

## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 on Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Sarah Warner	County Captain
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Steve Colledge	Ivanhoe
Jayne Curnock	Secretary	Mark Lantsbery	Welland Valley
Tom Cram	Paradox Rep/Webmaster	Peter Fox	Bowmen of Rutland
Chrissie Mortlock	Bowmen of Rutland	Martin Dexter	Bowmen of Birstall
Andrew Bennison	The Foxes	Quentin Mabbutt	LAOFAC
Martin Dexter	Bowmen of Birstall	Carol Smith	Records
Mick Shaw	Lutterworth	Richard East	Safeguarding
James Browne	Junior Rep		

17 attended

1. **Apologies;** Yakoob Ali and Colin Timson
2. **Matters Arising.** EMAS proposal to disband the junior squad, if counties wish it to continue, they need to have someone to run it. After some discussion it was agreed that as L&R did not have anyone to run our own junior development squad (JeDiS), we are not in a position to put anyone forward to run the EMAS squad. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get volunteers onto committees in clubs and at county.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Barclays Business insurance has been paid, as reported last month there was a slight increase in the renewal. Mark has purchased some document folders to archive county reports, there is nothing more to report.
4. **Secretary's report.**  
membership 696 as of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

AGB have announced a change to membership renewals. Lapsed member who did not renew on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 can now renew at any time from the 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, the day they renew will become their own individual renewal date and get 12 months membership.

- We know that everyone renews on the 1<sup>st</sup> October each year, visitors and members cards are checked once in early October, with this new method cards would have to be checked every session.
- Lapsed members will be able to renew direct online, then pay their affiliations to county and region, then join a club. As we lost 40% of our members at renewal time this is a huge number of archers for me and club secretaries to chase after.
- How do county and region work out affiliation fees for these lapsed members?
- There is widespread dismay across the country from club and county secretaries with the increase in workload this process will bring.
- There is also anger from archers who did renew in October last year and were barely able to shoot for 6 months due to lockdown.
- I am hearing from other areas that many secretaries will resign because of this.
- Checking the membership portal last night there are 4 L&R members who have now renewed this way. They have renewal dates of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Discussion from the meeting was that the new system was unclear and complicated, how will we work out affiliations to county and region, will the archers pay county and region fees to AGB for them to reimburse us? For those members joining this way EMAS fees are to be paid the remainder of 2020/21 year.

*Post meeting; Archery GB announced on the 13<sup>th</sup> April that they were closing the personal anniversary date renewal scheme, due to the feedback from clubs, counties and regions.*

5. **Development and coaching report.**  
Yakoob sent his report by email.
  - a. I attended the EMAS development meeting online to look at the development plan. The plan is comprehensive, but I do feel a lot of will be difficult to implement in 2021 due to the situation we are in.
  - b. I have had a request for Level 1 course from Ivanhoe archers. The Level 1 course has been replaced by the new Archery GB Session coach which is a module-based qualification. A link for more information can be found at [Session Coach \(Level 1\) | Archery GB](#). A majority of the modules can be taken online however there is a practical element. If and when venues open and with additional guidance we can look at how this can be run. At the moment nothing is planned.
  - c. Like Jayne, I too will be standing down in November. I feel we need to set up the coaching committee (which is part of the EMAS plan) before November to aid with the transition. If any coaches have a burning desire(!) to be part of this committee then please let me know. [yakoob\\_ali@hotmail.com](mailto:yakoob_ali@hotmail.com)

6. **EMAS report.** Nothing to report as there haven't been any meetings. The EMAS AGM takes place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend contact Lynn Fisher to get the link to join the meeting. [j71fisher@gmail.com](mailto:j71fisher@gmail.com)
7. **Records Officer.** Nothing to report.
8. **County Captain.** LOAFAC are still okay to run the EMAS Sydney Bond shoot on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, which has rolled over from 2020. Mario wants a senior competition to take place in September, probably a 70m metric round with the hosting possibly in L&R. L&R hosted the last EMAS senior shoot (Thoresby in September 2019) at Bowmen of Glen so it is not their turn to host.  
Sarah to contact archers (seniors and juniors) to see what interest there is in shooting for the county.
9. **Junior Rep.** James said that due to changes at work he does not have the time to be Junior Rep and will step down. He said he will be able to help out now and again, however not run any junior shoots. He still has the equipment for the junior shoots which he will hand over to whoever takes it on next. He hasn't sent an email out to the juniors.
10. **Webmaster.** nothing to report.
11. **Safeguarding Officer.** no report. Eddie said that all clubs should have a nominated welfare officer, formally called safeguarding, this can be updated on the club AGB portal.
12. **Any other business.**
  - a. Eddie asked if any clubs were thinking of running competitions. LOAFAC only plan on hosting the Sydney Bond as they had already committed to. Foxes hope to host their indoor competitions however are waiting to see how things progress. Ivanhoe are now unable to host competitions. Glen hope to host their competitions; it is difficult to find judges.
  - b. Clubs are running beginner's courses outdoors within Covid guidelines, feedback from clubs is to be super organised, allocating kit including target faces and pins so there is no sharing of equipment. <https://www.archerygb.org/how-to-deliver-covid-safe-archery-beginners-courses/>
  - c. Most clubs are back shooting, the club reps that were at the meeting gave some feedback on membership levels. Members are coming back who haven't shoot over the winter outdoors, some clubs have already booked their indoor venue for the Winter 21/22. Depending on the Covid situation next indoor season it will be interesting to see if there are any issues for other clubs booking indoor venues. Some clubs are planning beginner's courses, others aren't planning any until September. It's hoped that if the Olympics go ahead this year that Archery will get a bounce from that.
  - d. Lutterworth archery club are running a beginner's course under Covid guidance, any coaches that would like to attend to see how its run to contact Mick Shaw. [micksarchery19@gmail.com](mailto:micksarchery19@gmail.com)
  - e. As we currently do not have a JeDiS lead coach, or now a junior rep should we consider creating a sub-committee? This would spread the workload and they would then report to the county committee. We can discuss this further at next months meeting. We could also do this with the Development/coaching role and fit in the EMAS development plan.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Next Meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.**

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