

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13th July 2020 on Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Chrissie Mortlock	Bowmen of Rutland
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Mark Lantsbury	Welland Valley
Jayne Curnock	Secretary	Peter Fox	Bowmen of Rutland
Tom Cram	Webmaster/ Paradox	Martin Dexter	Bowmen of Birstall
Richard East	Safeguarding	Quentin Mabbutt	LAOFAC
Yakoob Ali	Dev/coaching	Colin Timson	Hinckley Archers
Andrew Bennison	The Foxes	Ben Evans	LSAC
Mick Shaw	Lutterworth	Sarah Warner	County Captain
Avtar Singh	The Foxes	Steve Gill	LAOFAC

19 attended

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

1. **Apologies;** Debbie Staps and Carol Smith.
2. Jayne Curnock opened the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - a) There was an error in the minutes from the last meeting. Jayne had incorrectly noted a clash of shoot dates in September, this is now irrelevant as AGB have cancelled all National tournaments being held at Lilleshall.
 - b) There is a proposal to hold an EGM on Monday the 20th July, if we decide to change the affiliation fees for 2020/21.

The options are: **1.** to suspend affiliation fees until such time that the county committee agree that the business of the county can resume as normal. **2.** To suspend the affiliation fees for the whole of 2020/21 season.

If we temporarily suspend the fees this means we will have financial scope to restart coaching activities, county matches etc. The county committee would then need to decide whether to hold another EGM to implement part year fees for 2020/21. Quarterly account figures for last year are summarised below, which also show affiliation fees for the previous year that hadn't been paid to EMAS.

Oct. 2018 - Dec. 2018: income: £4,980.25. Expenditure: £6,455.45 including £702.50 of 2017/2018 EMAS affiliations.

Jan. 2019 - Mar. 2019: income: £4,908.21. Expenditure: £10,133.27 including £3,956.15 of 2017/2018 EMAS affiliations.

Apr. 2019 - Jun. 2019: income: £2,459.26. Expenditure: £3,901.79.

Jul. 2019 - Sept. 2019: income: £1,968.05. Expenditure: £1,708.40.

Current balance in the Barclays account £8712.36. There have been no outgoings for county since lockdown began, the Senior and JeDiS coaching have been suspended, until we know what indoor shooting will look like it is difficult to know what we will be able to run over the indoor season and what expenses the county will have.

Clubs are concerned that indoor shooting with any restrictions will not be financially viable.

There was a discussion about the Executive officers putting forward these two proposals instead of it going to the whole committee first. The current situation is very fast moving and with the AGB renewal time fast approaching the Executive officers agreed that we needed to act quickly, to be able to get the EGM in place in time for clubs to then have the information for renewals. The county committee is there to discuss all options on the table and to reject them if they wish. We are in unprecedented times, having to make decisions in county that no one thought we would ever have to make.

A suggestion was put forward about people who are living in the Leicester lockdown zone and them having reduced fees. The proposals we have in place are for 2020/21, not for this year. How would you manage this if we did it, by club, or by house, it would be very difficult to manage. We would not look to reinstate fees (for 20/21) if any form of lockdown/restriction were still in place for archery.

The meeting agreed that the proposal for affiliations for 2020/21 is to suspend the fees until such a time that the county committee agree to pro rata the fees. The EGM will take place next Monday (20th July) on skype, Jayne will send out the agenda and information straight after this meeting.

4. **Treasurers report.**

Summary of the county accounts, £8712.36 in the Barclays account, £457.07 in cash.

5. **Secretary's report.**

I've been sending out information to clubs when I have received it from AGB, information is changing all the time, so clubs please also keep an eye on the AGB website. They have today launched a support package for clubs that shoot outdoors at schools, this can be found on their news page. <https://www.archerygb.org/archery-gb-launches-support-pack-for-clubs-that-use-school-facilities/>

Thanks to all the clubs that replied about their return to shooting, or lack of it. This was reported back to AGB.

With the current situation AGB are holding online meetings with county secretaries, this has been very constructive as they are hearing first hand from counties and clubs of the issues they are facing. Currently 37% of clubs nationally have restarted shooting, reporting that 50% of their membership are shooting.

I attended the online AGM of AGB on Saturday. They have not yet confirmed the membership fees for 2020/21, this will be announced by the 31st July. I will share this information as soon as I get it.

6. **Development and coaching report.**

Clubs can now run beginner's courses outdoors. Not many clubs in county are going to, concern about coaching safely at 2m distance. Bowmen of Glen are planning to run one, offered to help other clubs if they need it. Eddie summarised what procedures BoG will be following for their course, as per AGB guidelines. They will also run a follow-up improver's sessions afterwards to support their new members. Coaches need to learn how to coach a new archer from 2 metres away, new challenges for us all adapting to the new environment.

7. **EMAS report.** The only thing we know is that EMAS have cancelled both the Senior and Junior Intercounty competitions for this year. They are going to roll the Record Status over to next year.

8. **Records Officer.** Nothing to report.

9. **County Captain.** Not a lot to report as everything has been cancelled, including the National inter-counties. Sarah is going to email out to everyone to say this season is cancelled. With the county champs due to be run in September at Glen there was discussion that the entries would be very restricted and not economically viable for clubs.

The committee agreed that there will be no outdoor champs in 2020. It was suggested that we roll over all the county matches to next year, for hosting etc. Sarah will contact the other counties to start planning for next year.

10. **Junior Rep.** No report from James.

11. **Webmaster.** Nothing to report, Tom is putting on what he is sent. If clubs want to share when they are shooting, they should let him know and he will post the information. The EGM information will be posted on the website and the Facebook page.

12. **Safeguarding Officer.** A note regarding beginner's courses and the 2 metre social distancing restrictions; if you have a disabled archer you can get the carer to help you, by getting them to move arms etc to aid the coaches, explain to both the archer and the carer what is going to happen.

Eddie brought up the issue that has been reported in the news about mental abuse by coaches in British Gymnastics, this is unacceptable in any sport and something we should all be aware of and do our best to stop. The NSPCC close the loophole campaign was also mentioned, which is urging the government to close that loophole that currently allows coaches in a position of trust to not be prosecuted for having a sexual relationship with the athletes in their care. The link below takes you to the NSPCC website, you can help by using their website to send a letter to your MP, which has already been written by the NSPCC.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2020/2020-01-07-close-loophole-campaign/>

13. **Any other business.**

a) should we hold a committee meeting in August as so much is happening? The meeting agreed yes. Jayne also reported that she had feedback from members of the county committee saying 'can we keep doing the meetings online', as no one has to leave home to come to the meetings.

b) Eddie was watching the news there was someone who was in the Forces in the lockdown was struggling with his mental health, he was a compound archer. Eddie wondered if we could find out who he was and if we can get in touch with him.

Meeting ended at 20.45pm

EGM will be on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm.

Next county meeting will be Monday 10th August 2020 at 7.30pm.

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