

COUNTY of WARWICK ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at

Meriden Village Hall, 210 Main Road, Meriden CV7 7NG

on **21st March 2023 at 6.30 pm**

Present: Alan Smith, Alan Maskell, Derek Smith, Wendy Baird, Mary Kelly, Dave Redding, Derek Kelly, Gordon Jones, Brian Tustin, Martyn Ellis, Nick Mitchell, Roger Wyton, Mark Wydall, Adriana Jones, Georgia Georgiou, John Taylor, Emily Williams, Chris Sutton, Keith Knight, Nuha Maryam, Gabriel Ho, Rachel Ho, Tin Leung, Wai Leung, Janet Corrin, Peter Minshaw.

(Clubs represented: Meriden, Sutton Coldfield, Quantum, Coventry, RLSAS, Stratford)

1. Apologies For Absence

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Helen Smedley, Regional Development Officer.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting (05.04.22)

2.1 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th April 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. Amendments to the Constitution

4.1 The following amendments to the constitution were proposed by Nick Mitchell, seconded by Martyn Ellis and agreed. The amendments are shown in red.

11.1 "All correspondence including notice of all General Meetings shall be issued **either** to County Club Secretaries and to any members of the Association who are Direct Members of G.N.A.S., but are not members of a CWAA club, **or directly to all members of the Association.**"

11.2 "**Where issued to** Club Secretaries, **they** shall be considered responsible for ensuring that all such correspondence is issued to all members of their club, who are members of the Association, including Direct and Club Members of GNAS.

4.2 It was requested that where correspondence is sent direct to members that the club secretaries be informed that this had taken place. The county secretary agreed that he would ensure secretaries were aware of any correspondence.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Derek Kelly opened his report by thanking the committee members for their work on behalf of the county throughout the last twelve months.

5.2 He then went on to comment on the County's objectives as stated in the constitution.

The promotion and organisation of archery within the county.

Derek stated that this was achieved through the efforts of our members and coaches in clubs throughout the county. He thanked them for their work in running have-a-go sessions, taster sessions and beginners courses to bring people into our sport. He also acknowledged the continuing work of coaches and volunteers who work with members to improve their archery and keep them interested.

He thanked Brian for his continuing work as County Membership Secretary, keeping track of us all and making sure we were doing the right paperwork.

To organise County Championships and to organise Regional or National Tournaments.

Outdoor and Field championships had been held in 2022. Derek thanked everyone who had helped to make them a success and would say more in the Tournament Organiser's report. The county were not responsible for organising any regional or national tournaments during 2022. No team manager was appointed at the 2022 AGM. In May 2022 Peter Hughes volunteered to take on the role of both senior and junior team manager. Derek thanked him for volunteering and for the good work he had done since then and hoped that he would stand and be formally accepted for the coming year.

To encourage and assist coaching within the County.

Dave Redding, the County Coaching Officer, had once again organised a number of coaching events open to all members of the county. Derek would leave Dave to provide the details in his report, but thanked him for his efforts on members behalf.

- 5.3 Derek concluded his report by thanking all members of the County who had helped the CWAA in any way to achieve its objectives. In particular he thanked Nick Mitchell for his work as Records Officer and Mary Kelly as Safeguarding Officer as both were standing down from the committee at this meeting. Derek also stated that he would be standing down as Chairman and Tournament Organiser.

He asked everyone present to consider standing for a committee post. He said it was not an onerous task, consisting of four meetings a year via a video conferencing system. A number of committee members had been in post for a lot of years which provided the county with a plethora of knowledge and experience, but new and young people were needed, with energy and ideas to help us into the future.

6. Treasurer's Report

- 6.1 Roger Wyton presented, and explained, the receipts and payments, and trading accounts, together with a balance sheet for the year ending 31st December 2022.
- 6.2 The receipts and payments account showed that there was income of £11,358 and expenditure of £7,648 resulting in a surplus of £3,710 for the year and the major items of income and expenditure contributing to this surplus were itemised as follows.
- £9575 in affiliation fees were received which was offset by £2,801 paid over to WMAS in respect of fees collected on their behalf. £435 was incurred on National Team Championships entry fees, in addition, £644 was spent on County Team polo shirts. £300 was awarded in grants to individual archers attending international tournaments. £1,080 was spent on coaching courses and coaching. Donations of £350 were made, being £100 to Shipston AC in recognition of the help that they gave in staging the 2022 Outdoor Championships and £250 to the Ukrainian National Archery Team. Outdoor Championships entry fees amounted to £360 with expenditure of £417 and Field Championships entry fees amounted to £406 with expenditure of £335. Trophy engraving and cleaning costs and administration expenses amounted to £189 and £167 respectively.
- The 2022 Indoor Championships were cancelled due to an increase in the incidence of the Coronavirus. £530 in entry fees were received and subsequently refunded and the venue hire charge of £444 which had been paid in advance was refunded to the CWAA.
- Advance payments of £375 relating to the record status fee and venue hire were spent on the 2023 Indoor Championships. The £25 record status fee for the 2023 Outdoor Championships was also paid. A total of £400 was transferred to the Balance Sheet as prepayments as they were more properly accounted for in the 2023 accounts.
- 6.3 The trading account essentially was the receipts and payments account adjusted for such items as a) income and expenditure relating to either the previous or next financial years b) any items purchased and put into stock and c) badges and medals consumed from stock during the year on CWAA Championships or the County Team. For 2022 such adjustments decreased the receipts and payments surplus to £3,423.

- 6.4 The balance sheet showed that at 31st December 2022 the CWAA had bank reserves of £31,974 and stock in hand of £7,344. Current liabilities amounted to £5 being HSBC bank charges for December 2022 which were debited to the bank account in January 2023 and prepayments amounted to £400. The net book value of the CWAA trophies etc stood at £4,396 and total assets amounted to £44,108. Of the bank reserves, £2,179 was effectively ring fenced for coaching activities with the remainder available to finance general expenditure. At the 31st December 2021, £8,524 had also been ring fenced to provide finance for Coronavirus Club Grants but due to the lack of demand it was decided during the year to return this sum to the sum available to finance general expenditure.
- 6.5 The account shows that the Outdoor Championships made a small deficit of £57 before taking into account the medals awarded at the championships. When the cost of these is added in there was a net loss of £165.
- The account also showed that the Field Championships made a surplus of £71 before taking into account the medals awarded at the championships. When the cost of these was added in there was a net loss of £32. Therefore in general terms the shoot more or less broke even.
- 6.6 Roger asked for members to come forward with any ideas for grant schemes.
- 6.7 Roger thanked Keith Knight and John Taylor for their work in auditing the accounts.
- 6.8 It was proposed by Brian Tustin, seconded by Derek Smith and agreed that the accounts be adopted.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

- 7.1 Brian Tustin reported that for the 2021/22 membership year, ending on 30th September 2022, nineteen archery clubs registered with AGB and paid their CWAA and WMAS affiliations. One club registered late in the year with AGB but did not pay affiliations until 2023 membership year. Two clubs did not register with AGB and both were now closed, Hollybush Field Archers and Warwickshire Archery Society.
- There were 927 seniors and 150 juniors, giving a total of 1077 membership affiliations.
- The CWAA affiliation fees remained at £10 for seniors, £5 for juniors and £100 for a university club.
- 7.2 For the 2022/23 membership year, up to 28th February 2023, twenty-one archery clubs had registered with AGB, including two new clubs, Crescent Archers and West Midlands Emergency Services Archers (this club had not yet registered any archers in AGB).
- All clubs had paid or were in the process of paying their affiliations for CWAA and WMAS.
- AGB had been asked to suspend one direct member for non-payment and were in the process of doing so.
- There were 814 seniors and 132 juniors, giving a total of 946, which was an increase of 50 for the same time last year.

8. County Records Officer's Report

- 8.1 Nick Mitchell reported that there were fifty-seven records ratified by the committee during 2022, which was a big increase on the eighteen for 2021 and starting to return to normal levels.
- 8.2 In total fourteen archers had claimed records, seven seniors and seven juniors. All the records came from just four clubs, Meriden, Stratford, Nuneaton and Bowflights.

9. County Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 Peter Hughes reported that county matches and representation seemed to have taken a back seat over recent years and was certainly not helped with Covid in 2020/21, that said the county was able to field teams at several events.
- 9.2 At the junior Inter Counties match at Audco on 24th September 2022 the county fielded a team of ten archers from three clubs. Nine of these were representing the county for the first time. In a

competition which the county had not won for a number of years the Warwickshire team were crowned West Midlands Junior Champions.

An additional match had been secured for 2023 against Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, which would take place on 7th May at Wyre Forest

Selection for 2023 would be based on archers submitting scores from WRS/UKRS competitions they had attended.

9.3 Two senior matches had taken place in 2022.

At the National County Team Competition held at Lilleshall on 24th September the county was represented by a very small squad of eight archers, comprising a team each of recurve men and women and two individuals in the barebow class. The county won gold in the recurve mixed team and silver in overall recurve. Peter stated that considering the number of archers in the county it was extremely disappointing that we could not field either a male or female compound team.

At the West Midlands Inter Counties match at Lilleshall on 2nd October 2022 the county was represented by a squad of twelve archers. Despite winning overall barebow and recurve classes, the county finished up as overall runners due to not fielding any compound or longbow archers.

The senior Tri-County match versus Lancashire and Cheshire had not taken place for several years and had now been cancelled for 2023. Warwickshire are due to host the match in 2024.

9.4 Peter reported that twenty-eight archers had represented the county in 2022.

Several Warwickshire archers had also made international appearances. Tom Hall, Monty Orton, Edward Gray, Emelia Hughes, Emily Williams and Carl Richards all represented GB, Rebecca Tipping and Emma Davis Northern Ireland and Terri-Ann Firth England.

10. County Tournament Organiser's Report

10.1 Derek Kelly reported that the 2022 indoor championships had been arranged for 30th January.

However, due to rising numbers of Covid infections causing concern amongst the organisers judges and committee, and illness in the organiser's family, the decision was taken to cancel the championship.

10.2 The clout championship did not take place because Bowflights were no longer in a position to organise the event, and Derek was unable to do so in their place.

10.3 The field championship took place on 16th October at Merlin Archery with a national record being claimed. This was a good day and Derek thanked Martyn Ellis for organising this on behalf of the county.

10.4 The outdoor championships took place on 3rd July at Shipston-on-Stour. Twenty-five archers took part of whom twenty-three were from the county. Although the date clashed with another junior event, eleven of the entrants were juniors. It was a small field but a good day and Derek thanked Dave Beeton and the members of Shipston Archers for hosting the event for the county.

Martyn Ellis suggested that archers be asked why they did not participate. Is it because of lack of interest or that the competition was not providing what they required. Planning of tournament dates was also complicated by AGB varying their tournament dates.

10.5 Derek stated that he would organise the outdoor championships before standing down as tournament organiser.

11. County Coaching Officer's Report

11.1 Dave Redding reported that three coaching seminars had been held during 2022 at Meriden Village Hall for archers and coaches.

The events were:

Shooting with the longbow by Pip Bickerstaffe on 12th March attended by twenty archers/coaches

Compound setup by Andy Rikunenko on 9th April attended by twenty-one archers/coaches

Using performance psychology by Elliot Sharp on 15th October attended by twenty-eight archers/coaches.

11.2 Eight coaching licences had been renewed and several coaching grants paid out. There were twenty-seven level one/ session coaches, eleven level two coaches, seven county coaches and one senior coach within the county.

12. Election of Officers

12.1 Despite three member of the committee signalling their intention to step down, no nominations were received for these posts and the individuals agreed to stand for another year.

Martyn Ellis reminded members of the AGB structure review and the need for a complete county committee. He encouraged members to get involved and ensure that they responded to surveys.

		<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
President	Martyn Ellis	Brian Tustin	Emily Williams
Chair	Derek Kelly	Martyn Ellis	Derek Smith
Vice-Chair	Vacant		
Secretary	Alan Smith	Nick Mitchell	Emily Williams
Treasurer	Roger Wyton	Derek Kelly	Peter Hughes
Records Officer	Nick Mitchell	Martyn Ellis	Alan Maskell
Team Manager	Peter Hughes	Alan Maskell	Nick Mitchell
Tournament Organiser	Derek Kelly	Martyn Ellis	Roger Wyton
Membership Secretary	Brian Tustin	Peter Hughes	Alan Maskell
Safeguarding Officer	Mary Kelly	John Taylor	Martyn Ellis
Webmaster	Wendy Baird	Mary Kelly	Nick Mitchell
County Coaching Officer	Dave Redding	John Taylor	Peter Hughes
Committee Member	Gordon Jones	Ryan Hackett	Keith Wixon
Committee Member	Dave Beeton	Philip Sherer	Rosie Stewart

13. Appointment of Auditors

13.1 It was proposed by Roger Wyton, seconded by Alan Smith and agreed that Keith Knight and John Taylor be appointed as auditors.

14. County Badge, Medal and Year Bar Awards

14.1 County medals and year bars were awarded to the archers who had represented the county in 2019, 2021 and 2022.

15. Complete Archer Awards

15.1 The complete archer award was made to the archer in each class who had competed in the four county championships and the Meriden Rose Bowl. The winners for 2022 were:

Ladies recurve	Georgia Georgiou	RLSAS
Mens recurve	Miles Angus	RLSAS
Ladies compound	No award made	
Mens Compound	Carl Richards	Meriden AC

15.2 A question was raised regarding barebow, as this was becoming more popular. This would be looked at by the committee, both for this and all other competitions.

16. CWAA Summer League

16.1 Martyn Ellis had organised the CWAA Summer League for 2022. This consisted of three Warwick rounds, with awards for seniors and juniors for best team made score and adjusted score. The results were:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Senior Made Score	Coventry Archers	RLSAS	Sutton Coldfield
Junior Made Score	Sutton Coldfield	Stratford Archers	
Senior Adjusted Score	Beacon Archers	RLSAS	Sutton Coldfield
Junior Adjusted Score	Sutton Coldfield	Stratford Archers	

17. Any Other Business

- 17.1 As she was unable to attend the meeting Helen Smedley had submitted a document laying out a breakdown of membership and coaches by gender, and involvement in OnTarget. This was circulated to those present and would be published on the county website with the minutes.
- 17.2 In 2022 the committee had invited each club to nominate a representative to attend committee meetings. However, under the constitution they were not allowed to vote. Consideration would be given during 2023 to amending the constitution to allow them to vote, possibly by them replacing the two current general committee member posts.
- 17.3 Alan Maskell asked if younger members could be encouraged to get involved. It was decided that this was something for individual clubs to discuss.
- 17.4 Martyn Ellis asked if anyone present had any suggestions as to how the summer league could be amended to encourage more participation, particularly by compound and barebow archers. The current format of three Warwick rounds had been chosen as it allowed them to be shot in an evening. The entry forms for 2023 would be sent out shortly and Martyn asked that any suggestions for amendments be forwarded to him.
- 17.5 A question was raised regarding a club wishing to try shooting a different type of round that could not be accommodated at their own club, i.e. field archery, and whether there was the possibility of assistance from other clubs. Emily Williams said she had organised a "not a field shoot" at Meriden for non-field archers and was willing to share the details of how it was organised with other clubs.
- 17.6 John Taylor stated that it had been an excellent meeting and that he could not recall so many members collecting certificates and medals.
- 17.7 Members were thanked for attending, as the start of last year's AGM had had to be delayed due to the meeting being inquorate. It was hoped that next year more members could be encouraged to attend. The committee would be considering the timing and format of the AGM for 2024. Any suggestions would be welcomed.
- 17.8 A vote of thanks was given to the Chair.

The meeting closed at 7:59.

Chair _____

Date _____