

COUNTY of WARWICK ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at
Meriden Village Hall, 210 Main Road, Meriden CV7 7NG
on **5th April 2022 at 7pm**

Present: Dave Redding, Martyn Ellis, Dawn Goding, Derek Kelly, Mary Kelly, Keith Knight, Nick Mitchell, Brian Tustin, Roger Wyton, Alan Smith, Tony Luff, Peter Minshaw, Derek Smith, David Chapman, Alan Maskell.

(Clubs represented: Beacon, Stratford, Leamington, Meriden, Quantum, Coventry and Sutton Coldfield)

Shortly after opening the meeting it was realised that there were insufficient members present to form a quorum. Due to some confusion as to the starting time of the meeting some members arrived later. The meeting was paused until a quorum was established.

1. Apologies For Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Gordon Jones Wendy Baird, Neville Townsend & V Archery Club, Tim Jackson, Frances Smith, Janet Corrin, John Taylor (MBE) and Helen Smedley.

2. Special Mention – Katherine Pritchard

2.1. Martyn Ellis Said a few words in the memory of Katherine Pritchard, she was the County Secretary from the 60's to the early 90's a tenure of over 30 years, a Vice President at GNAS a tournament organizer as well as a Qualified Master Bowmen, she gave so much to the County and Archery.

3. Chairman's Report

3.1. My first comment is about the 2021 AGM. It took place via Zoom. Each officer of the committee produced a report. These reports were sent to all club secretaries and published on the website 21 days prior to the meeting. The one comment we received was successfully answered by the relevant officer and no follow up comments were received. No actual minutes were taken. However, the reports presented to the meeting by officers remain available on the web site.

3.2. I would like to thank all of my fellow committee members for the work they have carried out, on behalf of the County of Warwick Archery Association, throughout the last twelve months.

3.3. I have a few general comments on the County's objectives.

The promotion and organisation of archery within the county.

I would like to thank Brian for his continuing work as Membership Secretary. I would also like to thank all the clubs who run have a go sessions, taster sessions and beginners courses to bring people into our sport, and the coaches and volunteers who work with them.

To organise County Championships and to organise Regional or National Tournaments.

The only County Championships we were able to hold in 2021 were the Outdoor at Shipston-on-Stour in August and the field at Merlin Field Archers in October.

We were not responsible for organising any regional or national tournaments during 2021.

To encourage and assist coaching within the county.

The County's Coaching Officer has, once again, organised a number of coaching events open to all members of the County. I will leave him to provide the details in his report, but would like to thank him for his efforts on our behalf.

3.4. In general I would like to thank all members who have helped the CWAA in any way to achieve our objectives. In particular I would like to thank Dawn for her work as County Secretary and Tim for his work as Team Manager. They are both stepping down this year and we wish them well for the future. I would ask everyone here to consider standing for a committee post, we need new and young people to help us in the future.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1. Roger Wyton presented, and explained, the receipts and payments, and trading accounts, together with a balance sheet for the year ending 31st December 2021.

4.2. The receipts and payments account showed that there was income of £9,228 and expenditure of £9,250 resulting in a deficit of £22 for the year and the major items of income and expenditure contributing to this deficit were itemised as follows.

£8293 in affiliation fees were received which was offset by £2,371 paid over to WMAS in respect of fees collected on their behalf. £1,993 was spent on badges and medals which were put into stock. A total of £1,923 was paid out in respect of Coronavirus, improvement and one-off grants to various clubs and in addition £600 was awarded in grants to individual archers attending international tournaments. £478 was spent on County Team polo shirts. £155 was spent on coaching courses and coaching. A donation of £100 was made to Shipston AC in recognition of the help that they gave in staging the 2021 Outdoor Championships. Outdoor Championships entry fees amounted to £456 with expenditure of £507 and Field Championships entry fees amounted to £478 with expenditure of £421. Trophy engraving and cleaning costs and administration expenses amounted to £24 and £209 respectively.

Advance payments of £469 relating to the record status fee and venue hire were spent on the 2022 Indoor Championships and subsequently transferred to the Balance Sheet as prepayments as they are more properly accounted for in the 2022 accounts.

4.3. The trading account essentially is the receipts and payments account adjusted for such items as a) income and expenditure relating to either the previous or next financial years b) any items purchased and put into stock and c) badges and medals consumed from stock during the year on CWAA Championships or the County Team. For 2021 such adjustments turned the receipts and payments deficit into a surplus to £2,309.

4.4. The balance sheet showed that as at 31st December 2021 the CWAA had bank reserves of £28,263 and stock in hand of £7,562. Current liabilities amounted to £5 being HSBC bank charges for December 2021 which were debited to the bank account in January 2022 and prepayments amounted to £469. The net book value of the CWAA trophies etc stood at £4,396 and total assets amounted to £40,685. Of the bank reserves, £3,258 was effectively ring fenced for coaching activities and £8,524 was ring fenced to provide finance for Coronavirus Club Grants with the remainder available to finance general expenditure.

4.5. The account for the Outdoor Championships showed that it made a small deficit of £52 before taking into account the medals awarded at the championships. When the cost of these was added in there was a gross loss of £213.

4.6. The account for the Field Championships showed that it made a surplus of £57 before taking into account the medals awarded at the championships. When the cost of these was added in there was a gross loss of £38. Therefore in general terms the shoot more or less broke even.

4.7. Roger advised that 1 off special grants were given to Nuneaton £204 for the Clean-up of their site after Gypsies set up camp, £494 had been requested to help with additional security costs to ensure it doesn't happen again, £500 was given to WMAS towards a £1000 grant given to Stratford to help with increased rent costs, £725 was given in Corona impact grants.

4.8. Roger thanked John Taylor & Keith Knight for auditing the accounts.

4.9. The accounts were accepted and Roger thanked for his work over the year.

5. Membership Secretary's Report & County Affiliation Fees

5.1. Brian Tustin said that County Affiliation fees were dropped by 25% and Juniors dropped to £0 during the pandemic, 2021/2022 season they were reverted to £10 for Seniors and £2 per individual Junior and £5 per Junior club.

5.2. Brian Tustin reported that for the 2021/22 membership year, as at the 31st March 2022, there were twenty clubs registered with AGB, this included a new club called "Project Rimaya", which was an AGB run project. Eighteen clubs had affiliated to CWAA and WMAS, leaving two clubs that had not yet affiliated, these were Solihull Archers and Warwickshire AS.

5.3. There were 798 seniors and 112 juniors, giving a total of 910 membership affiliations. This was well on the way back to pre-pandemic levels.

5.4. The CWAA affiliation fees had reverted back to the pre-pandemic amount, in line with WMAS and AGB. For a senior archer these fees are now CWAA £10, WMAS £4 and AGB £47 (£50 for a new member).

6. County Records Officer's Report

6.1. Nick Mitchell reported that in 2021 there were eighteen records ratified by the committee, which was a big increase on the two for 2020, but still way behind the eighty-three for 2019.

6.2. In total eight different archers claimed records (three senior and five junior), compared with seventeen in 2019 and twenty-two the year before that.

7. County Team Managers Report

7.1. Derek Kelly advised that there were no County matches held in 2021, the next county match is the Tri Counties against Lancashire and Cheshire in May.

8. County Tournament Officer's Report

8.1. The Field Championships were Held on 17th October 2021 at Merlin in Ashby de la Zouche. Forty-five Archers took part, 21 of these were from Warwickshire. Derek Thanked Martyn Ellis for organising this. Martyn Ellis said that the tournament went very well.

8.2. Two clubs were considered for hosting the outdoor tournament, Stratford Archers and Shipston Archers, as these were the only clubs who had offered to host the championships. After several talks with Mark Wydall from Stratford, the venue management would not provide a price for the front field that we would need to use for a WA1440 as they felt that they might get a higher fee from another sport. So, we went ahead with Shipston's offer. This incurred a fee for the hire of some targets. However, Shipston did a great job on the day and all went well. On behalf of the committee and all the members of the County I would like to thank the club and all the people involved in the organisation both beforehand and on the day. The outdoor Championships will be held on July 3rd, 2022, this clashes with the Junior Nationals however it is the only date available.

8.3. The Indoor Championship were cancelled due to increase in Covid numbers with Judges and Organizers falling ill. The fee for the hall, targets and world record status were all refunded back to the County. Entry fees were refunded.

8.4. The Clout tournament did not run because Bowflights were unable to host it post Covid.

9. County Coaching Officer's Report

9.1. Dave Redding reported that very little had happened over the last 12 months due to Covid restrictions.

9.2. Two County Coaches from Meriden Archery Club were part way through the Senior Coach Course and there was one new Session Coach at Meriden Archery Club.

9.3. David was currently in the process of organising a Session Coach course along with Shropshire as there was not enough interest from Warwickshire Alone. There were currently 3 places left.

9.4. David advised Warwickshire currently has twenty-three Level One coaches, nine Level Two Coaches, seven County Coaches and one Senior Coach.

10. Election Of Officers

10.1

President	Martyn Ellis
Chairman	Derek Kelly
Vice-Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Alan Smith
Treasurer	Roger Wyton
Records Officer	Nick Mitchell
Team Manager	Vacant
Tournaments Officer	Derek Kelly
Membership Secretary	Brian Tustin
Safeguarding Officer	Mary Kelly

Webmaster
County Coaching Officer
Committee Members

Wendy Baird
David Redding
Vacant

10.2 Dawn Goding had received Correspondence from Helen Smedley regarding the possibility of having a member of every club on the committee, would this help to enhance the dialogue between the County and its clubs? Brian Tustin said that it's not a bad idea as there are 18 affiliated clubs within the County and only 7 are represented at this AGM. This will be discussed formally at the next committee meeting.

After further discussion about a lot of good ideas coming from AGB, it was felt that they need to remember that most clubs are run by volunteers who have other occupations and are not paid to for their time. The consensus was that the AGB's goal is to oversubscribe and increase subscriptions which is not at the heart of our clubs.

The invitation to clubs to have a representative at committee meetings would be discussed formally at the next committee meeting.

11. Appointment of Auditors

11.1 It was agreed that John Taylor and Keith Knight be appointed as auditors for 2022/23.
Proposed by Martyn Ellis, seconded by Brian Tustin.

12. County Badge, Medal and Year Bar Awards

12.1 Due to the absence of the Team Manager no awards were made. Arrangements would be made to distribute these after the meeting.

13. 'Complete' Archer Awards

13.1 The 'Complete' Archer Awards were as follows:

Recurve:	Brian Tustin (Leamington) and Georgia Georgiou (Leamington)
Compound:	Tim Jackson (Warwick University) and Verity Richards (Meriden)

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Martyn Ellis stated that although clubs were invited to enter the County Summer Postal League In 2021, once the Covid restrictions had eased, it was ultimately cancelled due to entries only being received from two clubs, which probably resulted from the restrictions that some clubs still had in place, some members reluctance to return to archery and the limited time that was left to shoot the three rounds.

14.2 As there had not been a physical meeting since the 2019 AGM, Martyn Ellis announced the results of the 2019 Postal League and presented the trophies to the winners. There were some very close scores, and top three in each category were as follows:

Senior Team Made Score

- 1 Sutton Coldfield AC - 4,386
- 2 RLSAS - 4,348
- 3 Nuneaton Archers - 4,128

Junior Team Made Score

- 1 Meriden AC - 4,110
- 2 Nuneaton Archers - 3,738
- 3 RLSAS - 2,850

Senior Team Adjusted Score

- 1 Sutton Coldfield AC - 17,699
- 2 RLSAS - 17,460
- 3 Beacon Archers - 17,454

Junior Team Adjusted Score

- 1 Meriden AC - 17,260
- 2 Nuneaton Archers - 16,969
- 3 RLSAS - 15,6163

Once again the full results can be found on the website, including the best individual made score performances in each category.

Martyn stated that the league would return to the normal format for 2022, but with some greater flexibility on when each of the three rounds could be shot in order to assist the University Clubs and accommodate members holidays.

- 14.3 The comment was made that many members felt that ArcheryGB appeared to be ever more detached from what most Archers wanted.

Martyn Ellis responded ArcheryGB was now structured "top down" rather than in the past when GNAS was very much the reverse with its structure of Regional Representatives on specialist sub- committees, which provided the opportunity for greater input to the administration of the governing body from actual archers. He also encouraged members to respond as much as possible to any ArcheryGB surveys.

- 14.4 Martyn Ellis thanked all the officers for their reports and all present for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ (CWAA Chairman)