

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 on Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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| Eddie Pemberton | Chair | Helen Smedley | AGB |
| Mark Peart | Treasurer | Eileen Payne | KMAC |
| Neill Brown | Secretary | Mark Lantsbery | Welland Valley |
| Maggie Squires | Coaching/Development | Martin Dexter | Birstall |
| Tom Cram | Web | Mick Shaw | Lutterworth |
| Chrissie Mortlock | Affiliations | Peter Fox | Bowmen of Rutland |
| Carol Smith | Records | Andrew Bennison | The Foxes |
| Rebecca Cusworth | Captain | | |
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15 attended

1. **Apologies** - Julie Bach (Ivanhoe), Mark Bennett (Apollo), Richard East.
2. **Minutes from the last meeting** – approved (after minor amendments)
3. **Matters Arising**. The matters arising will be covered in the meeting.
4. **Treasurer's report.**

Mark has been processing/reconciling and banked all cash holdings this month. Indoor Champs entries have been coming in. Our current balance is £12669.
5. **Secretary's report.**

The Royal Tox asked for nominations to The Worshipful Companies of Bowyers' & Fletchers' prize days 2022. Invites have been passed on to our current County Champions.
6. **Affiliations**

Chrissie gave an update and breakdown of current affiliations – we currently have 889 archers affiliated.
7. **Development and Coaching.**

Eddie presented Maggie's report.

At the moment I am currently still on the sick and only allowed to a small bit of work a week which I am dedicating to my Business. There are some conflicts involving me doing the County Post. Which I need to work out how to deal with that.

County Coaching Organiser:
I have been processing coach renewals.
[Can club reps please remind Coaches they will need an up-to-date safeguarding certificate, when applying.](#)

I believe part of my role at this moment is to encourage and nurture what we have and develop this, possibly starting with Novice Archers and Juniors especially the Juniors, as over the past years our numbers have diminished drastically.

Currently I have booked The Foxes Indoor Venue. Thank you to the Foxes, On the 13th March. 10-4pm.
I so far have commitment from 2 county coaches. My thoughts are that we offer places to our juniors first, open to all current Juniors, along with their Club coaches and Parents. We will Discuss what it takes to get further in the sport, whether it be representing club, County, Region, Home Country or Great Britain. Then this would be followed up Outdoor Once a month, With Clubs volunteering their outdoor venue to keep costs down. [Bowmen of Rutland and Foresters offered their venues, if other clubs can do so please let Maggie know.](#)

Information will be imparted including current skills and drills, warm up, Strength and conditioning etc, Leading to talks on coping strategies, shot routines, bow tuning etc.

It will be open to all Juniors throughout the year. If per chance we do not have enough Juniors, then Novice Archers may be asked.

This Is where a conflict of my job comes in, if we arrange the days and I have a paid job come in, I may not be there to lead it.

Development.
Eddie has found Leicester Disc a possible venue for them in Leicester and will assist in setting it up if requested. Hopefully they will then rejoin the county.

I have been in contact with Gloucester, and would suggest we talk about resurrecting the county newsletter, and ask AGB to distribute it to all County members.
8. **EMAS Rep.**

No meeting this month. Next meeting is 2nd March and the AGM is scheduled for 13th April (on Zoom)
9. **Records Officer.**

No claims received this month. For the change from 2 Club to single club target days records, the pages on the website will not be updated en-masse. Each form will be updated as and when a claim in the category has been approved.

10. County Captain.

A debate on County selection criteria was held as Foresters York-Hereford is the only 12 dozen round scheduled for this spring (Bowmen of Glen's May shoot is a 720 this year).

It was decided that Foresters Y/H and 12 Dozen rounds from last year (eg Thoresby) would be used as the primary selection, with the option (if required to select additional archers) to consider handicap adjusted 720 rounds.

11. Information Officer.

Website up to date.

Tom confirmed we have an active FB which is updated with information when it is added to the website

Eddie asked if we can also have an Instagram account and encourage people to contribute to it, especially when they go to tournaments. Rebecca agreed to set one up.

12. Safeguarding Officer.

Nothing to report this month

13. Tournaments.

Indoor Champs

Entries are low (43 in total): 2 options were considered: to cancel, or to go ahead (potentially at a loss) by cancelling session A and move the 5 entries for A into session B. After debate it was agreed to go ahead with just sessions B and C. Eileen advised they were looking at options to manage the scoring with KM members. If no-one else can Carol (with Maggie's help) will do the scoring only (not target lists, scoresheets, etc), but needs to know asap to rearrange other commitments. [Eileen to will confirm if KM can manage by the end of the week](#)

[Neill will write to clubs to ask for a last effort to encourage entries.](#)

14. Any other business.

New Club

A new club has been formed called Apollo, based at Kirby Muxloe cricket ground (previously used by KMAC). They have asked for grants from County and EMAS for a new boss and stand. Currently there is no formal process in County documents to cover this, however several members agreed this had been done in the past. After debate and a vote (6 for with 5 abstentions) it was agreed to provide a grant of £250 from County funds to Apollo. Note: EMAS documents currently provide for a grant of £180, but this was felt to be too low a figure. [LRCAA will propose that EMAS increase this at the next EMAS meeting.](#)

AGB Update

Helen gave an update on various AGB initiatives :- Please see the separate email from Helen for further details.

• **Start Archery Week – (14th to 23rd May)**

[Could all clubs please register their interest in taking part on this page https://www.archerygb.org/shoot-compete/shoot/archery-gb-big-weekend/.](https://www.archerygb.org/shoot-compete/shoot/archery-gb-big-weekend/)

Eddie suggested that all the clubs in LRCAA who are taking part coordinate our efforts – eg by having a webpage to direct anyone in the county to an appropriate venue. [Please let Neill and/or Tom know if your club is planning anything. If you need any help or advice, please let us know!](#)

There is a recording of a recent webinar all about the event here: <https://youtu.be/K58me9Mx0KQ>

• **Club Chairs and ontarget reps** -[Please could clubs add details to their club records \(Sport80 portal\)](#) - if you don't know how to do this contact Helen for help.

• **Funding Opportunities** - There are 3 funding sources available, see the email for further details (and contact Helen for help).

• **Midlands Development webinar** - Next one is Thursday 24 February and the topic will be Development Plans.

• **Volunteer Ezine** a new ezine is available from this February onwards. [Please tick the box to receive this on your members' online portal](#) – it will not be sent to you unless you do so!

• **Coaches** - Anyone who would like to start becoming a coach, or advance from L1 to Development Coach, please see the email for the actions you need to take to get started.

• **Training Programme**

There are lots of training opportunities available – eg next ones are coming up soon on 5 April – 'How to become a Judge' and 'Introduction to Clout'

Committee Decisions

Eddie gave a reminder that decisions will be made wherever possible within the current meeting by the club reps (each club can send a rep).

Meeting ended at 20:55

Next Meeting will be the Committee Meeting on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm