

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 9th August 2021 on Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

		Mark Lantsbery	Welland Valley
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Peter Fox	Bowmen of Rutland
Jayne Curnock	Secretary	Carol Smith	Records
Tom Cram	Paradox Rep/Webmaster	Steve Colledge	Ivanhoe
Avtar Singh	The Foxes	Chrissie Mortlock	Bowmen of Rutland
Andrew Bennison	The Foxes	Yakoob Ali	Coaching/Development
Martin Dexter	Bowmen of Birstall	Sarah Warner	County Captain
Mick Shaw	Lutterworth		
Colin Timson	Hinckley	Helen Smedley	AGB/Midlands RDO

16 attended

1. **Apologies;** Eddie Pemberton and Dave Hammond.
2. **Matters Arising.** No matters arising.
3. **Treasurer's report.** We've had a few affiliations for EMAS, nothing changed financially. As EMAS Treasurer I've been looking at the EMAS junior squad as it would be a shame to lose it, I've got some information from David Anderson who used to run it, I'll update the committee before the next meeting when I've had a chance to read the document from David.
4. **Secretary's report.**

Membership type	2020/21 (up to 9/8/21)
Senior (over 25)	540
Senior (under 25)	48
Junior	103
University En Bloc	63
AGB Direct (all groups)	15
TOTALS	769

Membership is slowly recovering compared to the 677 members we had in January and still below the 1096 that we had at the end of the 2019/20 affiliation year.

Megan Havers (Bowmen of Glen) – no claim paperwork from Claire yet.

The boundary commission are proposing to change the parliamentary constituencies within Leicestershire and Rutland, linking Rutland with Stamford and the Deeping. As Rutland has always been part of L&RCAA I would like to suggest that we make an addition to the county constitution, similar to the wording in the EMAS constitution.

EMAS constitution; *The Society's boundaries are the geographical county boundaries (year 2001) of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire, irrespective of any Central Government decision to alter the existing geographical boundaries, unless deemed inappropriate by the membership.*

From the meeting it was felt that if the boundary changes were unlikely to make any difference, although all agreed the addition to the constitution would be good. This to be formally proposed at the September meeting.

Nothing from anyone regarding joining the committee. Eddie has suggested an online meeting with club chairs, which we will organise to take place before the September county meeting.

If we don't fill the secretary role at the agm we can still function as an association, it will cause more work for the other executives, however in the short term we could get by. Some counties are having a relaunch post covid, outlining their new direction, perhaps as a county we should consider this.

5. **Development and coaching report.** Not a lot to report, still a lack of volunteers for the Development and Coaching committee, a couple of people have said they would want to be on the committee but not lead it. It would be good to have an admin person to do the coach renewals and other admin roles, these were all part of the job descriptions sent out to clubs. EMAS want the county development plan in September, we need the sub committee in place to get this sorted.

Coaches

Coach licence type	As of 9/8/21
Level 1	19
Level 2	10
County	3
Empowering archery part 1	2 (also holds other coaching licence)

Empowering archery part 2	1 (also holds other coaching licence)
Senior	1
TOTAL	33

6. **EMAS report.**

- a.** EMAS want a report of 19/20 year development spend and the development report by the end of September. Money that was given in 2021 is for the 21/22 year, there is no criteria for this money that we will need to report. In 19/20 L&R did the senior squad sessions and some JeDiS sessions too, so we did do some development, this can be reported to EMAS.
Helen said that development plans can be about lots more than just coaching;
<https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/planning-for-your-future/running-your-club-and-group/club-development-plan/> This page links to a template development plan if it is helpful- which would need adapting to the County rather than thinking about a club. Yakoob will have a look at the development plan then the committee can approve it for at the September meeting.
- b.** EMAS to give counties £500 to run their junior squads.
- c.** Proposal for discussion by counties - Safeguarding Officer doesn't have a committee position so they can be a non-member of AGB and EMAS if they have the knowledge to fulfil the position. As the position is a non-committee role, they will not have any voting rights, county has previously agreed this at an earlier meeting.
- d.** Margaret Marsh (Judge Liaison Officer), would like to hold judges have a go. If anyone is willing to hold a small competition such as a National, Windsor, Western that we can invite people to have a go at judging, mentored by an official judge, please get in touch with Margaret or another judge. *Post meeting a shoot has been organised on Sunday 11th September, flyer to be sent out to clubs.*
- e.** LRCAA to host EMAS outdoor champs in June 2022. Can counties please let Caroline know where the EMAS shoots that they are assigned will be held asap so RS and judges can be applied for. L&R need a club to come forward to host.
- f.** Proposal to change EMAS constitution.
Allow affiliation fees to be changed at a General Committee Meeting through the normal proposal system and with a 2-week notification period to allow county secretaries time to process and implement the change.
Existing wording: 35. The Treasurer will recommend to the AGM the Affiliation Fees for the forthcoming year.
Proposed change: 35. The Treasurer will recommend to the AGM the Affiliation Fees for the forthcoming year. The General Committee may also change the Affiliation Fees at a General Meeting, or EGM, through the normal proposal system. There is a two-week delay, starting after the decision is made, before the agreed change takes place for changes to Affiliation Fees made at a General Meeting.
There was a detailed discussion at the meeting, it was felt that affiliations affect every single archer across the region and changes should only be made at an EGM or AGM. EMAS have huge financial reserves currently, there is no justification for them to reinstate fee's part way through an affiliation year. Logistically it would be a nightmare for clubs and membership secretaries to go back to members for part payment of a year. EMAS could make hardship grants available to EMAS members, this would be down to EMAS to administer and manage. Neither EMAS or L&RCAA have any liabilities, clubs are the ones with all the risks, they hire venues, run competitions, train beginners.
In principle if this change was made to the constitution EMAS could change the affiliations at every quarterly meeting, whilst this is extremely unlikely it was agreed by the meeting that EMAS should only set affiliation fees at either an AGM or EGM, then every member of EMAS is eligible to attend and vote on the proposal.
7. **Records Officer.** Nothing from Carol.
8. **County Captain.** Not a lot to report, Sydney Bond and Thoresby entry forms have been released so Sarah will be contacting people in the next couple of weeks, we'll then see if we can make a team. Sydney Bond, the junior rep used to attend to support the team, Sarah is not able to attend so we need a parent to do this. We have 5 juniors interested in shooting the Sydney Bond, if anyone knows of any juniors wanting to shoot to get in touch urgently. teamcaptain.lrcaa@gmail.com We may need some more shirts, Sarah to check the stock levels.
9. **Junior Rep.** No one in post.
10. **Webmaster.** Website is up to date and the record that Carol sent through has been added to the website.
11. **Safeguarding Officer.** nothing from Richard.
12. **Tournaments.** No one in post.
13. **Any other business.**
- a.** Date for next county meeting Monday 13th September, please have a look at the county constitution beforehand to save time in the meeting.
- b.** Website with county championships results there is are two years missing (2019, 2020), Tom will update.

- c.** If we are holding county shoots, we should ensure that clubs that are holding the shoots have their ranges registered on the Sport80 portal. Currently only Jayne has full admin access to the membership on Sport80, county can have 3 people with access.
- d.** Do we advertise the clubs that are doing the Big Weekend etc, on the website? Are we in contact with clubs that are struggling, what support is needed? County have been in touch with clubs, over the pandemic, however not since all restrictions have been lifted, Jayne will contact and ask.
- e.** Are clubs having any issues with bookings for indoor sessions? Clubs represented at the meeting reported; venues reducing hours available, waiting for confirmation of bookings, still in negotiations, not sure how many archers are going to want to shoot indoors. A couple of clubs that have low membership aren't sure if they will be able to afford to book and shoot indoors. If the clubs that are able to shoot, allow visitors that will help with the clubs that may be struggling with their venues. Some clubs are going cash less, partly this is driven by Covid, also due to the difficulties in finding a bank branch locally.
- f.** Some clubs send out a questionnaire to members when they leave, over the pandemic the main reason for people leaving the sport was the lack of indoor shooting. They have concerns that if we can't shoot indoors again this year more members will leave. The two sports that have become more popular are golf and fishing as they were the two sports that re opened first. There is a huge desire for archery beginner's courses, if clubs are willing and able to run them.

Meeting ended at 20.49

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 13th September at 7.30pm.

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