

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 11th May 2020 on Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Chrissie Mortlock	Bowmen of Rutland
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	Steve Gill	LAOFAC
Tom Cram	Webmaster/ Paradox	Colin Timson	Hinckley Archers
Anne Smith	The Foxes	Laura Hutchinson	LSAC
Mick Shaw	Lutterworth		

15 attended

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

1. **Apologies;** Yakoob Ali, Kim Copson.
2. Jayne Curnock opened the meeting.

3. **Treasurers report.**

Summary of the county accounts, £8849.86 in the Barclays account and £457.07 cash in hand. So far all but two clubs have accepted the grants equal to the affiliation payments made. Bowmen of Birstall are in the process of accepting their grant and Tom thought that Paradox was not going to ask for theirs. He will clarify and let Mark know.

4. **Secretary's report.**

When the grants went out to club's we received lots of thank you and appreciation that we are thinking of clubs at this difficult time.

EMAS wanted to ensure that clubs have the EMAS Safeguarding/Vulnerable Persons Officer contact information, Helen Sharpe is the officer and her email is safeguarding@emasarchery.co.uk

Kirby Muxloe have offered to run the indoor novice championships in 2021 if that is ok with the county committee. Thanks to Kirby for the offer we will wait to see what the new advice is going to be from government before proceeding with planning this.

70th Birthday challenge on Friday, not sure how many people did it, we did and sent a donation to combat stress. Thanks to those that took part, I hope you enjoyed yourself.

Eddie and I attended a meeting last week at Archery GB with other county secretaries and chairs, AGB will give us clear restarting guides for a return to archery, in line with government advice. They have also asked us to approach clubs for an audit asking them about their "readiness to return". What issues are clubs facing now, concerns they may have, how will they cope with social distancing indoors and outdoors. I'll be emailing out to clubs this week and will then let Arran at AGB know the results.

AGB posted this update today; *Following the announcement from the Prime Minister last night (Sunday 10 May), Archery GB is finalising plans for the first phase of returning to archery in England. We are working with Sport England and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) in order to provide the best possible guidance to the archery community.*

We are expecting further clarification within the next 48 hours and will aim to communicate the next steps as soon as it is practicable to do so. We appreciate your patience during this time.

There is no change to the current position in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and archery activity remains on hold. We will continue to work with Home Nations as the guidance changes in those territories.

The safety of the archery community remains our priority, the effects of coronavirus will be felt across the archery community for a considerable time to come. As we return to archery we need to do so responsibly, and we all need to continue to play our part in controlling the virus and saving lives.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding as we get people back to enjoying archery as safely as possible.

As soon as Jayne gets any update from AGB she will send out to clubs.

Field maintenance is allowed in the current lockdown, as long as you maintain social distancing protocols.

Development and coaching report:

With regarding to coaching a development, nothing has been going on since the last meeting.

With the ambiguous messages coming out of the government we don't know when archery will resume or what archery will look like, or even what coaching will look like. With this in mind if archery resumes by the indoor season, we need to assume senior coaching will resume. I understand It is difficult for club's to plan anything, however we still haven't had any responses back from clubs with regard to proposed senior coaching dates.

I suggest we should put the senior coaching and possibly also the JeDis programme on hold until we know how coaching will progress, it will possibly mean lower numbers and coaches participating to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Eddie suggested a coach's meeting to establish new protocols for any coaching, once we have the updates from AGB. We don't know when we will be able to get into schools or sports centre. With the uncertainty it is sensible to put coaching on hold for now.

Nothing to report from EMAS or records.

There were no reports from the junior rep, safeguarding officer, tournaments, or county captain.

Website, Tom is updating as competitions are cancelled, also posting on Facebook.

Likely that there may not be any competitions until the end of the season. Field archery is also closed down. Bowmen of Glen have their competition in September, at the moment still open, concern about the judges.

Any Other Business:

- Archery GB gave an online presentation of the OnTarget awards for 2020, L&R were well represented with two individuals and one club shortlisted. Peter Curnock won the OnTarget volunteer of the year award, Lutterworth Archery Club won the Community OnTarget club of the year, and Maryam (LAA and JeDis) was shortlisted for junior OnTarget volunteer of the year. Congratulations to you all.
<https://www.archerygb.org/winners-announced-at-archery-gbs-ontarget-club-and-volunteer-awards-2020-presentation/>
- We are going to get further information from AGB, clubs in the meantime can be having committee meetings and planning for a return to archery. How many clubs will be able to restart quickly once restrictions have lifted? It may be that some clubs will have to remain closed as they won't be able to access their grounds. We need to share information on where people can go to shoot, whilst following all necessary social distancing and hygiene requirements.
- Unsure if the Sydney Bond or any of the county matches later in the year will take place. Jayne to contact Sarah to see if she has heard from any of the other county captains. We will then decide at the June meeting what we do about the 2020 matches. Eddie will contact Margaret (JLO) who will have a better idea about judges for competitions.
- Hope that any guidance that comes out from AGB will clear and concise for us all to follow.
- AGB have lots of webinars about online committee meetings, presentations all sorts, worth looking at, Archery GB Stay at Home Webinars.

Meeting ended at 20.17

Next meeting will be Monday 8th June 2020 at 7.30pm.

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