

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 23rd July 2009
at the Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Leamington Spa

Present: Denis Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Pete Hunnisett, Derek Kelly, Jon Richmond, James Scott, John Taylor (MBE), Brian Tustin, Bob Watson and Roger Wyton.

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from James Folkard and Dave Redding.
- 1.2 It was reported that Graham Maccro had resigned from the committee.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2009 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 3.1 – Kathy Folkard confirmed that she had informed the GNAS that no response had been received from either Kings Heath Archers or B of Swanshurst and that 'the ball is now in its court' to pursue the matter. A reply has been received confirming that Anne Rook is to deal with the matter and that CWAA will be kept informed.

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 Kathy Folkard said that she had received a letter from Iris Bingham (Rugby Disabled) requesting financial assistance with a trip to Portugal to compete in the WCSA Assisted (Disabled) World and European Championships 2009. It was agreed that a contribution of £100 should be made.

(Action: Roger Wyton)
- 4.2 Kathy said that she had dealt with a query from an established archery club in Alum Rock, which wants to join GNAS.

5. CWAA Tournaments

- 5.1 It was confirmed that the **CWAA Junior (Outdoor) Championships 2009** was held at Leamington in conjunction with the Leamington & Midland Counties Meeting on 31st May.
- 5.2 It was reported that the **CWAA (Outdoor) Championships** to be held at Leamington on 30th August, may be postponed until 13th September in order to enable RLSAS to run an archery have-a-go at the NAC over the bank holiday weekend. A recent check indicated that no entries had been received and it was felt that the rescheduled date would attract a larger entry. No objections to this were raised.
- 5.3 It was confirmed that the **CWAA Clout Championships** will be organised again by Bowflights, on 6th September.
- 5.4 Jon Richmond confirmed that arrangements are in hand for the **CWAA Indoor Championships 2010** to be held at Warley on 31st January. The Harry Mitchell Centre has been booked, national record status has been obtained and Phil Ravenscroft and Carol Brown are to judge. It was agreed that Janette Ross should be invited as Lady Paramount.

(Action: Jon Richmond)
- 5.5 Jon said that he had asked Meriden AC to host the CWAA Field Championships on 28th February and is awaiting a reply. It was suggested that this may clash with the WMAS Indoor Championships.

(Action: Jon Richmond and Kathy Folkard)
- 5.6 Derek Kelly confirmed that arrangements for the Quantum Windsor, on 31st August, are in hand, and that no help is needed.

6. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 6.1 A written report from Dave Redding detailed the arrangements for a **Level 2 Coach Course** to be run jointly with Worcestershire, starting around September 2009. He also reported that Wendy Baird (Stratford) had now qualified as a Level 1 Coach.

7. Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 Roger Wyton had referred to the receipts and payments account for the quarter, which showed a deficit for the year to date of £660.94, and approximately £10,000 of banked assets. He said that the main items of expenditure during the quarter were £304.50 paid to Meriden AC for hire of bosses etc for the pre-season FITA, and £428.37 paid to John Weaver for county team bars and ribbons.

8. Records Officer's Report

- 8.1 James Folkard submitted a written report which detailed the following record claims, all of which had been checked and found to be in order:

Jack Brookes	D Worcester	Jun Rec	502
Stuart Tongue	D Portsmouth	Gent LB	572
Naomi Folkard	2x24 FITA Mixed Field	Lady Rec	696

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 James Scott reported that two **county matches** had taken place during the quarter. In the match against Lancashire and Cheshire at Warrington the compounds had finished first, recurves 3rd and longbows second. In the match against Leicestershire both the junior and senior teams had won comfortably.
- 9.2 James said that he was planning a series of regular **squad training sessions** over the winter, starting on Sunday 1st November. It is intended that these should be structured and be supported by knowledgeable specialists. Costs have yet to be assessed. **(Action: James Scott)**
- 9.3 James reported that he is finding it very difficult to assemble teams for **county matches** as the top archers who want qualification scores and MB and GMB classifications want to shoot only record status FITAs. He said that it is intended that next year the Lancashire/Cheshire match (in Lancashire) and the Notts/Derby match (in Warwickshire), both FITAs, will have national record status. With regard to the match against Leicestershire, which in recent years has been a York/Hereford held in conjunction with the Leamington and Midland Counties Meeting, he understands that Meriden are prepared to combine it with the Stephanie Hall world record status FITA. It was agreed that these arrangements should be supported.
- 9.4 It was confirmed that the **Pre-season FITA** would be held at Meriden on 5th April 2010 as part of a FITA Star event.
- 9.5 It was agreed that CWAA should encourage juniors by funding the purchase of **polo shirts**. James Scott agreed to obtain costings. **(Action: James Scott)**
- 9.6 Kathy Folkard pointed out that WMAS has provided some funding for juniors and squad training in other counties, and that it could be worthwhile approaching WMAS with a costed proposal. **(Action: James Scott)**

10. Public Relations, Web site and Communications

- 10.1 Pete Hunnisett reported that he is keeping the web site updated.

11. WMAS Delegates Report

- 11.1 Denis Folkard reported that he had attended the WMAS Council Meeting in Worcester on 23rd July together with Kathy Folkard (CWAA representative) and John Taylor (WMAS President).
- 11.2 The main points of interest were:
- The WMAS v EMAS junior match had been held on 14th June, with a victory to WMAS. The results, however, have been delayed by computer problems and should be available shortly.
 - The financial position of the Society remains healthy, with banked assets standing at £18,541.
 - Ruth Field was not present and submitted no report, which was unfortunate in view of the recent publication by the GNAS of a new Child Protection Policy.
 - There was a long debate about expenses claims. Iris Bingham was granted £100 towards the cost of her trip to the WCSA World Championships. A request for a grant from one of the England team in the recent Euronations may now not be made as all expenses were funded. Any requests for support for Level 2 Coach courses must be made on completion of the course.
 - A letter was submitted by Geoff Thomas (Long Mynd) seeking support for reduced GNAS fees for pensioners. This is to be forwarded to counties for their support. (A vote showed that there is no support for this from CWAA.)
 - It was agreed that Leamington should continue to run the WMAS Novices Tournament for as long as they wish or until another club makes a bid for the event.
 - Linda Haines agreed to arrange for the WMAS website to be brought up to date over the summer. A section dedicated to the Regional Inter Counties Tournament will be added to help organisers.
 - A proposal from Worcestershire for WMAS to purchase a set of traffic lights etc for loan or hire to clubs, was turned down.
 - A request from Worcestershire to revert to the old compound adjustments for the WMAS Summer League 2009 and the future introduction of a percentage adjustment was put forward. The request was rejected, but it was agreed that the matter will be reviewed for 2010.

12. CWAA Summer League

- 12.1 John Taylor reported that just three clubs had shot the first round, Coventry, Sutton Coldfield and RLSAS, and that the total number of archers shooting was very small.
- 12.2 There was considerable discussion about how to encourage more clubs and more archers to participate. A suggestion that next year all rounds should be Warwicks, short rounds suitable for all archers, appeared to be popular. It was also suggested that best scores could be carried forward from month to month. It was agreed that we should look at this seriously for 2010.

13. Child Protection

- 13.1 Jon Richmond presented in detail the new GNAS Child Protection Policy, the adoption of which in July 2010 by all clubs, is mandatory. It was considered that the implications for all clubs and for the sport as a whole were horrific.
- 13.2 Jon said that we have been approached by Surrey AA who obviously feel the same way, and it was agreed that the Policy is likely to cause uproar in the archery fraternity.
- 13.3 It was agreed that Jon would discuss our concerns with Surrey AA, prior to setting out our concerns in a draft response for discussion by the committee. **(Action: Jon Richmond)**
- 13.4 It was agreed that Kathy Folkard should write to all Warwickshire clubs to draw attention to the document, remind clubs that the Policy is to be mandatory and cannot be ignored, and inform them that the committee is very concerned and intends to make representations to the GNAS. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

14. Date of Next Meeting

- 14.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd October at Leamington. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

15. Any Other Business

- 15.1 Derek Kelly said that some of his club members doubted that some of the entrants in the WMAS Novices were genuinely eligible for the event. It was confirmed that all entrants are vetted, and it was pointed out than in twelve months, with regular practice and good coaching, it is possible for archers to achieve a very high standard.

Chairman..... **Date**.....