

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 22nd October 2009
at the Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Leamington Spa

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from James Folkard and Bob Watson.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2009 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Item 3.1 – Kathy Folkard confirmed that she had received no further communication from the GNAS regarding Kings Heath Archers or B of Swanshurst.

3.2 Item 4.1 – Roger Wyton confirmed that he had sent a cheque to Iris Bingham as agreed.

3.3 Item 4.2 – Kathy Folkard said that she had had a further telephone conversation regarding the proposed new GNAS club at Alum Rock, and that she understood Phil Ravenscroft had issued a safety certificate for the venue. However, she said that to date she had received no formal correspondence.

3.4 Item 5.6 – Quantum Archers were congratulated on running an excellent well organised shoot (a Windsor) on 31st August.

3.5 Item 9.5 – James Scott confirmed that he would arrange purchase of polo shirts for juniors before the winter squad sessions. **(Action: James Scott)**

3.6 Item 11.2 – Kathy said that the letter from Geoff Thomas regarding reduced fees for pensioners had not yet been received.

3.7 Item 11.2 – There was further discussion regarding the format etc of the WMAS Summer League and it was agreed that the counties should be consulted.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Kathy Folkard outlined a request from Peter Minshaw (Stratford) for financial assistance on successful completion of a recent County Coach Course. It was understood that he made no payment for the course itself, but that his travel and accommodation expenses were very considerable.

4.2 Kathy also reported a request for a grant from Wendy Baird (Meriden and Stratford) towards the cost of her recent Level 1 course.

4.3 There followed considerable discussion regarding the awarding of grants for completion of coaching courses – varying levels of expense involved, varying long term benefits to the county and county clubs etc. It was agreed that a maximum of £25 would be awarded for Level 1, £50 for Level 2 and £75 for County Coach, but that every application would be considered individually on its merits, having regard to the cost to the coach and the anticipated benefits to county archery.

4.4 It was agreed that the full grants should be made to both the current applicants - £75 to Peter Minshaw and £25 to Wendy Baird. Kathy Folkard undertook to send the necessary information to Roger Wyton.

(Action: Kathy Folkard and Roger Wyton)

4.5 It was agreed that correspondence relating to Child Protection would be discussed under item 13.

5. CWAA Tournaments

5.1 Jon Richmond confirmed that arrangements are in hand for the **CWAA Indoor Championships 2010** to be held at the Harry Mitchell Centre, Warley on 31st January. National record status has been obtained, Phil Ravenscroft and Carol Brown are to judge and Janette Ross has agreed to be the Lady Paramount. Jon said that some of his club members would form the work party and that he would organise a raffle and appropriate gifts for judges and the Lady P. Kathy Folkard said that she had some (but not enough) raffle tickets and a substantial number of target faces, all left from last year. Kathy undertook to arrange target faces, pins and clipboards. **(Action: Jon Richmond and Kathy Folkard)**

5.2 It was reported that Phil Ravenscroft had suggested an alternative future venue for the Indoor Championships – a school hall used by Bowflights which would be very cheap to hire. However, as it is understood that this would only hold 9 bosses, it was considered unsuitable.

5.3 Jon confirmed that Meriden has agreed to the **County Field Championships** being held on its course on 28th February, but that help with the work party has been requested.

5.4 Derek Kelly confirmed that Quantum is prepared to host both the Senior and Junior Championships in 2010. It was agreed that Derek would try to book the venue for 19th September. (11th July was suggested as an alternative if necessary.) It was agreed that the rounds to be shot would be FITAs and Metrics, replacing the York, Hereford and Bristols. **(Action: Derek Kelly)**

5.5 Jon Richmond undertook to confirm that Bowflights is prepared to organise next year's County Clout.

(Action: Jon Richmond)

6. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 6.1 Dave Redding reported that only one of the five candidates had completed the last Level 1 Course.
- 6.2 Dave confirmed that five Warwickshire coaches are doing the Level 2 Course currently being run by Worcestershire.
- 6.3 Dave asked that the WMAS Council should again be requested to reconsider the level of grant to be given to those qualifying for Level 2. Denis Folkard agreed to raise the matter at the next WMAS Council meeting. **(Action: Denis Folkard)**

7. Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 Roger Wyton referred to the latest receipts and payments account, which showed a profit for the quarter of £250.48, and approximately £10,400 of banked assets. He pointed out that this did not include the expenses associated with the Regional Inter Counties.
- 7.2 Derek Kelly asked that the time period for expenses claims should be extended. Roger said that he did not stick rigidly to the 2 month period indicated on the application form.

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:

Janette Ross	American	Lady Com	792
Janette Ross	Hereford	Lady Com	1230
Janette Ross	L's FITA	Lady Com	1306
Janette Ross	30 metres	Lady Com	347
Janette Ross	30 metres	Lady Com	349
Janette Ross	L's FITA	Lady Com	1308
Bethany Roberts	D Bristol 3	Jun LR	2120
Jack Brookes	D Bristol 2	Jun GR	2010
Lee Williams	50 metres	Gent Rec	323
Lee Williams	30 metres	Gent Rec	346
Lee Williams	Sh Metric	Gent Rec	669
Lee Williams	FITA 70	Gent Rec	634
Lee Williams	12 a pass	Gent Rec	109
Lee Williams	D FITA 70	Gent Rec	1265
Jacob Vick	D Bristol 3	Jun GR	2296
Jacob Vick	30 metres	Jun GR	332
Henry Scott	Metric 3	Jun GR	1239
Henry Scott	Sh Metric 3	Jun GR	636
Henry Scott	L Metric 3	Jun GR	603
Stuart Tongue	Portsmouth	Gent LB	331

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 James Scott gave a detailed illustrated presentation of his proposals for **county squad training**.
- 9.2 James said that although the results over 2009 had been reasonably good and there had been some very good individual performances, there had been significant weaknesses, particularly in the ladies' compound, ladies' recurve, ladies' longbow and gent's longbow sections.
- 9.3 He then outlined his proposals for winter squad sessions: 7th Nov at Meriden, 22nd November at Meriden, 10th January at Warwick University, 13th February at Brize Norton and 13th/14th March at Lilleshall or Eaton Hall. Although Meriden has suggested that there should be no charge for the first two sessions, James proposed that CWAA should offer £50 towards wear and tear on equipment, and this was agreed. James said that a charge of £5 per archer for the days at Warwick University and Brize Norton should cover the costs. For the last 2 day session James suggested that we should inform Lilleshall that we do not wish to take up the provisional booking, and instead use the facilities offered at Eaton Hall, which are considerably superior, but a bit more expensive (£135 per head compared to £115 per head). James suggested that archers could be expected to pay up to £100 for the weekend and therefore asked for a subsidy from the county for the difference. James said that he had a good 'staff' lined up for these dates. The proposals were agreed. **(Action: James Scott)**
- 9.4 It was agreed that James would prepare a detailed statement of the proposal for submission to WMAS Council as the basis of an application for funding. It was also agreed that details of the training programme should be publicised on the CWAA website. **(Action: James Scott and Pete Hunnisett)**
- 9.5 James was thanked for his excellent presentation and for the work involved in it.

10 Public Relations, Web site and Communications

- 10.1 Pete Hunnisett reported that he is keeping the website updated and that he had recently updated the programme of events.
- 10.2 Dave Redding suggested that there should be 'a second hand sales section' and this was agreed. **(Action: Dave Redding and Pete Hunnisett)**

10.3 Kathy Folkard mentioned that a large, publicly funded mural had recently been unveiled at the Lillington Community Centre (in Leamington) the subject of which is the Olympics. It is focussed primarily on archery and features Naomi Folkard.

11. WMAS Delegates Report

11.1 Denis Folkard reported that he had attended the WMAS Council Meeting in Church Stretton on 14th October together with Kathy Folkard (CWAA representative) and John Taylor (WMAS President).

11.2 The main points of interest were:

- The WMAS Championships are to be organised by Wyre Forest next year.
- Although the financial position of WMAS is healthy, Terry Shough had some concerns about the likely level of spending relative to income. After some discussion it was agreed that the Roy Matthews medal should be limited to category winners only, so reducing the number given from 12 to 6, and halving the bill for medals.
- Ruth Field was again not present and submitted no report, which was unfortunate in view of the discontent concerning the new Child Protection Policy. There was nevertheless a long debate on the subject and it was agreed that the secretary should write to the GNAS detailing the concerns.
- A letter from Dave Redding asking that further consideration be given to donating more than £25 to successful Level 2 candidates as a contribution towards their expenses. Because of concern about the number of likely future applications the limit of £25 was confirmed. The content of the Level 2 course was heavily criticised as being excessive.
- As two of the RIC trophies were not returned for the event, it was agreed that in future the WMAS Secretary should ensure that they are signed for, and request their return before the event.
- Linda Haines confirmed that she has had difficulty accessing the WMAS web site, but that she should now be able to update it during the Christmas period.

12. CWAA Summer League

12.1 John Taylor reported that the results from Coventry AC were still incomplete, but that he hoped to receive them shortly and finalise the overall results.

12.2 It was agreed that in 2010 the competition should involve 6 Warwick rounds. There would be a made-score competition, the team to include 5 archers with no more than 1 compound, and a handicap adjusted competition for a team of any 5 archers. Kathy Folkard undertook to inform clubs with the AGM mailing. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

13. Child Protection

13.1 Denis Folkard confirmed that he had written to the GNAS (Bill Mackay) on 28th August as agreed, but has received no response or acknowledgement.

13.2 Jon Richmond said that he understood that other counties and clubs held similar views to us and had also expressed their concerns.

13.3 Jon referred to the information on the GNAS website regarding the new Vetting and Barring Scheme, which was supposed to be operated from 12th October. This is now under review and a further report is to be made in December.

13.4 With regard to CWAA clubs Kathy Folkard said that she had received a few responses to the letter which she had sent to all clubs as requested at the last committee meeting (Minute 13.4).

13.5 Comments from Sid Revill and Peter Minshaw at Stratford were generally on relatively minor concerns. However, Stratford has now stopped taking juniors on its beginners' courses.

13.6 Coventry is looking at the policy document.

13.7 Meriden at first thought Kathy's letter related to the changes to Rule 103 made earlier this year. The club subsequently asked for CWAA views, but has given no indication of its own.

13.8 Neville Townsend of 'V' Archers said that he had been party to the creation of the Policy and asked for a copy of the CWAA letter to GNAS. However, he has made no further comment.

13.9 On behalf of Bowflights, Ruth Field, who is also the WMAS CPO, merely commented: 'I realise that there will be issues for people'.

13.10 Kathy Folkard said that she felt that most clubs had neither the time nor inclination to deal with this big policy document and the issues involved, and that they would either ignore it or stop taking juniors.

13.11 Denis Folkard said that there was an amazing silence from the GNAS and that hopefully a rethink was in progress. Jon Richmond pointed out that the whole thing was basically a result of government policy.

13.12 It was agreed that a further letter should be sent by recorded post to the Chief Executive of the GNAS (copy to Bill Mackay) expressing our concern at the lack of any reply to the previous letter. It should repeat that the Policy is not suited to an amateur sport and that, with some clubs already stopping their recruitment of juniors, in the long term it endangers the future of the sport. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

14. Date of Next Meeting

14.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st January at Leamington.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

14.2 Derek Kelly gave his apologies in advance.

15 Any Other Business

- 15.1 It was reported that, although no official documentation has been received, it is understood that there is to be an EGM of the GNAS on 21st November. It is believed that it is proposed to make radical changes to the governance of the society, which will give the Board more power, taking it from the members. Considerable concern was expressed at the WMAS Council and it was felt that all clubs should be represented at the meeting.
- 15.2 James Scott confirmed that he now had the CWAA medals etc for 2008, and that he would distribute them at the next opportunity. **(Action: James Scott)**
- 15.3 Kathy Folkard pointed out that in the recently published UK rankings Warwickshire archers accounted for 15% of the top 10 archers. Chris White and Naomi Folkard were ranked 1 in their respective disciplines.

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