

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 20th January 2011
at Old Milverton Village Hall (Leamington Spa)

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Derek Kelly, Philippa Lowe and Bob Watson.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (21.10.10)

2.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Item 3.3 - James Scott confirmed that he is distributing the medals from 2009, as opportunities arise.
(Action: James Scott)
- 3.2 Item 5.3 - Roger Wyton confirmed that the Alliance & Leicester account is closed and that the funds are with HSBC.
- 3.3 Item 7.2 - Jon Richmond returned the surplus medals from the CWAA Outdoor Championships to Denis Folkard.

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 Kathy Folkard reported that the form of 'on/off' **GNAS newsletters for club secretaries etc.** appeared to have changed again without warning. A bi-monthly newsletter is being distributed by e-mail. The first issue was in December 2010, and this referred to an additional newsletter, to be launched early in 2011, to provide news and updates to all members.
- 4.2 Kathy referred to a letter from the GNAS dated 20th December 2010, regarding the Pro Rata Fee Structure to be implemented from 1st January 2011. She said that she had passed it to Brian Tustin, who would no doubt refer to it in his report.
- 4.3 Kathy confirmed that, as agreed at the last meeting, and in consultation with Brian, she had written to Peter Dickson (GNAS Membership Services Project Manager) setting out eight points regarding the new membership registration system, which were of concern to CWAA. In a reply dated 10th January 2011 Peter Dickson thanked us for our thoughts and responded to all the points raised. He considers the new system to be working well, generating few queries or problems (for the GNAS). Kathy said that in her opinion the GNAS will press ahead with collecting maximum fees as quickly as possible, with little or no regard for the needs of, additional work for, or inconvenience to, counties and regions. She said that both Brian and Denis Folkard would make further reference to the matter in their reports.

5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Roger Wyton produced a receipts and payments account for the final quarter of 2010. He pointed out that what appeared to be an overall deficit on the year to date was caused by the inclusion in the account of fees and deposits for county squad sessions, which will be transferred to the balance sheet in the final accounts, so probably leaving a significant surplus on the year.
- 5.2 It was confirmed that most Warwickshire clubs have paid their affiliation fees in full, but that three clubs have paid nothing despite reminders (Beaufort, Swanshurst and 'V' Archers). In addition Solihull and Andalus together owe £162.50. Brian undertook to chase up the outstanding fees.
(Action: Brian Tustin)
- 5.3 It was agreed to recommend to the AGM no change to the affiliation fees for 2011-12.
- 5.4 Roger presented a letter from Naomi Folkard asking for assistance with her expenses in entering the European Indoor Championships (March 2011) for which there is no official funding. It was agreed to contribute £100.
(Action: Roger Wyton)

6. Membership Secretary's Report

- 6.1 Brian Tustin confirmed that he is doing his best to make the new membership registration system work, but that it is causing confusion to clubs, and much additional work.
- 6.2 He confirmed that the new pro rata system for GNAS fees started on January 1st. He thought that sadly this would not encourage new members, and that it would be fairer if the fee were set in 12ths. It was reported that WMAS council would recommend the retention of the existing fee system with regard to WMAS fees, and it was agreed that CWAA AGM should be advised similarly to make no change.

7. CWAA Tournaments

- 7.1 Jon Richmond confirmed that arrangements for the **CWAA Indoor Championships** (30.01.11) are well in hand. The entry to date was good, with only 8 spaces. Kathy Folkard handed over target faces and pins, and agreed to arrange the supply of CWAA medals. Jon pointed out there are building works at the Harry Mitchell Centre which may make the venue unsuitable for use in the future.
(Action: Jon Richmond & Kathy Folkard)
- 7.2 Jon confirmed that he is liaising with Stuart Wood-Edens (Meriden) regarding the County Field Championships. It will be a 2x12 target FITA 24 on 27th February for county archers and invitees only.

Jon confirmed that an entry form would be available soon. (He mentioned that he had heard that the Oaklands may be available again for shoots.) **(Action: Jon Richmond)**

- 7.3 Kathy Folkard reported that Derek Kelly had proposed 11th September as the date for Quantum to organise the CWAA Outdoor Championships. She said that she understood that this was possibly to be the day of the National Series Final, but that as far as she was aware the venue was still uncertain. It was therefore decided that no objection would be raised to the date proposed and Jon Richmond offered to liaise with Derek regarding the organisational details.

(Action: Derek Kelly, Jon Richmond and Kathy Folkard)

8. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 8.1 Dave Redding said, that regretfully due to illness, Alan Pritchard had now retired as CCO, and that he himself had now accepted the position.
- 8.2 Dave said that places on Level 1 coach courses are now available in Worcestershire and at Lilleshall. He pointed out that Level 1 courses are now open to non-archers, and that such non-archers are having to approach clubs in order to arrange their supervised practice.
- 8.3 He also drew attention to a seminar to be held at Lilleshall on Saturday 5th February run by Lannie Basham (fee £5).
- 8.4 Dave reported that the GNAS are not at present able to supply up to date information on County coaches, but that he believes there are currently in the county 1 senior coach, 4 county coaches, 6 coaches, 2 level 2 coaches, 17 level 1 coaches and 1 junior coach. He pointed out that Ken Parmenter had now retired and that Peter Minshaw is currently out of action for personal reasons.
- 8.5 Dave undertook to provide a copy of his latest coach contact information to Kathy Folkard.

(Action: Dave Redding)

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 James Scott said that two well attended coaching sessions had been held this winter and that arrangements were progressing for a day and a weekend session at Eaton Manor (February and March respectively).
- 9.2 Brian Tustin criticised the extent of coaching given to some archers attending the first two sessions. James pointed out that this was partly because two coaches cancelled at short notice.
- 9.3 There was some discussion regarding the desirability of separating coaching for potential county archers (say 1st Class and above) and others. Brian suggested that open sessions could be held at Leamington for the lower ability archers. It was suggested that sessions could be held over the summer with coaching from the county coaching organisation and/or county team members. Dave Redding undertook to speak to Tony Luff regarding this. It was suggested that county team archers would benefit from sessions with specialists eg psychologist etc.
- 9.4 James confirmed that Warwickshire is hosting the 2011 Lancashire/Cheshire match on the usual weekend in May. He said that Lancashire are looking for an alternative date for 2012 to suit all teams.

(Action: Dave Redding)

10. Records Officer's Report

- 10.1 Kath Vick confirmed that she had received 6 claims and that they were all in order: Jonathan Shales 2; Janette Ross 1; Isobel Roberts 2; and Jacob Vick 1. All claims were ratified.
- 10.2 Kath undertook to check with GNAS how it is dealing with records for rounds involving a recent change in age groups.

11. Public Relations, Web site and Communications

- 11.1 Pete Hunnisett confirmed that he had made minor updates to the CWAA web site, and added some of this year's events.
- 11.2 Colin Geenes said that he wished to resign as County Press Officer, as no one was sending him information and he did not have time to chase it.
- 11.3 Kathy Folkard said that she had circulated a few press reports, including a report on the National Indoor Weekend which had been widely published.

12. WMAS Delegates Report

- 12.1 Denis Folkard reported that he had attended the WMAS Council Meeting at Church Stretton on 20th January, together with John Taylor (President) and Kathy Folkard.
- 12.2 The main points of interest were:
- There is shortly to be a new webmaster for the **WMAS website**, so the site should be active again soon. Hopefully it will be useful for advertising tournaments.
 - Attention was drawn to the new rules regarding **safety zones**, which took immediate effect (basically no overlap in safety zones).
 - WMAS has about **£26,000** (including most of the fees for 2010-11) and **membership** stands at 1684, including 306 students, 330 juniors and 5 direct members.
 - **Grants** were approved to Naomi Folkard and Andy Rikunenko towards the cost of attending the European Indoor Championships. It was agreed that all such requests would be considered on their individual merits.
 - WMAS has received a cheque from GNAS for £965, the **rebate** due for the collection of fees. Terry Shough said that he had no idea of the amount due to each club for prompt payment or whether or not the total received was correct. It was agreed that the cheque should be banked

and that clubs wishing to receive a rebate should apply with evidence that their fees were paid by 2nd November*note1.

- It was agreed that there would be **no pro rata arrangement for WMAS fees**.
- Approval was given to a **contribution of £1000 to the EAF**, which is funded by the regions.
- Tony Goad is replacing Pam Jones as **Judge Liaison Officer**.
- Tom Williamson reported that GNAS is, for the first time, sending out **coach renewal notices**, and that a **Level 1 course** is to be run at Lilleshall over 3 weekends. It was agreed that Tom should organise an improvers' weekend with financial support from WMAS.
- Dave Harris confirmed that England is organising both the senior and junior **Euronations** this year, and that it is intended to run squads again, possibly on a part self-funded basis.
- There is a lot of lobbying going on to try to get archery into the **Commonwealth Games** in Glasgow. There is also a possibility of the home nations participating in European events.
- Alan Logan is to continue to organise the **Summer League**, but changes to it are anticipated.
- There is to be **no Junior Inter County event in 2011**, but next year it will be an open shoot in the same format as previously. Steve Taylor confirmed that he will produce a plan for a **junior regional squad**.
- The **AGM** will be at Wythall on 8th March. (The positions of Chairman and Secretary*Note2 will need to be filled).
- The **2011 Regional Championships** are to be combined with the Staffordshire FITA Star at Penkridge on 12th June.
- Places are still available at the **WMAS Indoor Championships** in March.
- **The Regional Inter Counties** will be organised by Staffordshire at Lilleshall on 9th October.

12.3 Kath Vick said that she understood that there was a possibility of the junior regional squad meeting at Barkers' Butts, Meriden.

12.4 John Taylor added to Denis's report by pointing out that WMAS had paid a surcharge of 2% (approximately £17) for supposedly late payment of its 'contribution'. He disagreed with this.

13. County Development Coordinator's Report

13.1 Colin Geenes circulated a detailed report on the Archery GB Club Development programme ('On Target'), based on the two day seminar which he attended at Lilleshall in October. He made particular mention of Phase 1 in which clubs sign up to the programme with a view to accessing a small grants scheme (£30,000 funding available), various documents, guidance and support. Phase 2 will see clubs working towards specialisms and more information should be available shortly. Colin also gave details of the Talented Athlete's Bursary Programme, the CSW Sport Coach Bursary Scheme, Nuneaton Community Games, CSW Funding Search and opportunities for Volunteer Support.

13.2 Both Colin and Dave Redding attended the seminar, and both considered that it was much longer than necessary. The general feeling of the committee was that it is yet another project coming from the GNAS which will fizzle out.

13.3 Colin was thanked for his work, and he agreed to keep the committee updated on developments.

(Action: Colin Geenes)

14. CWAA Summer League 2010 and 2011

14.1 John Taylor said that he would produce 2010 results and that they would be available for publication on the website shortly.

(Action: John Taylor)

14.2 It was agreed that the 2011 League would follow the same format.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

15. Child etc. Protection

15.1 Kath Vick had nothing to report.

16. Date of Next Meeting

16.1 The next committee meeting will be on Thursday 14th April.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

17. Any Other Business

17.1 It was agreed that the AGM would be held on 24th March. After some discussion regarding suitable venues, Kathy Folkard agreed to investigate the possibility of using Meriden Village Hall*Note3. All those present confirmed that they are prepared to stay in post next year.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

17.2 Brian Tustin agreed to provide Kathy Folkard with up to date membership information.

(Action: Brian Tustin)

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

*Note 1 (para 12.2) This no longer applies. WMAS is currently in dispute with GNAS over the amount of rebate.

*Note 2 (para 12.2) Geoff Thomas and Brenda Thomas were elected as Chairman and Secretary respectively, but Terry Shough decided not to stand for re-election and WMAS currently has no treasurer.

*Note 3 (para 17.1) The AGM was held at Barkers' Butts RFC, Meriden.