

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 11th September at Countesthorpe Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

12 attended:

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Dave Whiffin	LAOFAC
Neill Brown	Secretary	Richard East	Safeguarding
Tom Cram	Web	Johnny Mistry	Fosse
Rebecca Cusworth	Development	Eileen Payne	KMAC
Carol Smith	Records, EMAS	Mark Bennett	Apollo
Mark Peart (via phone)	Treasurer	Katie Axup	Loughborough Students

1. **Apologies -**

Chrissie Mortlock	Affiliations	Helen Smedley	AGB
Gill Brown	Captain	Maggie Squires	Coaching
Laura McCartney	Publicity	Martin Dexter	Birstall
Colin Timson	Hinckley	Andrew Bennison	The Foxes
Marie Woolf	Ivanhoe	Philip Jones	The Foxes
Mark Lantsbery	Welland Valley		

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

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

4. **Treasurer's report.**

Financial Year end is 30 Sept for both County and EMAS, so will a busy month.

Please ensure that if you send in any claims, you provide full details to allow effective auditing.

5. **Secretary's report.**

Lutterworth raised questions via email, see AOB.

6. **Affiliations**

Report via email from Chrissie... We have 1000 members this year. 40 have already paid for the new year (50% University). This year I will chase AGB Direct members more quickly as there have been significant issues with getting them to pay.

Mark will reconcile numbers with Chrissie. Fees for County and EMAS are the same this year, Tom will update the website. New joiners do not need to pay this year's fees during September.

We need to introduce a process to require AGB Direct members to show proof of affiliation to County/EMAS before they can shoot at their club. It was agreed that we will trial a new process this year:

AP All Clubs from 1 October: AGB Direct Members must show both their AGB card AND an email from County (Chrissie) confirming they have paid their Affiliation Fees before they are allowed to shoot at the club. Note: AGB Direct membership IS NOT VALID (and therefore are not insured) unless they have also paid the County.

7. **Development.**

Rebecca. Help for heroes Have a Go went well.

The Development team have produced the slides ready for the next event.

8. **Coaching**

No report this month.

9. **AGB info:**

No report this month.

10. **EMAS Rep.**

Meeting held 6th Sept. emails requesting reports to support the Development Grant have gone out **AP Maggie to check and respond.**

There are currently issues with EMAS server. Eg. Carol can't access Records (but has a temporary solution in place) and the website has gone down at times.

An EMAS inter county regional Field Shoot being considered. Eg at Merlin, a suitable date is to be found.

There is currently no Overall Team Winners Trophy at the Thoresby. Options to put to the counties for discussion (eg new Trophy and/or Medals to the winning team).

11. **Records Officer.**

To date there have been 112 records claims this year (18 junior, 94 senior).

0 Fox awards this month.

There has been some feedback about 50+ records not present (because no one has claimed any yet), so some people are not aware they can be claimed. **AP Tom to add a message to the website to advise they can be claimed, and sheets will be added once claims have been received.**

12. **County Captain.**

The Thoresby Tournament went well – the Recurve Team won The Thoresby Trophy and lots of people shot well, with Chris Butler (Recurve) and Carol Smith (Compound) winning the highest score trophies, and several people achieving PBs and Rose awards.

50+ rounds were included for the first time, and as Gill anticipated most 50+ scores were higher than the senior scores. There will be further discussions as to how we manage these going forward.

No overall team trophy, options for next year.

We were unable to enter teams for County Team tournament, due to a number of reasons eg lack of responses from archers, issues and delays with AGB granting access rights to enter teams and the event now being over-subscribed. Next year Gill will enter teams early and cancel if not required.

We have submitted 11 entries for the EMAS Clout Team. **AP Mark to pay EMAS and confirm to Gill.**

Lincs match we have 20/21 archers and Lincs have 17 – It was agreed that to receive the 50% rebate on entry fees from the County, archers should send a claim directly to Mark.

We will have had approx. 26 archers representing the county this year. **AP Gill to send a list to Carol to order the Year Bars** - this needs to be done asap (and before the final shoots) for them to be available at the AGM in November.

13. Information Officer.

Website is up to date.

14. Comms/Publicity.

At last month's meeting we discussed the idea of assembling a county-hosted indoor sessions calendar. I haven't yet received any information to include in this from any clubs, so this is a reminder to please send the following to publicity@lrcaa.org:

1. Club name
2. Indoor session days and times (and the date you begin shooting indoors if you aren't already)
3. Does your club allow guests to shoot with you?
4. If yes, which of these sessions can guests shoot at?
5. Does your club charge a fee per session? How much?
6. What type of bosses you use (eg straw, layered foam, Damage, etc).

The more clubs that participate in this, the more useful this tool will be so please do send your details over.

15. Safeguarding Officer.

AGB magazine, reminder that all new coaches need to attend a face to face course (first time).

16. Tournaments.

We have 51 entries for the County championships so far. Approx 17 bosses. Closing Date is Friday 15th Sept.

Need to arrange Field Party, Eddie will check if Glen will provide one (and claim the hosting fee) , or County will manage it. Eddie will arrange Judges catering.

The Novice shoot at LAOFAC went well, with numbers up significantly from last year. A handicap adjusted Head to Head event was added this year, and received good feedback, so will look to repeat next year.

L&R300 and Frostbite League:

Dave Whiffin (LAOFAC) has taken over running the L&R300. There will be a new online format for results (last year's are now on the Website in the new format).

AP Club Reps please check the new site and email address: lr300@lrcaa.org.

The Frostbite League is to run again this year – Dave Whiffin will run it alongside the L&R300, details will appear on the website shortly. **AP Dave and Tom to update the website.**

Indoor County Championships are to be hosted by KMAC. Eileen will confirm the date and we then need to apply for record status. **AP Eileen to confirm Sunday 4th Feb (or 11th).** **Neill to apply for record status, and prepare the Entry Form.**

17. Any Other Business.

Question was raised as to whether AGB require you to have a first aider at Have-a-Go sessions. The wording on their website does not imply that it is mandatory. You club should have a process for handling any first aid requirements. Lutterworth raised a question via regarding the AGB process for Lost Arrows. This was debated and Neill will send a response.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Next committee meeting will be on Monday 9th October, via Skype.