

County of Warwick Archery Association
Executive Committee Meeting
held on 30th January 2014
at Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Leamington Spa

Present: Clive Beech, Geoff Beston, Chris Evans, Denis Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Derek Kelly (part), Phil Spink, Brian Tustin, Kath Vick and Roger Wyton. Wendy Baird attended by invitation.

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Jon Nixon.

2. CWAA Junior Squad

2.2 It was explained that the recent slump in attendance of juniors at the Squad sessions (3 juniors in November 2013) was giving concern; that the CCO grant from Archery GB was almost fully used; and that it was therefore necessary to consider the future of the Squad.

2.3 Wendy Baird explained the development and operation of the Squad, which had attendance peaking at about 30 and involved juniors from a number of clubs.

2.4 Kathy Folkard said that she considered that publicity and clear information regarding squad sessions had become inadequate, resulting in juniors being unaware of Squad activities. She also suggested that publicity could be more imaginative to make attendance appear to be a more attractive, enjoyable experience.

2.5 There was considerable discussion regarding possibilities for giving the Squad more focus, including the introduction of inter-county matches and an individual or club-based League. (Clive Beech undertook to explore the possibility of junior matches with other counties.) **(Action: Clive Beech)**

2.6 Wendy and Geoff Beston undertook to look at the options for the development of the Squad, to improve communication with juniors, parents and clubs and to keep the web page up-to-date.

Action: Geoff Beston (and Wendy Baird)

2.7 An initial budget of £500 (to be reviewed as necessary) was set for Junior Squad related use. It was agreed that a payment to clubs hosting Squad sessions should be made to cover any costs (refreshments, wear and tear etc.), but it was anticipated that this would generally be £15 - £25.

3. CWAA Tournaments

3.1 In the absence of Jon Nixon, Derek Kelly gave an update on tournaments being hosted by Quantum.

3.2 **The CWAA Indoor Championships (2nd February 2014)**, were fully booked and one subsequent cancellation should be replaced from the waiting list. CWAA and WMAS medals for the event were passed to Derek.

3.3 **The CWAA Outdoor Senior and Junior Championships** are to be hosted on **27th July** by Quantum. Record status has been obtained, and an entry form is to be prepared. **(Action: Derek Kelly/Jon Nixon)**

3.4 **The CWAA Field Championships** at March Hare on 23rd March was understood to be filling up.

3.5 No information was available regarding the **CWAA Clout Championships**. **(Action: Jon Nixon)**

4. Minutes of Last Meeting (17.10.13)

4.1 The minutes were agreed.

5. Matters Arising from 2 above

5.1 Item 4.3 – Kathy Folkard said that, as far as she was aware, no details of proposals for the reform of the AGB Board and Articles of Association are yet available. Members are invited to a further round of meetings at which the proposals are to be presented, after their agreement by the Board in January. The nearest such meeting is to be at Telford on 6th March.

5.2 Item 10.3 – Roger Wyton confirmed that a cheque had been sent to Daniel Boey.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Kathy Folkard referred to a number of items (5.2 to 5.5):

- 6.2 Kathy Folkard said that she had received an e-mail from Geoff Beston acting as WMAS Secretary regarding the **appointment of a 'contact point' within the County for junior issues**. The Performance Unit at AGB has approached WMAS to identify a group on the Council as a 'contact point' between the PU and WMAS, and WMAS has identified Council members to take on the role. WMAS now wants a 'contact point' with each county. Kathy Folkard said that she thought that this should be a member of the CWAA committee, and **Geoff Beston** agreed to take on the role.
- 6.3 On Target Bulletin No 17 from Archery GB (January 2014) - Kathy Folkard said that there was little new in this, but pointed out that there are to be:
1. Another Archery Big Weekend on 24th-26th May, and
 2. 3 Development Workshops at Lilleshall, details of which are on the AGB website.
- 6.4 Letter from the Royal Toxophilite Society (07.01.14) asking for contact details of the county's top archers with a view to their receiving invitations to Fletchers' and Bowyers' Days. Kathy said that she had replied on the basis of the best information available, and that, as not all will be invited, she had been asked to keep the nominations confidential to avoid disappointments.
- 6.5 E-Mails from Adam Ravenscroft (28.01.14) and Naomi Folkard (29.01.14) requesting financial assistance to represent GB at the World Indoor Championships in Nimes in February. (Adam also requested assistance to attend the World Cup in Shanghai in April.) Details of costs etc were considered and it was agreed that both archers should receive a grant of £200. **(Action: Roger Wyton)**

7. Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 Roger Wyton presented a **receipts and payments account** for the quarter ending 31st December 2013. Largely due to membership fee income, this showed a surplus for the period of £4716.90, bringing a surplus for the year of £3344.93. (A grant of £1000 for the Junior Squad and holding no Senior Squads during the year kept expenditure down.)
- 7.2 Roger referred to the previously circulated draft annual accounts, which he will discuss with the auditors on 18th February. He pointed out that we are already committed to spending around £1400 on the Lancashire/Cheshire match in June.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

- 8.1 Brian Tustin circulated a summary of current membership, showing that the only fee-paying CWAA club which has still not re-affiliated for 2013-14 is Solihull Archers. He confirmed that membership stands at 794 seniors and 219 juniors, resulting in income of £5695.

9. Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 Clive Beech reported that arrangements for the **Lancashire/Cheshire match** to be held at Leamington on 22nd June are now in hand. (It was pointed out that it will probably be impossible for Warwickshire to host the match thereafter on the traditional date in May.) **(Action: Clive Beech)**
- 9.2 No information has been received regarding the **Notts/Derby match** due to be hosted by Derbyshire in August. **(Action: Clive Beech)**
- 9.3 With regard to **squad training**, Clive said that he had received a very poor response to a circular e-mail on the subject and therefore proposed at this late stage to arrange no sessions this winter. Kathy Folkard suggested that it might be appropriate to arrange a get-together outdoors, perhaps in April.
- 9.4 Kathy Folkard pointed out that the team awards are due to be made at the AGM and that there is now some urgency with regard to calculating the badges, medals etc which have been earned and for the ordering/engraving of year bars etc. **(Action: Clive Beech)**
- 9.5 Kathy also pointed out that the stock of polo shirts has now reduced to one and that it would be sensible to restock now. **(Action: Clive Beech)**

10. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 10.1 There was no report from Dave Redding.

11. Records Officer's Report

- 11.1 Kath Vick's report detailed 14 record claims, all of which were ratified. She pointed out that the L&MC results do not give the single day totals. Brian Tustin undertook to look into this. **(Action: Brian Tustin)**

12. Public Relations Officer's Report

12.1 It was confirmed that Kathryn Gardiner had not provided her contact details for the CWAA website.
(Action: Kathryn Gardiner)

13. Web Site

13.1 Phil Spink confirmed that he is updating the website as required.

14. WMAS Delegate's Report

14.1 Denis Folkard reported that he and Kathy Folkard had represented Warwickshire at the WMAS council meeting on 14th January at Church Stretton.

14.2 The main items of interest were:

1. WMAS maintains a healthy bank balance of approximately £31,000 and therefore no increase in fees is proposed for the coming year. A grant of £1000 to Redhill Archers towards the development of a new headquarters building and shooting range was agreed.
2. Tom Williamson, Regional Coaching Officer, is organising an improvers' weekend in October 2014. It will accommodate 5 archers of any bow type from each county.
3. The Regional Inter-Counties event will this year incorporate a fairly low-key match between the East and West Midlands.

15. CWAA Summer League 2013

15.1 Kathy Folkard said that 10 clubs had completed the three rounds, RLSAS winning the made score trophy and Solihull the handicap adjusted trophy.

15.2 Kathy said that she had thanked Martyn Ellis for producing the results, and could report that he was prepared to collate the 2014 results.

16. Child Protection

16.1 Geoff Beston confirmed that there was little to report, but did say that he understood that AGB are still intending to offload, as far as possible, appeals/disciplinary procedures to clubs, counties and regions.

17. AGM 2014

17.1 It was agreed that the AGM will be held on 27th March at OLs RFC, Leamington.

17.2 All those present confirmed that they are prepared to stand for re-election to their current posts. It was noted that the current PRO is not at present a member of CWAA and is therefore not eligible, and that the County Tournaments Officer may not be prepared to continue in post.

18. Date of Next Meeting

18.1 Thursday 17th April 2014 (8pm) at OLs RFC, Leamington. **(Action: Kathy Folkard)**

19. Any Other Business

19.1 None.

Chairman.....

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