

## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Countesthorpe Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

11 attended:

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Colin Timson	Hinckley
Neill Brown	Secretary	Martin Dexter	Birstall
Laura McCartney	Publicity	Johnny Mistry	Fosse
Rebecca Cusworth	Development	Philip Jones	The Foxes
Carol Smith	Records, EMAS	Tom Cram	Web
Maggie Squires	Coaching		

1. **Apologies** -

Chrissie Mortlock	Affiliations	Helen Smedley	AGB
Gill Brown	Captain	Zafar Saleem	Glen
Mark Peart	Treasurer		
Richard East	Safeguarding	Eileen Payne	KMAC
Martin Lantsbery	Welland Valley	Andrew Bennison	The Foxes

2. **Minutes from the last meeting** – approved.

3. **Matters Arising**. Updates included in sections below.

4. **Treasurer's report**.

Nothing to report.

5. **Secretary's report**.

Nothing to report.

6. **Affiliations**

We have 49 new members, 983 total. Some AGB direct members have now paid, will continue to chase (there is still some confusion about the need to pay County and Region Fees).

Maggie has asked Helen Smedley to clarify the situation.

In the past we have provided AGB direct members with a County Card for them to use to prove they have affiliated.

7. **Development**.

A meeting of the Development sub-committee was held on 3 July, a copy of the minutes is attached for info:

The next 5 quarterly coaching days have been planned. The next one will be in the Oadby/Glen area, venue TBA.

We are setting up an Under21s initiative to train teachers to deliver soft archery in schools.

We will be encouraging clubs with indoor facilities to host friendly tournaments open to all county archers, with extra advertising via coaches, as information sent via secretaries often doesn't get passed on to club members.

8. **Coaching**

At the recent CCO/RCO meeting it is evident that we are doing more than most counties for our coaches and members.

Thanks to Rebecca and Maggie for their efforts. The development days were well attended last year, and will continue this year, mainly indoors on Sundays – venues and dates to be confirmed. **AP Clubs with indoor facilities – please let Maggie know if your venue and kit can be used to host one, and approx costs.**

9. **AGB info:**

No report this month.

10. **EMAS Rep.**

Extracts from the minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> June...

Counties *must* meet all the criteria for grants, otherwise some monies will have to be returned (for those points which have not been met).

Records for existing categories/rounds will be retained – for new categories records will be updated as and when they are claimed.

Juniors - Corby are holding an Open tournament on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

11. **Records Officer**.

To date there have been 78 records claims this year (16 junior, 62 senior).

2 Fox awards.

Carol/Maggie will review the classification badges to include the new classification ranges.

12. **County Captain**.

50+ participation in county matches was discussed at the meeting, agreement that they can be included if both/all counties can match archers (gender and bowtype).

She is still waiting for a response from Lincs regarding invite to our County Champs, and has asked for, but not received, any invites from Notts and Northants.

Gill has contacted our archers to check availability for Thoresby and Lincs match, including preference for 50+ rounds.

A second meeting is scheduled for Wed 19<sup>th</sup> to decide team make up for Thoresby.

Sydney Bond – this will be run as an Open event, so juniors can enter directly, but would not be eligible for EMAS awards unless they are in a team. Although we don't have a Junior Captain, Gill is willing to collate any individual LRCAA entries, and submit them as our team to ensure they are eligible– we would need someone (eg a parent) to manage this on the day.

**AP Secretaries/Club coaches** – please make any Juniors aware, and get them to contact Gill ([captain@lrcaa.org](mailto:captain@lrcaa.org))

**National County Team Tournament 23/24 Sept.** Gill will send an email to see who is interested, and organise entries as appropriate.

**Shirts.** Lionhart will not produce another suppliers design. Original suppliers cost for shirts is approx £30 each. Meeting agreed that if airfreight is less than £100 then Gill is authorised to use this option, otherwise use surface freight, but will take 12 weeks for delivery.

**13. Information Officer.**

Website is up to date.

**14. Comms/Publicity.**

The get to know the Committee campaign on Instagram and Facebook has been well received.

The newsletter will be going out this week – Philip Jones to provide an article from the Foxes event.

Laura will launch an Instagram campaign next week.

Discussion was held on including details of County Records claimed – it was decided to include numbers claimed by each club (but not individuals names).

**15. Safeguarding Officer.**

No report.

**16. Tournaments.**

Limited Entries for the County champs so far, since Covid archers are leaving entering competitions much later – **AP Neill to circulate Entry Form to clubs.**

LAOFAC will host the Novice shoot again this year – on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Mel suggested reducing the distance to encourage more entries, but the meeting felt that even with light bows, novice archers can reach 60 yards.

**AP Neill to write to Merlin to ask them to sponsor the county champs and the Novice Shoot.**

County Champs 2024 – Eddie advised that if we want WRS (which would attract archers seeking ranking points) we need to start planning now – and it is getting very difficult to get National Judges. The meeting decided that if we can't get WRS, we could revert to a York Hereford, with UK and Rose Award to attract archers.

**17. Any Other Business.**

Johnny Mistry to investigate a venue to host the next meeting.

**Meeting closed at 9.00 pm**

Next committee meeting will be Face to Face on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, venue TBA.