

County of Warwick Archery Association Executive Committee Meeting

Held on 27th October 2025 via Teams

Start Time 7:00 pm

Present: Derek Kelly, Martyn Ellis, Alan Smith, Brian Tustin, Nick Mitchell, Roger Wyton, Wendy Baird, Gordon Jones, Mary Kelly, Russell Sams.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Andy Smart, Sam Smart.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting 28.07.25

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record subject to the correction of the spelling of “archived” in minute 8.3.

3. Matters Arising from 2 above

3.1 Alan confirmed that the Archery Gb email system could be used via Sport80 to contact CWAA members. However, the functionality available was limited.

4. Treasurers Report/Grants

4.1 The largest amount of income (£1,785) came from affiliation fees. £578 was received in respect of entry fees for the field championships held the previous weekend and interest of £69 for the quarter was credited to our deposit account. This quarters account also included the balance of income (£25) and expenditure (£416) relating to the Outdoor Championships held earlier in the year.

4.2 On the expenditure side £160 additional entry fees were paid in respect of the 2025 National County Team Championships and £70 reimbursed for engraving of trophies. £138 was spent on new trophies for the Outdoor Championships and this cost would be transferred to the balance sheet at year end. As agreed at the last meeting a donation of £100 was made to Shipston AC in recognition of their help in staging the Outdoor Championships.

4.3 The net effect was a surplus for the period of £1,473 and £1,445 for the year to date.

4.4 The account also includes £95 spent on Junior Training Day prizes and it was agreed that a ring fenced budget of £3000. This would be drawn as required and topped up as necessary.

4.5 Scores had been submitted for Emelia Hughes and a grant of 15% for each event was agreed.

5. Membership Secretary Report

5.1 Brian reported that he did not have any membership figures as the situation at this time of year was in a state of flux, with some clubs paying early and some leaving it until the end of October. It appeared that some clubs had changed the way they were intending to make payments due to the change by Archery GB to anniversary dates.

Since 1st October, the time for the majority of AGB renewals, nine clubs – Bowflights, Coventry, Quantum, RLSAS, Shipston, Sutton Coldfield, UBAC, UWAC and V – had sent CWAA renewal fees through club membership as in previous years.

Brian had not had any CWAA fees submitted by the following clubs – Austrey, Beacon, Coventry University, Crescent, Meriden, Nuneaton, Princethorpe College, Solihull or Stratford.

5.2 Brian had received a communication in August from Richard Laband of Stratford Archers basically saying that he was unaware until that date that the system was changing to anniversary membership in line with AGB membership, and saying –
“I really don't have the time to manage anniversary memberships for either AGB or CWAA (or WMAS if they ever bother replying to me)As I wont be doing daily checks to see whos membership might need renewing with CWAA, please will you provide renewal notices for members as and when required.”
This had elicited a very prickly response from Brian which he had copied to both the CWAA President and Secretary. He had heard nothing more from Stratford so was at a loss as to what they were doing regarding CWAA affiliations.
Nuneaton Archers appear to have gone along the route of not collecting CWAA fees at all. So far there have been forty individual payments made into the CWAA account and from the brief checks I have done at least thirty of them are for Nuneaton Archers club members. All of this dumping of the collection of CWAA fees by clubs was putting pressure on the membership secretary as they would end up doing the checking and chasing that should be done by the clubs. Brian would draft a communication to all clubs that it is up to them to collect the fees as they have done in the past, at the same time as they collect their membership fees, and pass them en bloc to CWAA. The proposed communication would be circulated for comment before it was sent out.

5.3 Brian was still awaiting overdue fees from the following clubs –
Beacon Archers – 3 archers joined in July
Crescent Archers – 6 archers joined in June
Meriden – 3 archers joined in June
Stratford – 3 archers joined in June
As of the meeting date there were 797 archers registered on Sport80 as being in County of Warwickshire.

6. CWAA Tournaments

- 6.1 The field championships had taken place on 18th October. There were 67 entries, of whom 59 shot on the day. It was a good event with many entrants who had competed in previous years. Just under a quarter of entrants were from the county, with several clubs represented. Experience ranged from novices to international archers. All six county trophies were awarded.
- 6.2 The county indoor championships would be hosted by Warwick University on 24th January. Derek would arrange for delivery of the trophies and medals to Alan.
- 6.3 Both Shipston and Nuneaton had expressed an interest in hosting the outdoor championships and they would be asked to make a full proposal to the January meeting, with the event being a WA1440.
- 6.4 Alan would contact Princethorpe College regarding holding a clout championships in 2026.
- 6.5 There were a number of missing trophies, and these would need to be written out of the accounts and replaced. The possibility of trophies for longbow would be considered based on entries received.
- 6.6 Additional stocks of medals were required and Derek would circulate the quotes received.

7. Summer League Report

- 7.1 The scores had been received and the results posted on the website.
- 7.2 The adjusted scores for novices shooting shorter distances had worked well.

8. Team Managers Report

- 8.1 Eight archers had been selected to represent the county at the WMAS junior inter-counties held at Redhill AC on 13th September. All archers performed well within their categories, with three achieving first place and one of those a county record. Russell thanked Sam Smart for her exceptional work in gathering a team within a short time frame. A report from the event had been posted on the county website.
- 8.2 The Archery GB national inter-counties had been held at Lilleshall on 27th and 28th September. Due to some confusion and challenges with the late booking process, only a single team of three male compound archers attended from the county. They qualified mid table and were placed joint ninth following the head to heads.
- 8.3 The MAS senior inter-counties were held at Wyre Forest on 5th October and a team of sixteen archers shot the new Archery GB 900 round. Being a new round the calibre of attendance was quite high in many categories as both county and national records were potentially available. All classifications placed well with the recurve team taking the gold medal. A full report was available on the county website.
- 8.4 The Western and Welsh Counties indoors team event was scheduled for the 7th March 2026. A prospectus had been released to team managers with priority entry opening at the end of October.
- 8.5 Selection criteria for both junior and senior teams were being developed so that a transparent selection process could be actioned.
- 8.6 New team shirts had been designed by Lionheart. At this point due to a Teams issue Russell left the meeting. The committee believed that they should be consulted before any order was placed. Further discussion would be held outside of the meeting. Russell would be informed not to place any order until the consultation with the committee had been completed.

9. County Coaching Organisers Report

- 9.1 There were problems with the in person sections of the coaching courses as Archery GB required sufficient numbers before they could be run.
- 9.2 There were fifty-seven coaches registered within the county.

10. Records Officer Report

- 10.1 Andy had provided a written report for the meeting. There were fourteen new records from multiple clubs during the last quarter. Two older ones submitted by Fran Davis had been honoured as there had been an email issue.
- 10.2 The records spreadsheet had been updated and the updated version sent to Wendy for the website.

11. Webmasters report

- 11.1 The updated records had been posted to the website.
- 11.2 Wendy asked that large numbers of photographs were not posted to the website due to insufficient space being available.
- 11.3 Alan would send Wendy a revised copy of the constitution for inclusion on the website.

12. West Midlands representatives Report

- 12.1 Archery England were proposing to dissolve the federation and an email regarding this had been circulated to committee members.
- 12.2 The region was developing a new website which should be available in the near future.

13. Safeguarding Officers Report

13.1 Nothing to report.

14. Annual general Meeting

14.1 It was agreed that the annual general meeting for 2026 would be held at Meriden Village Hall on Saturday 26th March starting at 2pm.

15. Correspondence

15.1 No correspondence had been received.

Meeting ended 8:50 pm.

Next meeting to be held online on 26th January 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman_____

Date_____