

## Leicestershire & Rutland County Archery Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Syston Rugby Football Club, Barkby Rd, Leicester LE7 3GD

The meeting commenced at 8.00pm

### Present:

Name	Club	Name	Club
Eddie Pemberton, Chair	Bowmen of Glen	Martin Dexter	BOB
Mark Peart, Treasurer	LSAC	Tom Cram, Webmaster	Paradox
Jayne Curnock, Secretary	Fosse Co of Archers	Steve Gill	LOAFAC
Yakoob Ali, Development		Kim Copson	BoB
Carol Smith, CRO	Fosse Co of Archers	Peter Fox	BOR
Debbie Staps, Minutes Sec	KMAC	Anne Smith	Foxes
Sarah Warner, County Capt		Colin Timson	Hinckley
		Laura Hutchinson	Loughborough

15 attended

**1. Apologies for absence:** Mohamed Patel, Mick Shaw, James Browne, Mark Lantsbery

### **2. Minutes of the Last meeting:**

Proposed: Laura Hutchinson    Second: Jayne Curnock    Agreed with 5 abstentions

### **3. Matters Arising**

- I. Fosse are unable to host the County Outdoor Champs. Glen have offered their ground however; a team would need to come in to run it at Glen and we still need a tournament organiser. We will need to confirm where it is to be held at the March county meeting and who will be tournament organiser.

### **4. Treasurers Report:** Mark Peart

- I. Not much has happened. Barclays has just short of £13.6k and £400 in the other account.

### **5. Secretary's Report:** Jayne Curnock

- I. Membership in county as of 3<sup>rd</sup> February is 1065, which is 10 less archers than the same date last year. If the committee want me to produce more detail let me know.
- II. Kirby offered to run an indoor county novice shoot in early March, it was agreed by the executive officers to go ahead as county will only be providing the medals. The entry form is on the county website please encourage your novice archers to enter.
- III. I've been given a L&RCAA newsletter from 1975 which has some interesting history of the county. From this document I have discovered that on the 8<sup>th</sup> May this year

our association will celebrate 70 years. This will coincide with the bank holiday that has been moved to celebrate the anniversary of V.E. day. If clubs were to run a competition on that day of short metric rounds, then I will collate the results, we could award prizes for the winners of the individual classes. We can make it that entry fees/donations are to be donated to charity too. Kim said when it was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the County sent out a commemorative badge to all archers. Kim will send a photo of this to Jayne. Each club could either have their own shoot and send scores in or every member of LRCAA gets a small memento. Clubs could do inter club shoots or could open shoot up to other club members. Take this back to clubs to discuss. Anne said it's a great idea to commemorate it. The date would be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**6. EMAS Report:** Carol Smith

- I. No meeting.

**7. Development Sub Committee Report:** Yakoob Ali

- II. 3<sup>rd</sup> planned senior coaching day was yesterday with good feedback. Outdoor one still planned for Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> March but will depend on the number of archers and coaches who respond. Yakoob has sent in some costings if we want to do the indoor session again. The plan would be for 16 archers and 8 coaches. Questioning how much does the county want to contribute? Have Maggie on board and have asked for 5 dates she can do. Eddie said Maggie and Yakoob have done a sterling job to get this off the ground. Pete thought the training was very good and worth doing and thanked the coaches who gave up their time. Sarah asked how would the archers be selected? Sarah said she had hoped for a senior county squad training team in line with the Jedis. Tom said if the county is going to be subsidising then the archers who are benefitting should be participating in the county. Eddie asked what Sarah thought should be in place. Sarah wanted a senior coaching team for people who hadn't quite shot the distances perhaps using lower level coaches. Yakoob argued a mixture of coaches was good as although the archer training is paramount there is also coach training happening. Sarah didn't want the purpose to be forgotten. Eddie said we need to get this off the ground and then expand out and incorporate what Sarah wants. Want to get to a point where archer demand is driving the coaching as at the moment, Yakoob is having to email and encourage archers to take part. Next season, the money would need to be paid up front by archers. Clubs could request coaches to attend club shoots for coaching. Also, there are about 52 archers who shoot for the County and the coaching is limited to 16 so not everyone would be able to attend. Sarah asked if something could be put on the coaching page of the website. There are quite a few level 1 coaches, 15 level 2 and 3 County coaches. Northants charged £35 a session. Yakoob was looking at £20-£25 per session. Juniors pay £75 for 6 sessions at EMAS. Anne said it feels like quite a lot to pay out £90 for 5

sessions when you may not be able to attend all the sessions. Steve said he felt archers should put in more money than the county. Could say a maximum of £20. Kim said could do 3 sessions for County team archers and 2 sessions for all archers who would like to progress. Is it worth coming up with a pay per session in case archers can not attend. Could offer a slight reduction if all sessions are paid for upfront. Could stage it so archers can pay half upfront and the rest later.

Proposal: Charge archers £20                      13 agreed 2 abstentions

Yakoob will sort out the dates and will email these out when he has these.

- III. Eddie said it would be good if other clubs have the availability to offer.
- IV. Lynn from EMAS is holding a regional development meeting but Yakoob can't make it is there anyone else who can go? NO

#### **8. Jedi's coaching team:**

- I. No report

#### **8. C.R.O's Report:**      Carol Smith

- I. There have been 2 claims: 1 Senior and 1 Junior.
- II. AGB have issued new records. Only going to update the sheet as and when I get new claims. Same for EMAS records.
- III. One parent has contacted me regarding the year bars which were all given out to reps at the presentation evening but they have not received them. Next year, if they are given to a club rep they will need to sign to say they have collected them on behalf of other club members who have not attended.

#### **9. Team Captain's Report:**                      Sarah Warner

- I. Nothing to report

#### **10. Junior Reps Report:**                      James Browne (Not Present)

- I. No report
- II. Eddie spoke to James yesterday as nobody knew the Jedi session had been cancelled. The coaches were only informed the evening before. The next Jedi session is in 2 weeks' time and there has been no contact at the moment. It is important we don't let the juniors down by cancelling the shoots. Carol has stepped back from the juniors. There is a lack of communication, need to send far more emails to make sure everyone is aware of upcoming shoots and reminding parents when shoots are happening and that they haven't responded. There is an expectation Jedis attend a certain number of training sessions and can be removed from the Jedi's if they fail

to. Steve from LOAFAC said many sports club are using TMO to get juniors to respond. We could ask the parents what they feel they would like.

Eddie will need to speak to James and Steve about how the juniors is going to be run and find out what is being done and whether they are happy to continue running it. Some parents have complained they are not receiving emails. James is using his Soar Valley email account. Tom is investigating a free or cheap email so we actually have an email rather than just forwarding emails.

**11. Information Officers Report:** Tom Cram

- I. Nothing to report

**12. Tournament Organisers Report:** Anne Smith

- I. Had 93 archers shooting on the day, 79 seniors and 14 juniors. 89 archers were affiliated to the county. 43 medals were awarded. The shoot raised £169.46 for the County. For the future, the Foxes sold raffle tickets for 50p so only made just over £17! Perhaps set a figure for future tickets sales. There was very little to say it was a county championship as there was only a table cloth. Handicaps that were set in the past may need to be looked at.

One piece of negative feedback received was that it was hard to park if they were attending the middle session, particularly for disabled drivers, as there were swimming lessons and football was on. Winstanley school said they would be willing to put reserved signs out. As TO the hosting went very smoothly. The county has 29 gold medals, 115 silver, 27 bronze (5 of a different bronze colour.) There are also 6 silver ash trays engraved with open double Portsmouth.

**13. Safe Guarding Officer:** Richard East

- I. No report

**14. Any Other Business:**

- a) The April meeting was agreed to be moved to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.
- b) KMAC are hosting the County novice shoot. Entry forms are on the website.
- c) KMAC raised a concern with regard to the distance's novice archers are expected to shoot. Mel was asking for more novice shoots to be organised. We are struggling to put them on. We do an indoor and outdoor novice shoot which normally take place in February and September. Yakoob said he thought the point was to encourage people to shoot and should be maybe less formal. Possibly rebrand it to make it more attractive. Nottingham are offering a number of shoots which archers have to be below second class to take part in and is something we could consider. The novice shoot used to have a number of conditions which were abandoned. Could think about perhaps reducing novice eligibility from 18 months to 12 months.
- d) Sydney Bond – Bowmen of Glen are not going to be hosting this. Sydney Bond was meant to be on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. Any other club would be able to do the hosting on Glen's ground or offer to host it themselves.
- e) Could we bring the meeting forward by half an hour to 7.30pm? Jayne will check with the club.

- f) Juniors – Steve from LOAFAC said we don't really get many and asked what is the pathway for junior development? There is a junior pathway in the County, EMAS etc which is on the website. LOAFAC would like to host juniors at the club so Steve can do some development with the juniors. Yakoob said they have many juniors but most use club kit so LOAFAC would need to invest in equipment. Take this back to clubs and ask if this is something clubs would want.
- g) We have spoken previously about wearing County shirts when not shooting for the county which some archers are still doing. We may need to change the wording and make it clearer.

Meeting closed at 21.30pm

The next meeting will be Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm