

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024 via Skype. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

16 attended:

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Laura McCartney	Publicity
Neill Brown	Secretary	Dave Whiffin	L&R300 / LAOFAC
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Philip Jones	The Foxes
Maggie Squires	Coaching	Helen Smedley	AGB
Carol Smith	Records, EMAS	Mark Lantsbery	Welland Valley
Chrissie Mortlock	Affiliations	Katie Axup	Loughborough Uni
Tom Cram	Web	Johnny Mistry	Fosse
Rebecca Cusworth	Development	Mark Bennett	Apollo

Apologies -

Richard East	Safeguarding	Gill Brown	Captain
Carla Turner	Bowmen of Rutland	Martin Dexter	Birstall

1. **Minutes from the last meeting** – approved.
2. **Matters Arising**. Updates included in sections below.
3. **Treasurer's report**.
The England Archery Federation cancelled the EGM scheduled for 17th Jan to reconsider their options (for fee increases). Mark is currently progressing a few claims and paperwork.
4. **Secretary's report**.
Nothing of note to report.
5. **Affiliations**
Small increase in members affiliated. AGB have contacted our direct members reminding them to affiliate. If we have not received payment by 18 Feb, we can ask them to chase again. Mark/Chrissie to monitor.
Neill advised that Curtis Tatner and Bridget Evans have transferred to LAOFAC (from TCC) and rescinded their DCAA affiliation (which DCAA have acknowledged). They have now paid LRCAA fees. Helen Smedley advised that if they have represented DCAA this membership year, they cannot represent LRCAA (though they are eligible for LRCAA awards at tournaments).
6. **Development**.
Maggie sent out a blanket email regarding the squad, though Sport 80 (941 emails), 23 responded for the squad. 20 archers attended the first session of the county coaching, including 7 juniors.
We now have 8 u21, 15 seniors for the next session. Feb 18th at Fosse. Currently expecting 5 coaches in attendance. If any coaches would like to help or observe, please contact Maggie.
We have charged everyone on squad £40 for their space, including those who aren't attending some sessions. Maggie & Rebecca attended a cco/rco dev meeting.
Development plans are required from clubs.
7. **Coaching**
The next Coach meeting is on the 12th March at Burbage constitutional club. Emails will go out soon - please reply.
Since the passing of Pat Comber (EMAS), the County need to form a 3 person panel for the coach renewals (we have 3 coaches to renew as soon as possible). Mark Peart and Rebecca Cusworth have volunteered.
On Sat 24th Feb 12:30, Alan Zenthon (LAOFAC) is holding a presentation on The Science of Arrows for LAOFAC members and any County Coaches who are interested – Maggie has emailed all coaches.
The revised coach funding policy was approved unanimously - **Tom to upload to the Website. Maggie has an outstanding claim waiting progress – Mark to make the payment.**
8. **AGB info:**
Helen provided an update. Topics covered were:
In the lead up to the Olympics, AGB are promoting a Games Year – Aim for Paris, looking to support clubs running all sorts of events; Active Together in our region are a good source for funding opportunities; Various Coaching, Training and Safeguarding Courses are available in the Midlands; Grants are available to help with clear up costs for flooding. Full details and links are in her report sent with these minutes.
9. **EMAS Rep.**
No meeting this month. Neill is currently booking a room for us to host the AGM in April.
10. **Records Officer.**
We have 34 Senior and 6 Junior records claimed to date – 4 are pending.
Carol is looking at including Crossbow Records for EMAS and could also include them for County if required.

11. **County Captain.**

Gill provided a report :-

Lincs have invited us to their shoot on 30th June.

Selection Criteria – LAOFACS Y/H (26 May), then previous years 12 doz rounds (eg Thoresby). Archers can submit scores for consideration.

We have submitted 8 entries Team Intercounties on Sept 28/29 Sept – Ladies and Gents for: Recurve (A+B), Barebow and Compound. The process is all go on a waiting list, then AGB will advise if any are successful and invoice payment. Refunds are available up to 31 July. Names to be provided by 10 Sept. Carol asked that we publish clear selection criteria (eg we could include 720 rounds as these are the format at the event) to avoid any issues. **Gill to consult and present proposals at a later meeting.**

Shirts – We need a lot of larger sizes, but didn't spend the £750 authorised last year. Mark advised that we normally budget £500 per year, but have not ordered any for 5 years or more. Neill suggested that we authorise up to £1000 to replenish stocks (ie last year plus this year's budget). This was approved unanimously.

12. **Information Officer.**

Website is up to date. Tom asked to remind TOs to send results to him for publication.

13. **Comms/Publicity.**

All social media posts/approvals are up to date.

Maggie's email shot to all members increased our mailing list from 20 to 58 archers.

The next Newsletter is due – deadline for submissions is 1 March – **If anyone has articles (or ideas) please send them in.**

14. **Safeguarding Officer.**

Nothing to report this month.

15. **Tournaments.**

Indoor Champs:

Gill provided a report on the indoor champs, which were well run – Thanks to Kirby Muxloe for hosting, Gill and Sharon for TO and Neill for assisting and scoring. Reports, Returns, Claims, Results and expenses will be processed this week. We had 5 claims submitted for UK records.

Feedback – 50+ categories are still causing confusion – entry forms could be improved. Despite double scoring, archers still submitted scoresheets with different totals! Etiquette on the line (swinging longrods) were a concern.

It was suggested that Coaches include scoring and etiquette reminders at clubs (and ensure they are highlighted on beginners courses). **This could also be included in the Newsletter** – Helen advised that there are resources (eg web pages/videos) available from AGB on this (and will provide info/links).

Team Selection Shoot:

LAOFAC Y/H will be the only selection shoot this year (Glen's shoot in May is a 720). Entry forms are on the website.

LRCAA LongBow 2 Way Western:

BLBS president and LAOFAC Chair, Alan Zenthon, proposed that Forester's (LAOFAC) annual LongBow 2 Way Western be expanded to encourage more archers (both AGB and BLBS) to shoot – the easiest way to do this would be to badge the shoot as an LRCAA event in association with BLBS (with nothing additional required from LRCAA). This was approved unanimously. **Neill will send the entry form to Tom to publish.**

New Medal Competition - Results

The current medal has been in use for over 45 years.

Due to low numbers of club votes (6 clubs did not vote), voting had been extended to all county members and the closing date reset to just before this meeting.

Carol announced that there was a tie for the winning design – numbers 14 and 16.

Both designs will now be forwarded to the medal company to check feasibility (allowing slight tweaks as necessary for manufacture) and obtain costs, to allow the committee to make a final decision.

16. **Any Other Business.**

Judges. Eddie advised that Pam Tonkin asked him for all Club's TOs to provide their email, to facilitate better coordination of Judges across the region. **Club Secretaries - please send your TO email address to Eddie to pass on to Pam.**

L&R 300 - Mick Shaw had written again to Eddie to ask why the Compound 5% Team Reduction Rule had been removed by the new organiser (Dave Whiffin).

Dave advised that the Rules that were handed over to him did not include any reference to a reduction – he had removed the reduction to the *scores* on the new website, not the rule itself.

Carol advised that she believed the rule had been removed a long time ago and would check her records to see if she could identify when. **UPDATE** : Carol advised that the reduction was removed in December 2015. All clubs were emailed the proposal on 7 Dec 2015. It was approved in committee on 21 Dec 2015, and clubs emailed with the rule change on 30 Dec 2015. Carol can provide a copy of the minutes and emails if required.

Eddie will respond to Mick.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting will be on Mar 11th via skype.