

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 15th January 2009
at the Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Leamington Spa

Present: Kathy Folkard, Paul McCarthy, Dave Redding, Jon Richmond, and John Taylor (MBE). The meeting was also attended by Janette Ross. Adam Ravenscroft and Denis Folkard were present for part of the meeting.

In the absence of both Denis Folkard and Graham Maccro, John Taylor agreed to chair the meeting.

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Denis Folkard, James Folkard, Pete Hunnisett, Derek Kelly, Graham Maccro, Brian Tustin and Roger Wyton.
- 1.2 It was reported that Adrian Kinzett (Tournaments Organiser) had not renewed his membership and had therefore ceased to be a member of the committee.
- 1.3 Janette Ross was thanked for volunteering to take over the organisation of the 2009 CWAA Indoor Championships at short notice, and was formally co-opted on to the committee.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2008 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 3.1 – Paul McCarthy said that the Pre-season FITA would now be held on 5th April 2009, with national record status.
- 3.2 Item 3.3 – Paul McCarthy said that he was awaiting a reply from Adam Ravenscroft regarding junior archery in the county. **(Action: Paul McCarthy and Adam Ravenscroft)**

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 Kathy Folkard said that she had dealt with all routine correspondence and queries, and that there were no matters outstanding.
- 4.2 She mentioned that she had received notes from Steve Taylor on the 'Archery GB Development Planning Conference' held at Lilleshall on 22nd November 2008, but that as she assumes that it will be well covered in the next issue of 'Archery UK', she doesn't propose to give any details at present, but can forward the notes to anyone who is interested.

5. CWAA Tournaments

- 5.1 Janette Ross reported that the arrangements for the **CWAA Indoor Championships** on 1st February 2009 are in hand, and that there are only a few places unfilled. It was agreed that Janette should purchase wine as gifts for the judges, and suitable raffle prizes. She confirmed that she had most of the necessary equipment etc, but asked that Kathy Folkard should bring target faces, target pins and a 'parsometer'. **(Action: Janette Ross and Kathy Folkard)**
- 5.2 With regard to the **County Field Championships** it was agreed that there would be no progress until a County Tournaments Officer is appointed. Kathy Folkard undertook to retrieve the trophies which were last awarded in 2007. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**
- 5.3 Kathy Folkard confirmed that Leamington had agreed to host the **CWAA (Outdoor) Championships** on the same basis as last year, and that a date would be set as soon as a suitable 'gap' in the archery calendar could be identified.
- 5.4 Kathy Folkard agreed to contact Bowflights with a view to confirming that it is prepared to host the **CWAA Clout Championships** again this year. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

6. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 6.1 Dave Redding reported that the **Level 1 Course** at Stratford, with 5 candidates, was nearing completion, with the external assessment to be carried out shortly. Paul McCarthy confirmed that he was very happy with the course and Dave Redding confirmed that there have been significant improvements since it was first introduced.
- 6.2 With regard to **Level 2 Courses** there is no further information from the GNAS.
- 6.3 Kathy Folkard confirmed that with the assistance of the GNAS, Dave Redding and Sue Williamson, she had compiled a **data base of Warwickshire coaches**, which although perhaps not totally complete, showed that there were at least 27 practising coaches in the county (2 senior, 5 county, 6 coaches, 14 level 1). Of these 12 have agreed to their details being put on the CWAA website.
- 6.4 Kathy Folkard asked if there was any feedback from the **WMAS Coaching Organisation AGM** in November, but no one present had attended. Dave Redding said that he had not received notification that the meeting was to be held.

- 6.5 Dave confirmed that a **County Coaching Organisation AGM** had not been held for 3 years, because of lack of funding and poor attendance at previous meetings. It was generally felt that it was in the interest of county archers and county coaches for the coaches to get together to discuss how best to serve the needs of archers and improve the standard of archery in the county. It was agreed that CWAA would be prepared to fund the hire of suitable accommodation for an AGM and administrative costs. Kathy Folkard undertook to find out the cost of hiring the OLS' committee room for this purpose. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

7. Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 Roger Wyton had previously circulated a report together with receipts and payments account for the quarter. He said that the surplus on the year to date of £564.66 is likely to increase with the preparation of the final accounts.
- 7.2 Based on the information available it was agreed that at the forthcoming AGM the committee should recommend no increase in subscriptions, subject to the agreement of Roger Wyton. Kathy Folkard undertook to speak to Roger, and pursue the matter accordingly. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

8. Records Officer's Report

- 8.1 James Folkard submitted a report which detailed the following claims:

• Wendy Baird	LRVet	D Hereford	1997	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	Windsor	862	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	D FITA	2285	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	70m	263	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	60m	306	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	50m	266	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	30m	323	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	D FITA 70	1055	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	FITA 70	556	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	FITA 7 12 arrows	95	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	FITA 18	517	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	FITA 18 12 arrows	107	(new record)
• Wendy Baird	LRVet	Combined FITA	980	(new record)
• Mark Alley	GL	Windsor	532	
• Angela Corrie	LR	D 1 way Clout	184	(new record)
• Jacob Vick	JGR	L Metric 3	601	(new record)
• Jacob Vick	JGR	40m	310	
• Jacob Vick	JGR	S Windsor	882	
• Janette Ross	LC	D Portsmouth	1125	
• Janette Ross	LC	Portsmouth	564	
• Janette Ross	LC	FITA 25	548	

- 8.2 It was reported that all the claims had been checked, and they were ratified.

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 Paul McCarthy reported that arrangements for this years' **county shoots**, all of which are due to be held outside Warwickshire, are in hand. In addition to the pre-season FITA (para 3.1) dates have been set for most county matches: Lancashire/Cheshire 17th May; Leicestershire 31st May and the Regional Inter Counties 11th October. The arrangements for the match against Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire are yet to be decided. With regard to juniors, the West Midlands Junior Inter County match will be held at Long Mynd on 6th September.
- 9.2 With regard to squad training Paul reported that Carol Byde had volunteered to coach, but that he was still awaiting a reply from Clive Jeacock. A training day is to be held at Leamington on 21st February, and he is hoping to arrange a further session indoors at Warwick University on 21st March, but is currently investigating the cost. **(Action: Paul McCarthy)**
- 9.3 There was considerable discussion regarding the format and content of squad training sessions. Reference was made to the Worcestershire squad, organised by Mark Pattison. These were indoor sessions, for which a reasonable sum is paid by the archers, with programmes comprising coaching plus talks on associated subjects and competition including team rounds; archers of international standing coaching/speaking etc. Paul undertook to speak to Mark Pattison to ascertain if there were any opportunities for joint ventures. **(Action: Paul McCarthy)**
- 9.4 Kathy Folkard pointed out that there may well be some funding for coaching available from WMAS, but this would require a proper proposal.

- 9.5 Dave Redding offered to provide details of a seminar to be held in Worcestershire, for the CWAA website. He also agreed to send details to Kathy Folkard in order that she may forward them to clubs which are not on e-mail. **(Action: Dave Redding, Pete Hunnisett and Kathy Folkard)**

10 Public Relations, Web site and Communications

- 10.1 It was reported archery is still receiving good press coverage.
10.2 Kathy Folkard said that Naomi had recently been invited to a civic reception at the Shire Hall for local Olympians and Paralympians.

11. WMAS Delegates Report

- 11.1 John Taylor read a report from Denis Folkard, which set out the main items of interest etc from the West Midlands Council meeting held on 6th January.
- The **Regional Inter-Counties Shoot** on 12th October 2009 will have record status
 - EMAS has challenged WMAS to an **inter-regional junior match**, to be combined with the Staffordshire FITA Star on 14th June. In the absence of Tom Williamson, no firm details were available.
 - Dates were agreed for record status tournaments, including the **British Disabled Championships**, an open FITA Star on 21st June 2009.
 - WMAS finances are healthy (£24,227) and it is not proposed to recommend any change in **subscriptions**.
 - Alan Logan is hoping to move to New Zealand shortly. Terry Shough agreed to take on the role of **Treasurer**. Alan will continue to organise the **WMAS postal leagues** by e-mail unless someone else volunteers to take over.
 - **Membership** in the West Midlands has dropped by 1.8% since September, mainly due to a fall in Warwickshire of 81 members.
 - It is understood that procedures etc for **the protection of children and vulnerable adults** will be changed in October 2009.
 - Steve Taylor is now one of two selectors for **England** teams. Details of the selection process are now on the EAF web site.
 - The **WMAS AGM** will be at Longbridge on 17th March 2009.

12. CWAA Summer League

- 12.1 John Taylor reported that only 3 of the 4 teams entered completed the CWAA summer League in 2008.
12.2 After some discussion it was agreed that the League would be run in 2009 on the same basis as last year.
12.3 It was regretted that Meriden AC are no longer taking part in the league, and Dave Redding offered to raise the matter at the forthcoming Meriden AC AGM. **(Action: Dave Redding)**

13. Child Protection

- 13.1 There was nothing to report at present.

14. Annual General Meeting

- 14.1 It was agreed that the AGM would be held on Thursday 26th March 2009 at Leamington.
14.2 All those present confirmed that they were happy to continue in their present positions on the committee. However, Kathy Folkard said that she understood that James Folkard wanted to stand down as Records Officer, and that a tournaments organiser is also needed.
14.3 It was agreed that we should propose amendments to the CWAA Constitution, replacing references to 'GNAS' with 'GNAS/Archery UK'. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

15. Date of Next Meeting

- 15.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th April. Unless Adam Ravenscroft finds a suitable alternative venue, this will be at Leamington. **(Action: Adam Ravenscroft and Kathy Folkard)**

16 Any Other Business

- 16.1 Adam Ravenscroft and Paul McCarthy said that they intended to have a discussion after the committee meeting to talk about the **promotion of junior archery** in the county.
16.2 Kathy Folkard reported that sadly **Dunlop AC** and **Rugby Disabled AC** had now closed.
16.3 Kathy said that **Bowmen of Swanshurst** appeared to have problems. It had only last week sent in its annual returns, and that Carol Brown was acting as secretary and treasurer. She understood from Carol that Swanshurst members are leaving to join Kings Heath Archers, who share the Swanshurst venue, and that they are joining the NFAS rather than GNAS.
16.4 With regard to **Kings Heath Archers**, Kathy said that the NFAS web site shows that it is an NFAS club. From the annual returns it appears that the KHA junior club has 19 members while the senior club has just 5 members. The KHA website refers to a committee of 8 and a coach, from which it seems apparent that not all senior members are GNAS members.

16.5 If GNAS members are shooting alongside non-GNAS members, which seems likely, this is in breach of GNAS Laws:

'12.(a) Only a member of the Society or a person who is a member of a national society affiliated to the Federation Internationale de Tir a l'Arc may shoot or officiate at any of the Society's meetings or at any meeting of a Regional Society, County Association or Associated Club.'

It was agreed that this casts doubt on insurance cover in the event of an incident. If Kings Heath Archers and B of Swanshurst actually shoot together, it may also be affected.

16.6 It was agreed that Kathy would write to both clubs to draw their attention to this potential risk, and breach of the GNAS Laws, and that a copy would be sent to the GNAS. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

16.7 It was reported that Carol Brown had now qualified as a **county judge**, and it was agreed that Kathy Folkard should congratulate her on behalf of CWAA. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

Chairman..... Date.....