

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 27th April 2020 over Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Geoff Malyon	Bowmen of Birstall
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Mark Lantsbury	Welland Valley
Jayne Curnock	Secretary	Peter Fox	Bowmen of Rutland
Debbie Staps	Minutes Secretary/Kirby	Martin Dexter	Bowmen of Birstall
Carol Smith	CRO/Fosse	Mohamed Patel	LAA
Bill Ball	Bowmen of Glen	Colin Timson	Hinckley Archers
Jamie Frost	Bowmen of Glen	Laura Hutchinson	LSAC
Tom Cram	Webmaster/ Paradox	Laura Mallinson	LSAC
Yakoob Ali	Development/coaching	Chrissie Mortlock	Bowmen of Rutland
Eileen Payne	Kirby Muxloe	Quentin Mabbutt	LAOFAC
Anne Smith	The Foxes	Peter Curnock	Fosse
Mick Shaw	Lutterworth	Ash Cowie	Paradox
David Wiggins	Lutterworth	Andrew Bennison	Foxes

26 attended

The meeting was recorded on Skype for minute taking purposes, this file has now been deleted.

1. **Apologies:** Jan Damsell and Kim Copson.
2. Eddie Pemberton opened the meeting and thanked everyone for working with the new technology in these strange times.
3. Jayne Curnock read to the meeting the two financial support options that have been proposed and circulated to clubs.
Option one: Clubs apply for a grant from L&RCAA to aid with immediate expenses that they may have. The club must apply for the grant and submit financial records. The executive officers will then make a decision on the merit of the application.
Option two: All clubs in L&RCAA (except for en bloc clubs) will receive a full refund of their affiliations for the 2019/20 affiliation year.

Mark Peart gave a supporting statement for option one;

- County currently has £12,117.36 in our Barclays account and £457.07 in cash.
- Since 2013, our average balance, at the beginning of the County's financial year, has been £10,514.90.
- The County has no expected or outstanding invoices to pay.

It is my opinion that County would best serve our clubs by voting for option one and implementing a means tested grant to provide funds to the clubs that need it the most. The County simply does not have the financial ability to provide significant grants to every affiliated club and, while refunding affiliation fees may help certain clubs, it uses County money less efficiently. We must target those clubs that are at risk of liquidating back to Archery GB.

One example of how a means tested grant could be implemented is by using a club's income and expenditure over a certain time period to calculate how long that club has before it runs out of its reserve finances. This is a simple but effective method to prioritise clubs and deliver grants to those that require it the most.

We have approached EMAS for financial support, however this was declined, which was disappointing.

Jayne Curnock gave a supporting statement for option two;

This award will be equal to the amount of affiliations paid by clubs up to 1st April 2020, which totals £3416.25.

University en bloc clubs are not included in this option as they are funded differently to other clubs.

This option will ensure that all clubs will benefit financially from County, members will know that their county association is thinking of them in these challenging times.

It is up to the clubs what they do with the financial award.

This option is a benefit to all clubs and will not create division as option one may, option one is more complicated and drawn out process, procedures and processes have to be put into place before any funds can be distributed (and these will all need to be agreed by the county committee first).

Option two can be actioned quickly, clubs notify us of their club bank details and a BACS payment will be made.

This option is not means tested, all clubs whatever financial reserves they have will receive an award.

Jayne had emails from 3 clubs all supporting option two.

Members at the meeting were asked for their comments/questions on the two options:

- **What are the financial implications of both options?** The executive officers agreed a budget for option one would be £5000, option two is £3416.25. With option one the pot would be divided. Until we agree which option to proceed with we haven't started work on the next phase of creating procedures to allocate funds. The award would be means tested.
- It would be difficult to assess how much financial support clubs would need as we don't know how long this will go on for. For some clubs they have no outgoings currently, so may not want the award.
- Giving back county affiliations for this year. EMAS have said no current members will pay affiliations for 2020/21, so far AGB have not said anything about refunds. **What difference will the refunds make to clubs?** Some larger clubs could get £600, the smallest club £16. **What is the impact on county funds?** We have left enough funds in the reserves to cover our expected expenses over the coming indoor season.
- Option two supports the people who are shooting.
- Funding options can be found on LRSport for clubs.
- Option two is directly giving funds to people, keeping county strong and supporting individuals.
- **Option one, how will you make the decisions fairly?** We will write a procedure. Any decisions will need to be agreed by the county committee.
- Option two does not include en bloc clubs (universities) as they are funded differently. They pay a bloc fee to county and do not pay individually; the affiliation is also paid by the university's athletic union and not the club.
- Some clubs have applied already and received funds from Sport England. Some clubs have good financial reserves and we need a strong county to support clubs when we come out the other side. Some clubs may only ask for 50% back from county. Clubs can take this option if they wish.
- Option one would be a nightmare to create and agree the procedures, and would be divisive. If clubs only wanted 50% of the money that would be fine.
- **Could we combine the two options, if option two is agreed could we not use the extra £1300 to allocate to clubs as a third option?** Giving the meeting a third option would not give a clear vote and we would still need to come up with a procedure to allocate those funds to clubs. County are trying to do something now to support clubs, it is difficult to know what the future is going to hold for all grass roots sports. It may be that we will have to make difficult financial decisions in the coming months, all we can do is come up with a package for now.
- **If option one is agreed tonight, what would be the logistics of voting on giving funds to clubs if one of the executive's clubs applied for funds?** In reality, all of the executive officers' clubs have financial reserves, so they would not be applying. Any recommendations that the executive make would still have to be agreed by the county committee.
- With option one, clubs may not want to disclose their financial information.

Summary:

Tonight's meeting is to decide on which financial package we wish to proceed with, option one or two. If we vote for option one the executive will work on a procedure that will come back to the county committee for approval, before being sent out to clubs.

All attendees at the meeting voted;

- Option one; 4 votes
- Option two; 21 votes
- One abstention

Jayne will now email out to clubs.

Eddie thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 8.07pm

Next county meeting will once again be over Skype on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm. The skype link for the meeting will be sent out with the agenda the week before.