabeth Gillett-Smith

For the seniors, the county was placed, Barebow 2nd; Compound 4th; Longbow 3rd, Recurve 3rd, Overall 3rd place.

Senior Squad: Kyron Bradley, Jennifer Shaikh, Christopher Sutton, Chris Guerin, Verity Richards, Carl Richards, Tom Horton, Phillip Short, Emily Williams, Wills Chiu, Kathryn Taylor, Emelia Hughes, Ben Thompson, Georgia Georgiou, Justyna Urbanska, Ryan Zhou, Dimitrii Suchkov

- 9.2 Two Warwickshire juniors represented GB at the European Youth Cup in Bulgaria in April. Edward Gray taking silver in the RU18M team event and Emelia Hughes also taking silver in the RU21W individual competition.
Kai Thomas-Prowse (CM) was selected for the first World Cup event of the season in Shanghai, and would also be representing GB at the European Championships in Germany in May.
The county would be entering four recurve teams (of 2) and one barebow team at the Outdoor Inter-Counties Mixed Teams inc. Head to Heads hosted by Deer Park on Sunday 9th June.
- 9.3 Additional county shirts were ordered for the Indoor event in March. Approximately forty archers now have the new style shooting shirt.
- 9.4 The county bars and ribbons for 2023 which were not collected at the AGM had now been given out.
- 9.5 All surplus trophies/shields had been handed back to Derek at the AGM, and the signing book would follow.
- 9.6 The National County Team Competition (senior only) would be held at Lilleshall on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September. Places had been secured for both male and female teams in all four bow categories. There was an option to convert the longbow entry to a second recurve team if sufficient longbow archers did not come forward.
Information on how CWAA archers could take part would be communicated in June/July.
The WMAS Iner County matches (junior and senior) would be hosted this year by Shropshire. Whilst no date had been confirmed the region were looking at combining this event with the WMAS v EMAS match to be held at Lilleshall on 22nd September.

10. County Coaching Organisers Report

- 10.1 In his absence Dave had submitted a written report.
Several Coach renewals completed and information on the Development Coach course supplied to one enquiry.

11. Records Officer Report

- 11.1 Nick reported that seven records had been claimed all of which were for barebow and five of which were for imperial rounds. The records came from three clubs, Rugby (4), Stratford (2) and Meriden (1).

12. Webmasters report

- 12.1 Wendy submitted a written report.
There have been the usual attempts to log into our Wordpress website and I am pleased to say that the Wordpress plugin Wordfence that we have installed continues to offer protection, even though we have the "free" version installed.
Our version of Wordpress has been upgraded to the current release (6.5.2 as of 27th April). As most of you will know it is important to keep software up to date with the most recent versions frequently fixing vulnerabilities to hacking.
Peter: Please can I have results from the Intercounty Indoor Shoot for display on the website. Thanks for the picture!
One request: please do not use the CWAA hosting to distribute non-CWAA messages. We do have a limit on the number of messages that can be distributed through our hosting

company and it is easy to reach this limit if large mailings are sent out. Reaching our limit may impact the everyday email traffic of CWAA users. More details can be provided if required.

13. West Midlands representatives Report

- 13.1 The WMAS AGM had been held on 23rd March.
Sharon Medhurst had been appointed as president and Paul Clay as vice president.
Mark Baggott was the new treasurer.
- 13.2 A new website was being developed for the region by Saskia Bakker.

14. Safeguarding Officers Report

- 14.1 Wendy submitted a written report
I will be updating my UK Coaching Safeguarding and protecting children training on 8th May as part of my coaching licence. I have registered for the UK Coaching “Time to listen” course on 10th July so that I have a better understanding of the role of the Club Welfare Officer.
I would ask if the role of Safeguarding Officer role should, in fact, be renamed as County Welfare Officer – perhaps Helen could comment on this as it seems that the “traditional” Safeguarding Officer at Club level has now been renamed. However, I notice that some clubs are still using the “Safeguarding” title and wonder if these roles should be renamed at the club’s next AGM.
In another role, I recently attended a safeguarding course for a local University. There was some interesting information in the course that covered PREVENT training. The Government website describes PREVENT as follows “Prevent sits alongside long-established safeguarding duties on professionals to protect people from a range of other harms such as substance abuse, involvement in gangs and physical and sexual exploitation”. This is described as a “duty” (as is safeguarding). The material presented in this course was based on the work of police in Coventry . The material came as a bit of a surprise to me as it was not the expected anti-radicalisation material. I wondered if this would be of interest to clubs and members. I’m happy to organise this if CWAA thought it appropriate. More information is available at <https://www.support-people-susceptible-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/>
- 14.2 I have received no reports since I was appointed and hope that this may continue.

15. Any Other Business

- 15.1 Gordon raised the issue of votes taken between meetings. It was proposed that anyone not replying within seven days be recorded as having abstained. This was agreed.
- 15.2 The changes to fee collection being considered by ArcheryGB was discussed. There could be issues around how junior fees were paid. If they bring forward proposals an EGM would be required.
- 15.3 Brian had raised with ArcheryGB the issue of gender and whether there should be a question on this on membership forms , but they had been unable to give an answer as to which they shoot as. There was also nothing concerning this available from World Archery.

Meeting ended 8:29 pm.

Next meeting to be held online on 22nd July 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman_____

Date_____

RDO Report- County of Warwick meeting 29 April

National Start Archery Week begins this Saturday!

How can the County support this high national opportunity to raise the profile of the sport?

Start Archery Week is right around the corner and there are lots of Warwickshire events registered, mainly through the hard work Jamila is heading up in the Birmingham area:

- Ackers Adventure
- Andalus Archers
- Bordesley Green Girls' School
- Crescent Archers
- Crescent Archers & Muslim Scout Fellowship
- Small Heath Academy
- Yardleys School

Jamila would really appreciate support on some of these events, particularly at Star City on Saturday 11 May, and the event at Ackers Adventure on Saturday 4 May. Any coaches able to help at either of these events for a couple of hours, please email Jamila.bi@archerygb.org asap

Coach Training

There are a number of the required Development Coach training modules available this summer:

- 30 May Role of the Development Coach
- 6 & 13 June Developing the Archery in front of you
- 20 & 27 June Empowering Archery Part 2 (must complete Part 1 first)
- 28 July Recurve Selection, Set up and Tuning
- 21 September Compound Selection, Set up and Tuning

Venues

I'm looking for help hosting more workshops or modules in Warwickshire – this is often a limiting factor in supporting local archers train. Please let me know if you know of somewhere suitable:

- To be available all day (typically 8.30am – 5pm)
- Be fully accessible for all abilities, including refreshment areas and toilets
- Have a short/ beginner archery range available and some bows and arrows (for most modules but not all)
- Have some tables and chairs the participants could use (typically 8 people) plus the Coach Developer
- Have car parking available for around 9 cars
- Be within a budget! Looking for around £210 for the day, but a little flexible depending on how many people are on the course

Run Archery

There are now more and more people interested in trying Run Archery from the running community. Run Archery offers another way of diversifying archery to appeal to wider group of people. We are looking to respond to this demand, by offering 'Have a Go at Run Archery' opportunities around the Midlands, roughly one in every County.

Competitions of Run Archery look a little like this: https://youtu.be/UgS6bDCyr_s?feature=shared

A 'Have a Go' Run Archery event is a fun, scaled-down and simplified version of the full Run Archery competitions, so that new people could give it a try. Please contact me if your club could offer a simple have a go this summer – and there is support/ advice/ equipment available to help clubs who have not organised one before.

Connecting the West Midlands

The last Connecting the West Midlands meet up was the Introduction to VI Archery workshop day on 20 April. It was run by British Blind Sport archery section, and has received some really good feedback, and was well-attended by local coaches.

The next meet up will be Saturday 14 September (venue to be confirmed) and part of the day will include an Autism Awareness workshop, delivered by a session trainer from 'Autism West Midlands'.