

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 via Skype. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

14 attended:

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Laura McCartney	Publicity
Neill Brown	Secretary	Maggie Squires	Coaching
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Rebecca Cusworth	Development
Gill Brown	Captain	Helen Smedley	AGB
Carol Smith	Records, EMAS	Mark Lantsbery	Welland Valley
Chrissie Mortlock	Affiliations	Dave Whiffin	L&R300 / LAOFAC
Tom Cram	Web	Johnny Mistry	Fosse

Apologies -

Richard East	Safeguarding	Martin Dexter	Birstall
Philip Jones	The Foxes	Mark Bennett	Apollo

1. **Minutes from the last meeting** – approved.
2. **Matters Arising.** Updates included in sections below.
3. **Treasurer's report.**

The England Archery Federation, which is funded through Regions have, at short notice, proposed to significantly increase their fees by 300%, to an amount equivalent to £1 per archer (email attachment with full details sent with these minutes). EMAS are seeking input from Counties before an EGM on 17th Jan and EAF meeting on 27 Jan. [After discussion the county voted unanimously to recommend EMAS reject the proposals](#), primarily as: The increase is huge (and in a single, not staged, increment); due process has not been followed (not mentioned in AGM); very little notice was given, leaving no time to consult properly; the membership numbers quoted do not appear correct; there is no differentiation between categories (eg Senior/Junior/Disabled, etc); The proposed amount would account for a very significant proportion of EMAS fees.
4. **Secretary's report.**

Neill (and Eddie) Received an email from Mick Shaw regarding L&R300, Neill has responded advising that Mick could raise at the meeting.
5. **Affiliations**

No significant increase in members affiliated. We have 12 AGB direct members, only 5 have paid. Chrissie has contacted AGB who will assist in chasing.

[Reminder to all clubs, please fill in the affiliation form \(on the website\) EVERY TIME you send a payment, the form includes important information on the membership categories which Mark needs to calculate and pay the EMAS proportion. Please also ensure you use the correct reference when making the BACS payment.](#)
6. **Development.**

We held a virtual squad event held last month, good feedback. We have 4 Squad development dates set, 3 indoor (Foxes, Foresters, Fosse) and 1 outdoor (Glen). There are sessions suitable for Experienced Archers and for Up and Coming archers. The County (and EMAS) will again subsidise the squad/development days. Archers will be asked for a contribution of £10 per session with County (and an EMAS grant) picking up the rest of the costs (eg for hall and boss hire and coaches expenses).

We are looking to restart Archery in Schools soon.
7. **Coaching**

County will organise and pay for a Safeguarding course for Welfare Officers (Time to Listen) this year. Maggie will lead on this. Note: AGB have also organised safeguarding courses – see the separate update from AGB.
8. **AGB info:**

Helen provided an update. Training Opportunities regarding supporting Visually Impaired archers; Safeguarding courses, Coaching events (2 for development and 2 for session coaches); Sport England Grants are available to help with clear up costs for flooding; Focus for AGB this year is the On Target programme. Full details are in her report sent with these minutes.
9. **EMAS Rep.**

Carol asked for a decision on EMAS proposal for rotating the round to be shot at the Thoresby each year between a York/Hereford and a WA1440. The meeting voted unanimously that our preference is to keep the tradition of a York/Hereford. Carol will reply to EMAS (the eventual outcome will also depend on other counties preferences).
10. **Records Officer.**

We have 22 Senior and 6 Junior records claimed to date – none outstanding.

11. County Captain.

It's a quiet time of year so nothing to report. Gill will try to attend the next EMAS meeting for any updates on Matches. Carol advised the 2023 year bars have now been received, and is looking to distribute to club members at the LAOFAC WA18 later this month.

12. Information Officer.

Website is up to date. Hosting and Domain fees are due. There may be a charge for the email forwarding service next year, expected to be £24 (for up to 50 email addresses).

13. Comms/Publicity.

The latest Newsletter was well received. All social media posts/approvals are up to date.

14. Safeguarding Officer.

Nothing to report this month.

15. Tournaments.

Entries for the Indoor Champs are encouraging – we only have 10 spaces in A, 8 in B and 3 in C.

Gill raised a query regarding status and fees for U21: They shoot as seniors, but are able to claim records for U21 if achieved.

Carol has received the order for 50 Gold Medals – we now have enough for the champs (approx 60 of each).

[The New Medal Competition Vote Closing Date has been extended to 31 January to allow more time for clubs to consult their members.](#) Clubs need to submit their choices to lrcarecordclaims@gmail.com. Note: the current design is an option.

16. Any Other Business.

Bowmen of Rutland asked if there was any update on the new venue (planning permission on an alternative has been refused - which they will be appealing) – the situation is still the same. [If anyone can help with the legal argument for them, please get in touch.](#)

Club Shoots.

Eddie advised that Glen are looking to hold a short Clout and a 3D shoot this year that will be open to everyone. If any other clubs are looking to run anything, please let us know. Update: on 7th July Foresters will be hosting a Long Bow Two Way Western, to be run under BLBS rules but open to AGB members).

Keep an eye out for further details when available.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Next meeting will be on Feb 12th via skype.