

## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 via Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

14 attended:

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Eileen Payne	KMAC
Neill Brown	Secretary	Colin Timson	Hinckley
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Johnny Mistry	Fosse
Rebecca Cusworth	Development	Mark Lantsbery	Welland Valley
Tom Cram	Web	Marie Woolf	Ivanhoe
Gill Brown	Captain	Andrew Bennison	The Foxes
Carol Smith	Records, EMAS	Mark Bennett	Apollo

1. **Apologies** -

Maggie Squires	Coaching	Mick Shaw	Lutterworth
Chrissie Mortlock	Affiliations	Zafar Saleem	Glen

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

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

4. **Treasurer's report**.

EMAS affiliations have been paid. Following the unavailability this year of our long standing auditor, Mark has found a new auditor to take on the function (independent of the committee and the sport).

5. **Secretary's report**.

A quiet month – A Medals company is closing down and are offering archery stock at cost price, their email has been forwarded to all clubs.

6. **Affiliations**

No report.

7. **Development**.

Rebecca has costed a Face 2 Face safeguarding course. For 20 people this would be £450 (£22.50 per person), plus accommodation costs. EMAS offer up to £300 matched funding, so if county match this the full costs can be covered. This was approved. Rebecca will look at whether it can be held at Loughborough Uni (Eileen gave an alternative location near Fosse Park if the Uni is not available).

To retain the EMAS development grant (£2100) we need to ensure that we document our activities. Rebecca will ensure this is done.

8. **Coaching**

The next coaching day is Outdoors at Bowmen of Glen on 25 March (10-3). If any coaches are interested in assisting please let Maggie know -any that do assist will earn CPD points.

9. **AGB info**:

No report this month.

10. **EMAS Rep**.

EMAS proposed that the Sydney Bond (junior) Tournament be made Open (to any EMAS junior archers) - we support this. Thoresby – Northants are unable to host on the usual date – a proposal to bring it forward into August was rejected, so they are asking if any other county is able to do so. Eddie will check if Glen are able to do so.

There is still a place available for another L&R rep – this would give us an additional voice and vote. Any EMAS Rep does also need to attend County meetings so that they are aware of county views. Carol suggested that it is a good idea for the County Captain to be a rep, as a significant number of decisions pertain to team matches. Gill will consider this once she has settled into her role.

11. **Records Officer**.

No additional claims this month.

12. **County Captain**.

Gill Brown has held a handover with Rebecca, and is finding her way around the information handed over. She will write out to previous team members to see if they are interested again – and also ask them to encourage their colleagues to put themselves forward. The attendees of the coaching days will also be encouraged.

The County Selection Shoots will be BoGs WA 1440 (13 May) and LAOFACs York Hereford (28 May). Archers can also submit any 12 dozen rounds at other events for consideration to the team captain: [captain@lrcaa.org](mailto:captain@lrcaa.org).

Following AGBs changes to categories it was decided we cannot support separate categories for Over 50s (or U21s, etc) in the team. (Individual archers can still be eligible for any awards or records available in the hosting tournament).

Gill has contacted the shirt supplier and they have confirmed they still have the design. Depending on quantities ordered, the cost is approx. £32 per shirt. Approval in principle was given for Gill to progress an order, provided that the costs are not significantly more than last time (and will liaise with Mark as necessary).

**13. Information Officer.**

Website is up to date. There was a query regarding Bowmen of Glens entry form – Eddie advised that the online entry portal is available.

**14. Comms/Publicity.**

Indoor Tournament - Eddie will provide some pictures, etc to Laura. Eileen read out a positive feedback email received from the blind archer who attended (we believe this is the first time we have accommodated a blind archer). Eileen will pass this to Eddie to include.

**15. Safeguarding Officer.**

No report.

**16. Tournaments.**

Thanks go to Kirby Muxloe (Ian and his team) for successfully hosting the Indoor Champs, feedback has been very good. They have offered to host again next year. Care needs to be taken to avoid any clash of dates with the Judges Conference which is held at a similar time.

There was a mix up with medals which was apologised for, but could have been embarrassing – lessons have been learned to avoid a recurrence. This highlighted the fact that we have not had a TO in post for a number of years. Previously we have agreed that we need a team to run the Outdoor tournament – this should also be extended to the indoor.

**Any Other Business.**

L&R300 – there has been an issue raised regarding scores from LAOFAC not being included for February (and potentially could be the case for 2 other clubs). Their Rep is sure they were sent on 28th Feb, but the email was not received until after the deadline by Mick, who declined requests to include them given that we know that there are ongoing issues within the email infrastructure at the moment. A detailed debate was held on the matter and the consensus of the committee was that, as there are exceptional circumstances, any late scores should be included on this occasion. Processes should also be introduced to ensure that positive confirmation of emails being sent and received is in place to prevent any recurrence. [AP - Mark will call Mick to update him on the discussions and arrange for late scores to be included.](#)

**Meeting closed at 9.20 pm**

Next committee meeting will be on Monday 10 April. Venue/skype TBC.