

County of Warwick Archery Association Executive Committee Meeting
Held on 28th July 2025 at the Saracen's Head, Balsall Common
Start Time 7:00 pm

Present: Martyn Ellis, Alan Smith, Brian Tustin, Roger Wyton, Andrew Smart, Wendy Baird, Gordon Jones.

In the absence of the chair the meeting was led by Martyn Ellis.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Derek Kelly, Mary Kelly.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting 28.04.25

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.
The original draft of the minutes contained an error in the location of this meeting.
This had been corrected by an email to committee members on 9th May.

3. Matters Arising from 2 above

- 3.1 Roger thanked committee members for their comments on the proposed changes to the athlete grant application form drawn up by Riaz Mohammed. These had been forwarded to Riaz, but no reply had been received. Roger would update the document and circulate to committee members.
- 3.2 Wendy was still attempting to contact Peter Hughes regarding the administration of the Facebook page.
- 3.3 Nick Mitchell was formally co-opted onto the committee in the role of County Coaching Officer. It was understood that he would not be running CPD events.
- 3.4 Alan confirmed that the proposed change to regional communications had been agreed by the WMAS Council.

4. Treasurers report/Grants

- 4.1 As usual, the most significant item of income was £568 received for affiliation fees. £270 in entry fees for the 2025 CWAA Outdoor Championships were also received and we were credited with £74 in interest on our HSBC deposit account.
- 4.2 On the expenditure front, £154 was paid over to WMAS in affiliation fees and £124 in travelling expenses was reimbursed to archers attending the Mixed Team event on 8th June. £202 was incurred on administration expenses, the majority of which was accounted for by the annual website fees and the Secretary's Honorarium. The balance was HSBC bank charges and Roger was pleased to report that on that score the monthly £5 account charge has been discontinued by HSBC with effect from July although we would still be charged transaction fees for items such as cheques or cash paid in.
- 4.3 As ratified at our last meeting, an individual archer financial assistance grant of £232.50 was paid out to Kai Thomas-Prause. Additional CWAA team shirts were purchased to the value of £82.56.
- 4.4 Following the decision to hold junior training days run by Debbie Gillett-Smith, £62 was reimbursed to her for prizes etc. On this latter point, Debbie has incurred further expenditure on prizes, arrow pullers etc. and as the junior training days appear to be an

ongoing thing Roger had suggested to her that she submits a budget to the committee for approval in a similar way to that which obtains for coaching expenditure.

- 4.5 The net effect of the above is a surplus for this quarter of £55 with a loss for the year to date of £29.
- 4.6 Roger had also circulated the account for the 2025 CWAA Outdoor Championships which showed a loss on the day of £116, which when the cost of the medals awarded was factored in resulted in a gross deficit of £210, which was acceptable given the low number of entries and the decision that it was important that the county ran this event.

5. Membership Secretary Report

- 5.1 Brian had circulated a report to committee members with a table showing affiliations for each club on 10th July, and affiliation fees outstanding.
- 5.2 On the 10th July there were 1056 archers who had paid their affiliations to CWAA, of which five were not showing in the Sport80 database as AGB members. Clubs and individuals had been informed where appropriate.
- 5.3 There were also twenty AGB members showing in Warwickshire who had not paid CWAA affiliations, again clubs or individuals had been informed.

6. CWAA Tournaments

- 6.1 Derek had submitted a written report as he was unable to attend the meeting.
The 2025 Outdoor Championships had been hosted by Shipston Archers at Upper Brailles on 8th June.
It was a small field with 16 people (12 from the County) shooting all day with 6 joining for the short metrics in the afternoon (all from the County). 5 were juniors (4 from the County). 4 of the men shot below their age group. 8 of the County archers were from Shipston Archers.
Although there were few people and only 2 actual competitions, it was a good day. Good weather, good venue, well organised and friendly people.
Derek thanked Shipston Archers for once again hosting a good day.
A donation of £100 was agreed for their efforts and the wear and tear on their targets.
An archer at the tournament had asked why there were no trophies for longbow. This would be addressed at the next meeting.
- 6.2 The Field Championships would be held at Merlin on Sunday 19th October.
Martyn had been in contact with March Hare, but they were not currently in a position to host a record status event.
- 6.3 The 2026 Indoor Championships would be held at Warwick university on 24th January.
Record status had been secured and entries were open.
Alan would confirm with Josh and Alessio who the judge would be.
- 6.4 Derek had provisionally booked the 2026 Outdoor Championships with Shipston Archers on 7th June.
However, as previously agreed, all clubs would be circulated asking for expressions of interest in hosting this event. A decision would be made at the next meeting.
- 6.5 It had not been possible to arrange a clout tournament this year. Alan would discuss with Rob Southern, Princethorpe College, the prospect for an event in 2026.
The last Clout Championships had been held in 2019 and six trophies awarded. Derek was attempting to recover the trophies which had not been returned, but was experiencing difficulty in contacting the archers concerned.
It was agreed that the county would meet the postage costs of return of trophies.

6.6 Derek expressed concern over the Indoor Championship trophies. At the 2024 Championships no notes were made about trophies that had been returned and no trophies were signed for. At the 2025 Championships no notes were made about trophies that had been returned and only the senior trophies were signed for. When handing over the trophies to the organiser at both of these Championships Derek had stressed that the trophy book needed to be completed and signatures obtained for all trophies. Before the 2025 Championships he had emailed everyone whose name was in the book against a trophy awarded at 2024 Championships. Derek had checked the box of trophies (twice) and the information in the trophy book but they did not agree and several trophies are unaccounted for.

1. The Boys Under 16 Unsighted trophy is in the box but the trophy book says that it was awarded at the 2025 Championships. The same applies to the Girls Under 14 Unsighted, Girls Under 14 Recurve, Girls Under 16 Unsighted, Girls Under 16 Recurve and Boys Under 16 Compound trophies.
2. The book says the Boys Under 16 Recurve trophy was awarded in 2024, but it presumably has not been returned as it is neither in the box nor marked as issued at 2025 Championships. The same applies to the Girls Under 12 Unsighted, Girls Under 18 Recurve, Boys Under 14 Recurve, Boys Under 18 Compound, Senior Team and Junior team trophies. I can email again the 2024 winners to ask if they still have the trophy (if I can think of a way to word it that doesn't make us look disorganised). The Girls Under 12 Compound, Girls Under 18 Unsighted and Boys Under 12 Compound are neither in the box nor is there any reference to them on either year in the trophy book.

6.7 The committee agreed to ask Derek to compile an inventory of all county trophies and their current whereabouts, if known.

7. Summer League Report

- 7.1 Martyn reported that there were entries for seven senior, two junior and three unsighted Teams.
- 7.2 To date he had received five senior, one junior and three unsighted first round scores. He had also received one senior and one unsighted for the second round.

8. Records Officer Report

- 8.1 There had been seven new records claimed in the quarter, six from Meriden and one from Sutton Coldfield.
- 8.2 Andy had updated the record certificate and these would be signed by himself and Martyn.
- 8.3 From 1st August the records would be expanded to include 50+ categories and all the AGB junior age groups. The existing junior records had been allocated to the revised age groups as far as possible.
Due to the difficulty in reconciliation, it was suggested that all existing junior records should be archived.
- 8.4 The Compleat Archer trophies had not been awarded for two years as no archer had shot in all the necessary tournaments. A discussion on the future of this competition would be held at the next meeting.
Nick Mitchell would be asked if he was aware of the location of the trophies.

9. Webmasters report

- 9.1 Wendy raised the issue of direct mailing to affiliated members.
The possibility of using the AGB mail system was discussed and Alan would raise this with AGB.

10. West Midlands representatives Report

- 10.1 The next meeting of the WMAS Council would be on Wednesday 6th August. There were no items to be raised from the last meeting of the Council.

11. Safeguarding Officers Report

- 11.1 Nothing to report.

12. Team Manager

- 12.1 Russell Sams had offered to take on the role of County Team Manager and this was agreed. He would be assisted with the junior team by Sam Smart.
Russell would be asked to provide a short biography and photograph for the county website.
- 12.2 He would need to arrange teams for the Junior and Senior West Midlands Inter Counties.
- 12.3 Clarification would be sought of the position regarding the National County Teams event.

13. Travelling Expenses

- 15.1 The proposed amendments to travelling expenses proposed by Roger were agreed.

14. Correspondence

- 14.1 Email from Debbie Gillett-Smith concerning the County Junior training days.

15. Any Other Business

- 15.1 The question of membership renewals was raised. It was hoped that clarification would be sent by Archery GB in the near future.

Meeting ended 8:46 pm.

Next meeting to be held online on 27th October 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____