

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 20th October 2011
at Barkers' Butts RFC, Coventry

Present: Denis Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Pete Hunnisett, Derek Kelly, Philippa Lowe, Jon Richmond, James Scott, John Taylor (MBE), and Kath Vick. Stuart Wood-Edens also attended.

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Colin Geenes, Brian Tustin and Roger Wyton.
- 1.2 It was reported that both Colin Geenes and James Scott were resigning from their CWAA positions, and that Stuart Wood-Edens, who had volunteered to replace James as County Team Manager, was attending the meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (21.07.11)

- 2.1 The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters Arising from 2 above

- 3.1 Item 3.1 – James Scott confirmed that, as far as he was aware, the 2009 and 2010 medals/year bars had now been distributed to those team members wishing to receive them.
- 3.2 Item 3.3 – Kathy Folkard said that she had contacted both Dave Redding and Wendy Baird regarding the follow-up coaching sessions for 2nd Class archers and below, and understood that these are not likely to happen before the New Year. She said that she had been approached by B of Charnwood (recently transferred to Warwickshire) regarding the availability of coaching within the county. She said that she had explained the position in Warwickshire, and forwarded the enquiry to Dave Redding.
- 3.3 Item 3.7 – Kathy Folkard confirmed that she would look at necessary revisions to the constitution for the January committee meeting. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**
- 3.4 Item 5.3 – James Scott confirmed that he had still not received the outstanding catering bill for the 2011 Eaton Manor weekend, and that there had been no response to his e-mails. It was agreed that a sum of £500 should be earmarked to pay the bill, should it be received. **(Action: Roger Wyton)**
- 3.5 Item 6.2 – It was confirmed that B of Charnwood (senior and junior clubs) have now affiliated to CWAA and WMAS.
- 3.6 Item 12.2 – Kathy Folkard said that she had heard unofficially that Archery GB had backed down on the enforcement of the new judges uniform, because of judge resignations.
- 3.7 Item 17.2 – Jon Richmond said that the trophy belonging to Warwickshire Archery Society had still not been collected.

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 Kathy Folkard listed the following correspondence:
 - 1. E-mail from Colin Geenes (20.10.11) confirming his immediate resignation as a committee member and County Development Organiser, because of other commitments. Kathy said that she had asked him to pass on any relevant paperwork etc. It was agreed that we should not seek to fill the post at present. Kathy undertook to inform AGB. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**
 - 2. Letter (12.10.11) from Kath Vick (previously circulated to the committee) asking for financial assistance for 3 Warwickshire juniors selected to be part of a team of 8 Young Games Makers, working at the Olympics in 2012. Kath explained the request, the costs involved etc. and then left the room while the committee reached its decision. The views of two absent members, Roger Wyton and Brian Tustin were reported, and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that CWAA would donate £100 to each of the 3 juniors. It was agreed that CWAA would not support senior members helping at the Olympics. **(Action: Kathy Folkard and Roger Wyton)**
 - 3. Judge's Assessment form (11.07.11) for a new club, Austrey Archers, at Atherstone. The form, signed by Carol Brown, indicates that open shoots must be limited to recurves only, shooting a maximum of 60yds, and that at club shoots any compounds must shoot diagonally.
 - 4. Letter (01.09.11) from Mike Vick, WMAS Treasurer, enclosing a cheque for £543.25 – ie 5% of the 2010/11 AGB renewal fees paid by CWAA clubs by 2nd November 2010. It was confirmed that this will be returned to the clubs as previously. **(Action: Brian Tustin and Roger Wyton)**
 - 5. E-mail from AGB regarding the 'Disclosure' at the end of the Annual Returns forms. Kathy Folkard said that as agreed at the last meeting (Para 4.1-5) she had written to AGB outlining

our concerns. After reading out the reply from Sue Walford, she said that she was particularly concerned that AGB are informing clubs that they do not have to affiliate to either county or region. She said that she was aware that individuals and clubs are already querying the need to affiliate to CWAA and WMAS. A few individuals have already decided to opt out and it is possible that some of the clubs which have not yet affiliated may have decided to do likewise. Opt outs are only likely to increase, possibly creating significant problems for counties and regions, including a serious drop in income. This could indirectly affect the EAF, which is funded almost entirely by the regions.

It was reported that the problem was raised in May, at the last meeting of regional chairmen with Dave Harrison (Chairman AGB), and it is understood that Geoff Thomas (Chairman WMAS) hopes to pursue the matter. It was agreed that, after assessing the full impact on affiliations for 2011-12, we should support Geoff, and likewise take the matter up with AGB.

(Action: Kathy Folkard)

6. E-mail from AGB regarding e-mail newsletters. (A response to a query from CWAA regarding the on/off situation with, and the continually changing medium for, passing information to club and county secretaries (Para 3.2 of minutes of 21.07.11). Kathy referred to the reply (July) from Catherine Collier, which said that she was keen to ensure regular communication with County and Club Secretaries, and that it was planned to send out an e-newsletter in late August. Kathy said that she had not received such. (Kathy drew attention to the new AGB website.)
7. E-mail from Geoff Thomas (Chairman of WMAS) dated 01.10.11. Geoff is asking for comments on a proposal to run a series of indoor tournaments at Eaton Manor in the New Year – 6 doz arrows, at 30m for recurves and 50m for compounds. It was generally agreed that this is unlikely to attract Warwickshire archers, because of the location. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**
8. E-mail from AGB (20.10.11) advertising the post of Director Operations, now vacant until the AGM, following the resignation of Ann Shepherd.

5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Consideration was given to a report circulated in advance of the meeting by Roger Wyton, together with a receipts and payments account for the quarter ending 30th September .
- 5.2 Roger pointed out that the payment of a £989.02 deposit for Eaton Manor would be transferred to the 2012 accounts. Kathy Folkard pointed out that the £543.25 rebate from WMAS would be passed on to the relevant clubs, but said that hopefully we will receive more affiliation fees for 2011-12 as to date these appear to be significantly down on this time last year.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

- 6.1 Kathy Folkard referred to information received from Brian Tustin and said that she understood that Brian hoped shortly to ascertain the amount of the '5% rebate' earned by each club.
- 6.2 To date no 2011/12 fees have been received from the following clubs: Andalus, Austrey, Beacon, Swanshurst, Kings Heath, Kings Heath Juniors, Solihull, Sutton Coldfield Juniors, U of Birmingham, and U of Warwick. Brian volunteered to write to these. **(Action: Brian Tustin)**

7. CWAA Tournaments

- 7.1 Jon Richmond confirmed that the County Clout Championships had been held at Bowflights on 4th September and that it was attended by 27 Warwickshire archers.
- 7.2 Derek Kelly confirmed that the CWAA Senior and Junior (Outdoor) Championships had been held on 11th September at King Edward's School in Handsworth. 32 archers, including 30 from Warwickshire, entered.
- 7.3 Arrangements are in hand for the County Indoor Championships on 29th January 2012 at King Edward's, Handsworth. Record status has been obtained and Phil Ravenscroft has approved the venue.
- 7.4 It was confirmed that Meriden AC is unable to host the 2012 County Field Championships, because of the state of its field bosses. Jon confirmed that the Oaklands is still unavailable for field archery. The March Hare Club in Worcestershire was suggested as a possible venue, and Pete Hunnisett agreed to make enquiries about this. **(Action: Pete Hunnisett)**
- 7.5 Jon reported that Bowflights intend to change the date of their 2012 Clout in order to avoid a clash with Meriden's FITA Star. However, it was pointed out that Meriden has already changed the date of

its shoot for next year. Jon agreed to speak to Bowflights to try to ensure that the two events do not clash. **(Action: Jon Richmond)**

8. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 8.1 Kathy Folkard read a message from Dave Redding, in which he made the following points:
1. So far there is only one applicant for the upcoming Level 1 Coach course. (Kathy said that, with the agreement of Wendy Baird, course organiser, she had sent a reminder giving full details, to all CWAA clubs.)
 2. A grant towards the cost of the course fees has been received.
 3. There will possibly be a follow up coaching day early in 2012, for archers of 6 months up to and including second class.
 4. All six of the coach level CWAA coaches have been contacted to ascertain whether or not they wish to take the course to upgrade to Level 2, but no responses have been received. Their coaching certificates will therefore be renewed at level 1 only, provided they meet the level 1 renewal requirements in relation to work and CPD points.
 5. AGB lists the following coaches for Warwickshire: 6 coach level ; 4 level 1; 2 level 2; 3 county; 1 emeritus; and 2 senior.
- 8.2 There was some general discussion about coaching, and for the benefit of the newer members of the committee, an explanation was given of the independent status of the County Coaching Organisation from CWAA.

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 James Scott resigned as team manager because of a changed work role. He was thanked for the excellent work he has done for the county squad.
- 9.2 James reported the excellent match results from the year and thanked Denis for standing in for him at the recent Regional Inter Counties event.
- 9.3 It was confirmed that it is Warwickshire's turn to organise the RIC in 2012. There was some discussion about the problems for Warwickshire of running the event at Lilleshall because of the travelling distance involved. Philippa Lowe mentioned that the Staffordshire organiser had told her that when she arrived at Lilleshall, the bosses had not been put out on the field. Denis Folkard agreed to discuss this, and the suggestion from Philippa that Meriden might be willing to host the match next year, with the WMAS Secretary. **(Action: Denis Folkard)**
- 9.4 Stuart Wood-Edens, who had volunteered to take over the TM job, was introduced to the committee. Reference was made to an e-mail from Wendy Baird, previously circulated, in which she had volunteered to take on the organisation of this winter's squad training. This would help her with a Coach level course, while being beneficial to CWAA. The committee appreciated Wendy's offer, but decided to co-opt Stuart to replace James, because he is prepared to do the job in toto, with a view to the long term.
- 9.4 It was agreed that Stuart should continue to arrange winter squad training on the lines of last year, including a day and a weekend at Eaton Manor, but probably not using the Warwick University venue. **(Action: Stuart Wood-Edens)**

10. Records Officer's Report

- 10.1 Kath Vick reported 43 claims, all in order: Naomi Folkard 1; Matthew Ingram 15; Caitlin McCarthy 2; Michael McCarthy 1; Isobel Roberts 5; Philip Short 1; Jon Shales 5; Andrew Shreeves 1; Jacob Vick 11 and Jamie Warner 1.

11. Public Relations, Website and Communications

- 11.1 Pete Hunnisett said that he had made various updates to the CWAA website in relation to records, events, county team etc.
- 11.2 Philippa Lowe requested that the full results of county matches should be on the website (not just the results of those making the team), as archers not making a team may still need the results sheets in order to make award claims. **(Action: Pete Hunnisett)**
- 11.3 It was pointed out that the web site gives out of date contact details for Meriden's club secretary. Kathy Folkard said that, although she was aware of the change, she had received no new contact details and was currently awaiting a reply from the new secretary. In the meantime Pete Hunnisett agreed to remove the out of date information. **(Action: Pete Hunnisett)**

12. WMAS Delegate's Report

- 12.1 Denis Folkard reported that he and Kathy, together with John Taylor, had attended a WMAS Council Meeting at Wythall on 11th October.
- 12.2 The main points of interest were as follows:
- There are two new clubs, one of which, Austrey Archers is in Warwickshire.
 - The dates of a number of regular shoots are changing next year because of the Olympic Games and the Royal Jubilee.
 - In response to a request for a ladies' compound trophy for the WMAS Novices tournament, Mike Vick is to ascertain if there is a suitable, presently unused, trophy.
 - WMAS currently has funds totalling £24,861, with outstanding bills of approximately £3000. A total of £2195 has been given to the counties, by way of the 5% rebate for prompt payment of fees.
 - Mike presented a draft policy document on financial support for archers. Following comments made at the meeting, he has redrafted it for discussion at the next meeting in January.
 - Consideration was given to an application for financial assistance for a party of Young Games Makers who assisted at the Olympic Test Event in preparation for helping at the Olympics. After some debate the request was refused.
 - Dave Harris reported that the EAF is considering sending an England team to the European Championships next year.
 - Geoff Thomas reported that, together with the chairmen of the other regions, he is attending quarterly meetings with Dave Harrison (Chairman of AGB). If county members have any issues which they wish to raise, Geoff would be pleased to consider raising them. It was apparent from the minutes of the last such meeting that the level of disciplinary issues is rising at significant increasing cost to AGB.
 - John Taylor announced that he will not be standing for re-election as president next March.
 - There was a long debate about the future of the Regional Inter-Counties match, having regard to the rapidly escalating cost, which this year is expected to reach around £1700. The counties have been asked to consider whether or not they would agree to pay Lilleshall's shooting fee of £7.20 per archer, and whether or not they would pass the charge on to their archers.
- 12.3 A discussion regarding the RIC followed, as a result of which it was agreed that CWAA would find a charge of £5 per head for the archers acceptable, provided that all counties agreed that this should be paid by the archers. (It was considered that £7.20 was an awkward amount.) **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**
- 13. County Development Coordinator's Report**
- 13.1 There was no report.
- 14. CWAA Summer League 2011**
- 14.1 John Taylor produced results for the League. However, he was handed results from Quantum AC and agreed to amend the results accordingly. Final results should be available on the CWAA website shortly. **(Action: John Taylor)**
- 15. Child Protection**
- 15.1 Nothing to report.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting**
- 16.1 Thursday 19th January 2012 at Barkers' Butts RFC. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**
- 17. Any Other Business**
- 17.1 John Taylor announced that he will be resigning as president at the 2012 AGM, after 50 years in archery. It was agreed that he would be very much missed.
- 17.2 Kath Vick thanked the committee for supporting the Junior Games Makers.
- 17.3 Philippa Lowe said that Meriden had 10 near-new Danage bosses for sale at £250 each.

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