

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 21st July 2011
at Barkers' Butts RFC, Coventry

Present: Denis Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Colin Geenes (for Items 1-3 and 13), Pete Hunnisett, Derek Kelly, Jon Richmond, James Scott, John Taylor (MBE), Brian Tustin and Kath Vick.

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Philippa Lowe and Roger Wyton.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (14.04.11)

2.1 The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters Arising from 2 above

3.1 Item 3.1 – James Scott confirmed that the few medals/year bars awaiting distribution, would be handed out at the next county match.

3.2 Item 3.2 – Kathy Folkard said that she had not received any further e-mail newsletters, and was awaiting a response from GNAS as to why.

3.3 Item 3.3 – It was confirmed that a coaching session on 18th June at Meriden for 2nd class archers and below, had been quite well attended, and that a further session is to be organised in September.

(Action: Dave Redding)

3.4 Item 3.4 – It was confirmed that 'V' A.C. has now paid all fees for 2010-11. The outstanding record claim from Jon Shales was therefore ratified.

(Action: Kath Vick)

3.5 Item 3.5 – It was confirmed that the concerns regarding the WMAS Junior Squad had been discussed with Steve Taylor and also raised at the recent WMAS Council meeting. Denis said that the issue would be covered in his WMAS representative's report.

3.6 Item 4.1 – With regard to the concerns at the AGM regarding the possible waste of money caused by the over-ordering of engraved year bars, James Scott confirmed that it was actually cheaper to order a larger quantity than needed, rather than the required number. He also pointed out that some archers who no longer shot for Warwickshire had declined the offer of medals/year bars, which added to the surplus. With regard to juniors James confirmed that there were no junior matches during 2009-10.

3.7 Item 4.2 – The revisions to the constitution to be put to the next AGM were not considered.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

3.8 Item 4.3 – Kathy Folkard said that she had not received the information and comments from the secretary of Warwick University AC as promised at the AGM, and that she understood that he had now left the University. With regard to fees for the club she said that she understood that WMAS intended to base their new per capita fee for students on the previous year's membership, and suggested that CWAA should do likewise.

3.9 Item 4.4 – It was confirmed that a Level 1 Coach Course is to be run at King Edwards School, Handsworth, starting in March 2012. The course administrator is Wendy Baird and the cost will be £270. All CWAA clubs have been informed and details are available on the CWAA website.

3.10 Item 18.1 – Kathy Folkard said that she understood that as a result of the public outcry, the proposal to phase out cheques had been abandoned.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Kathy Folkard said that she had dealt with a lot of correspondence during the quarter, but drew attention to the following:

1. E-mail from Gordon Jones (Coventry A.C.) concerned regarding **the passing on of members' details by GNAS to third parties**. She said that the new GNAS annual membership return forms give options to individuals to permit their details to be passed on to (i) Sport England and (ii) Third Parties, and that the inference is therefore that details will not be passed on without permission. It was pointed out that club secretaries who complete the forms may not consult all individual members.
2. Letter from Mike Vick (WMAS Treasurer), sent to the WMAS county secretaries regarding the **5% GNAS rebate**. It stated that he had now received the bulk of the rebate due to WMAS and that he proposed to return it all, as soon as possible, to counties or clubs (at the discretion of

the counties). Kathy said that she was surprised by the letter as historically the rebate was a payment to the region for collecting GNAS fees, and it has been up to the regions to decide how to use it. WMAS has returned to the counties that part of the rebate relating to fees paid by 31st October and it has been up to each county to decide what to do with this. WMAS has in the past retained that part of the rebate relating to late fee payments, and this has recently amounted to approximately £1000, a significant part of its income. She said that as Mike, new to the treasurer's job was probably unaware of this, she had brought the matter to the attention of the Council. It was agreed at the last council meeting that only the rebate on prompt payments would be distributed and Mike is now reviewing the matter.

3. **Annual Returns Guidance 2011/12 from the GNAS** (now passed to Brian Tustin, CWAA membership secretary). Kathy said that there was no covering letter with this document, but that in view of the imminence of the next subscription year she assumed that it is intended for use rather than consultation. She drew attention to the last page (C: Disclosure) which concerned her because clubs appear to be given options with regard to:

- (i) affiliating or not affiliating to a County or Region. This is in conflict with GNAS Law 18.
- (ii) all their shooting members being members of Archery GB
- (iii) complying with Archery GB Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

It was agreed that Kathy should write to GNAS regarding these points.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Consideration was given to a receipts and payments account for the quarter ending 30th June (previously circulated by Roger Wyton with his report).
- 5.2 Roger pointed out that the **Indoor Championships** had made a net profit of £86.70, but that as he is still awaiting the bill from Meriden AC he cannot yet prepare a final account for the **Field Championships**.
- 5.3 He said that the cost to date to CWAA for the **Eaton Manor residential weekend** was £1308, but that he was anticipating a further bill for catering in the order of £500. James Scott agreed to chase this up.
(Action: James Scott)
- 5.4 In conclusion, Roger said that the financial position at the half year looked healthy, with just under £10,000 in the bank. John Taylor pointed out that last year's fee increase was justified.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

- 6.1 Brian Tustin confirmed that 'V' A.C. had finally paid all outstanding fees for 2010-11.
- 6.2 He said that B. of Charnwood, who meet in Nuneaton, are considering affiliating through CWAA.

7. CWAA Tournaments

- 7.1 Jon Richmond confirmed that the County Clout Championships will be held at Bowflights on 4th September and that there will be practice facilities available on 3rd. There was some concern regarding the lack of proper results for the event in the past.
- 7.2 Derek Kelly confirmed that the CWAA senior and Junior (Outdoor) Championships will be held on 11th September at King Edward's School in Handsworth. He said that he had received 10 entries to date.
- 7.3 Arrangements are in hand for the County Indoor Championships on 29th January 2012 at King Edward's, Handsworth, and a record status application has been made.
- 7.4 Jon said that he is having discussions with Stuart Wood-Edens (Meriden A.C.) regarding the 2012 Field Championships.
(Action: Jon Richmond)

8. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 8.1 No report.

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 James Scott reported that both recurves and compounds had won their matches against Lancashire and Cheshire. With regard to 2012 he said that although Warwickshire and Lancashire want to change the date of the event, Cheshire appear to be reluctant. The date is still under discussion, but it is Cheshire's turn to host the match.
- 9.2 The match against Nottingham and Derby will be on August 7th at Burton Bridge.

9.3 The Regional Inter Counties competition will be on October 9th, organised by Staffordshire. It was noted that it will be Warwickshire's turn to organise the event in 2012.

9.4 James said that Eaton Manor was provisionally booked for a weekend in March 2012.

10. Records Officer's Report

10.1 Kath Vick reported 25 claims, all in order: Naomi Folkard 1; Jacob Vick 12; Matthew Ingram 4; Caitlin McCarthy 4; Isobel Roberts 2 and Michael McCarthy 2. **(Action: Kath Vick and Pete Hunnisett)**

10.2 Kath said that she had received an enquiry from Paul McCarthy regarding a two day event of single Bristol rounds. Paul wishes to be able to claim records for double Bristol rounds. It was agreed that this was not appropriate, but it was suggested that a view from GNAS should, if possible, be obtained. **(Action: Kath Vick)**

11. Public Relations, Website and Communications

11.1 No report.

12. WMAS Delegate's Report

12.1 Denis Folkard reported that he and Kathy, together with John Taylor had attended WMAS Council Meetings in May and July.

12.2 The main points of interest were as follows:

- After a lively discussion regarding the desirability, suitability, cost etc of the **new judges uniform** the Council agreed to give WMAS judges a contribution of £100, rather than the £150 requested. After the meeting there were a series of e-mails, including highly inaccurate comments regarding the Council discussion of the matter, in which some of the judges considered the offer of £100 to be derisory. Denis said that the estimates of the actual cost to each judge varied from £150 to over £400 and that the GNAS are providing trousers and a shirt to the value of £52 (funded by a levy on record status tournaments). No formal requests for assistance have been received from Warwickshire judges by CWAA, but it was agreed that should any such request be received an appropriate contribution would be £25.
- Steve Taylor said that the purpose of the **Junior Regional Squad**, agreed by archers, parents and coaches so far involved, was i) to develop a team mentality; ii) to develop the best West Midlands archers towards GB and England representation and iii) to provide inter-regional competition. He said that the top 20 juniors will be invited to squad sessions over the 2011/12 winter season, with selection dependent on scores at record status tournaments during the 2011 outdoor season. (For girls - Metric 2 for under 18s and Ladies FITA for 18-20s. For boys – Metric 1 for under18s and Gents FITA FOR 18-20S. Coaching will be mainly by each archer's personal coach.
- WMAS is receiving an increasing number of requests for assistance in varying areas of archery. Mike Vick has drafted some guidelines for consideration at the next WMAS Council. Meanwhile the Secretary is writing to GNAS regarding the lack of funding in some areas for GB internationals. The Regional Inter Counties competition is becoming an ever-growing drain on WMAS resources and there have been suggestions that archers should make a contribution to the cost.
- Archery will not be included in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. However, discussions are going on with a view to archery competitions being held worldwide between Commonwealth countries. (This may result in further requests for financial assistance!)

13. County Development Coordinator's Report

13.1 Colin Geenes confirmed that grants are not currently available for a coach course starting in 2012.

13.2 Colin said that he had received information regarding the Development Conference on 22nd/23rd October. It was agreed that Colin should attend at CWAA's expense if he considers it would be useful.

13.3 Colin referred to the "National Archery Facility Strategy – Consultation", available on the GNAS website. He pointed out that comments are required by 29th July.

13.4 Details of a number of other schemes and initiatives for club and archers' development, which are being encouraged by GNAS (eg 'On Target', Sportivate, Specialisms, Regional Talent Academies) are also on the GNAS website.

14. CWAA Summer League 2011

14.1 John Taylor said that he had only received first leg scores from six of the eight teams which had entered, despite having reminded them.

15. Child Protection

15.1 No report.

16. Date of Next Meeting

16.1 Thursday 20th October at Barkers' Butts RFC.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

17. Any Other Business

- 17.1 Brian Tustin asked that a junior county match should be arranged to run with the Leamington and Midland Counties Meeting 2012. Brian agreed to let James Scott know the date of the Meeting in order that he may look into this. **(Action: Brian Tustin and James Scott)**
- 17.2 Jon Richmond confirmed that an arrow trophy returned to the County Indoor Championships on behalf of Kim Copson, had now been returned to Phil Walmsley, secretary of the Warwickshire Archery Society.
- 17.3 John Taylor suggested the resurrection of an Open Forum for all CWAA members after the summer season and before the next AGM, in order to get a better feeling for what our members want. (A maximum of two members from any one club to vote.) It was pointed out that forums in the past had been poorly attended and would probably not actually attract the typical member, but those with 'an axe to grind'. The proposal was not agreed.
- 17.4 Kathy Folkard reported that she had just received information from Sport England regarding large funds now available for sport: £50m for up to one thousand local sports clubs for developments which will get more people into sport and increase the use of existing facilities; and £2.8m for Disability Sport for schemes to get expertise to the grass roots. She said that she had circulated details to all CWAA clubs.

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