

**COUNTY of WARWICK ARCHERY ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held at

Meriden Village Hall, 210 Main Road, Meriden CV7 7NG

on **16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2.30 pm**

**Present:** Alan Smith, John Taylor, Mary Kelly, Wendy Baird, Derek Kelly, Gordon Jones, Dave Redding, Kyron Bradley, Alan Maskell, Derek Smith, Keith Knight, Roger Wyton, Ben Thompson, Clara Osborne-Marshall, Martyn Ellis, Peter Hughes, Janet Corrin, Georgia Georgiou.

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

**In Attendance:** Ruth Hall (CEO AGB), Helen Smedley (Midlands RDO AGB).

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**1. Apologies For Absence**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mark Wydall, David Beeton, Brian Tustin, Nick Mitchell, David Bosmans, Paul Taylor, Bev Taylor, Kathryn Taylor, Tony Luff.

**2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting (21.03.23)**

2.1 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed John Taylor, seconded Wendy Baird.

**3. Matters Arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes**

3.1 The copy of the constitution posted on the County website required updating.

**4. Chairman's Report**

4.1 Derek Kelly opened his report by thanking all of the committee members for their interest and work throughout the year.

4.2 He went on to comment on the County's objectives as stated in the constitution.

**The promotion and organisation of archery within the County**

Derek stated that the County organisation was there to help all clubs and archers affiliated to it. The committee was eager to help clubs in any way that they could. The committee also tried to present our clubs views to ArcheryGB. In recent years each club had been invited to send a representative to committee meetings and he encouraged all clubs to do this.

**The organisation of County Championships and Region and National Championships**

In 2023 members of the committee had organised the Indoor, Outdoor and Field Championships. On behalf of all County members he thanked everyone who helped to organise and run any of these championships. Each championship was very much a team effort. Although some of the championships were not well attended, those who were there had a good day. He asked, that if anyone had any ideas about encouraging more CWAA archers to enter, that they contact the committee.

**To encourage and assist coaching**

David Redding had once again put on a number of events during the year, although some were better attended than others. He asked if anyone had any ideas about information or training they would like, to let David know. He thanked David for his efforts.

4.3 Derek concluded his report by thanking everyone who had helped the County in any way, whether they were committee members or not. Some members of the committee were stepping down this year, so he gave special thanks to them for their hard work, in some cases over many years. He reminded members of the need for some new people on the committee, people with ideas and enthusiasm. There were only four meetings each year, at least two of which were via Microsoft

teams. He asked that people consider standing for one of the committee posts later in the meeting, or later in the year if there were vacancies for officers or club representatives.

## **5. Regional Development Officers Report**

5.1 Helen Smedley gave a short report on the handout which is attached to these minutes.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

6.1 Roger Wyton presented, and explained, the receipts & payments and trading accounts, together with a balance sheet for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

6.2 The receipts and payments account showed that there was income of £12,520 and expenditure of £8,002 resulting in a surplus of £4,518 for the year and the items of income and expenditure contributing to this surplus were itemised as follows.

£9,546 in affiliation fees were received. Entry fees for the 2023 Indoor, Outdoor and Field Championships amounted to £810, £390 and £525 respectively. In addition, £1,140 entry fees for the 2024 Indoor Championships were received in advance and transferred at the year end to the balance sheet as these fees were more properly accounted for in the 2024 accounts. £109 interest on the HSBC deposit account was also received.

£2,721 was paid over to WMAS in respect of affiliation fees collected on their behalf. Direct expenditure (before the cost of medals awarded was included) on the 2023 Indoor, Outdoor and Field Championships amounted to £648, £380 and £427 respectively. County Team Bars to the value of £586 were purchased and put into stock. £200 was awarded in grants to individual archers attending international tournaments. £2,115 was spent on coaching courses and coaching grants. A donation of £100 was made to Shipston AC in recognition of the help that they gave in staging the 2023 Outdoor Championships. Trophy engraving and cleaning costs and administration expenses amounted to £217 and £271 respectively. £288 was incurred on National Team Championships entry fees for the 2024 competition and the £25 record status fee for both the 2024 Indoor and Outdoor Championships was also paid in the year. These advance payments amounted to £338 and like the 2024 Indoor Championships entry fees were transferred to the balance sheet as being more properly accounted for in the 2024 accounts.

6.3 The trading account was essentially 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 c) badges and medals consumed from stock during the year on CWAA Championships or the County Team and d) any obsolete stock written off. For 2023 such adjustments decreased the receipts and payments surplus to £2,742.

6.4 The balance sheet showed that at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 the CWAA had bank reserves of £36,492 and stock in hand of £6,970. Current liabilities amounted to £1,345 being £200 in respect of an Individual Archer Financial Assistance grant approved during 2023 but not paid over until 2024, £1,140 2024 Indoor Championships entry fees and £5 HSBC bank charges for December 2023 which were debited to the bank account in January 2024. Prepayments amounted to £338 and related to the previously mentioned 2024 National Team Championships entry fees and record status fees for the 2024 Indoor and Outdoor Championships. The net book value of the CWAA trophies etc stood at £4,396 and total assets amounted to £46,850. At its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the CWAA Executive Committee approved an allocation of £6,000 to the Coaching budget which was funded from the amount brought forward from 2022 available to finance general expenditure. Taking this and expenditure on coaching during the year, of the year end bank reserves £6,064 is effectively ring fenced for coaching activities with the remainder available to finance general expenditure.

6.5 The Indoor Championships account showed that they made a deficit of £213 before taking into account the medals awarded at the championships. When the cost of these was added in there was an overall loss of £437.

The Outdoor Championships account showed that they made a small deficit of £15 before taking into account the medals awarded at the championships. When the cost of these was added in there was an overall loss of £141.

The Field Championships account showed that they made a surplus of £98 before taking into account the medals awarded at the championships. When the cost of these was added in there was a net profit of £11. Therefore in general terms the shoot more or less broke even.

- 6.6 The CWAA Executive Committee was always looking to further grassroots archery within the county and as part of this had established such schemes as the Individual Archer and Club Improvement Grant initiatives but would welcome any suggestions for further initiatives that work towards this goal.
- 6.7 Roger thanked Keith Knight and John Taylor for their work in auditing the accounts.
- 6.8 It was proposed by John Taylor, seconded by Keith Knight and agreed that the treasurer receive an honorarium of £100.
- 6.9 Ruth Hall asked about the size of grants and Roger replied that this was at the discretion of the committee.
- 6.10 It was proposed by Wendy Baird, seconded by Martyn Ellis and agreed that the accounts be adopted.

## **7. Membership Secretary's Report**

- 7.1 As he was unable to attend Brian Tustin had submitted a written report
- 7.2 He reported that for the 2022/23 membership year, ending on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, twenty archery clubs registered with AGB and paid their CWAA and WMAS affiliations. One club, West Midlands Emergency Services Archers registered with AGB but had not affiliated any new members in the club due to what AGB described to him as a security issue in having their member's names publicly available. Where this left WMES Archers as a functioning archery club he did not know. There were 897 seniors and 163 juniors, giving a total of 1066 membership affiliations. The CWAA affiliation fees remained at £10 for seniors, £5 for a junior / school club and £100 for a University club.
- 7.3 For the 2023/24 membership year, up to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, twenty-two archery clubs had registered with AGB, including one new club, Princethorpe College. West Midlands Emergency Services Archers was again registered with AGB but was not showing any members as affiliating to this club. Twenty-one clubs had paid their affiliations for CWAA and WMAS. There were 824 seniors and 124 juniors, giving a total of 948, which was an increase of 2 for the same time last year.
- 7.4 Having performed this role for a number of years now he had seen AGB improve greatly the way in which it handles membership matters. However there were sometimes issues which, no matter how hard he tried, he could not find credible answers to. Recently "Non Members" had started appearing on the AGB list for CWAA. When he questioned AGB as to who these people were and why they had appeared the answer he got was that they were "non-shooting members" of an archery club. Brian was still unable to find a box on the AGB membership application which allowed him to add a non-shooting member. He was also unable to find any information on AGB website which told him what benefits they get from such a membership and what "non-members" were and were not allowed to do. May be this would all be clarified when AGB told us about its much awaited report on the way Membership would be dealt with in the future.

## 8. County Records Officer's Report

- 8.1 Nick Mitchell had submitted a written report. All the records for 2023 had come from just four clubs, Meriden, Stratford, Nuneaton and Bowflights. These were the same clubs as the preceding year. The records were claimed by twelve different archers.

## 9. County Team Manager's Report

- 9.1 Peter Hughes reported that it was Warwickshire's turn to host the **Junior Inter Counties** in 2023 and Meriden had staged the event on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The county managed to field a team of ten archers from three clubs, several of whom were representing CWAA for the first time. Having won the event in 2022, aspirations were high however the lack of recurve archers (5/10 were barebow) ultimately cost the title this year with the county finishing in a creditable second place. This was the only Junior County Match in 2023, as the additional match against Worcestershire and Gloucestershire that Peter had hoped to be involved in, never came to fruition.

The junior squad was Wai Leung, Archie Christopher, Chiu Man Rachel Ho, Javanya Mudha-Jones, Tin Leung, Talha Ajraou, Assya Ajraou, Adriana Jones, Arabella McAndrew, Elizabeth Gillet-Smith. The county were looking to put together a couple of Junior County training sessions during the summer of 2024. There were many Clubs that only had a few juniors, and Peter felt that it would give them an opportunity to integrate and get involved with other Juniors from other clubs in the County, and hopefully bolster our numbers.

- 9.2 For the seniors, unfortunately there was only one match in 2023, as the county were unable to secure any team spaces for the **National County Team Competition** at Lilleshall on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Demand was far higher than expected, and Peter wanted to name the squad based on scores, however by the time this was complete there were no places remaining. This was unprecedented and it had never happened before. A new process would be put in place in 2024 to ensure that all Counties got an opportunity to enter at least four teams. Note – the county had made an initial application to enter a total of ten teams, but were still waiting for a confirmation.

At the West Midlands Inter Counties match on Sunday 1st October 2023 at Meriden, the county had a squad of twenty archers, which was encouraging as we only had twelve in 2022. Despite winning overall Barebow and being runners up in both Recurve and Longbow classes we lost too many points as we couldn't field a Compound team. We finished Overall in 3rd place.

The senior squad was Chris Woodgate, Ben Thompson, Gab yuk Man Ho, Josh Morris-Jones, Kathryn Taylor, Emma Davis, Georgia Georgiou, Zach Ball, Chris Guerin, Zara Green, Ky Bradley, Milly Williams, Rob Roy, Guy O'Keefe, David Bosmans, Amy Phelps, Piangfan Naksukpaiboon, Ashley Smith, Lavinia Horton, Phil Short.

- 9.3 Nine **Warwickshire archers** made International appearances - Tom Hall, Monty Orton, Tom Duncan, Chris White, Edward Gray, Emelia Hughes, and Carl Richards who all represented GB, Rebecca Tipping and Emma Davis (Northern Ireland).
- 9.4 The appetite for County representation is a cause for concern, however Peter felt that the county had made some inroads in 2023, and hopefully this could continue into 2024

## 10. County Tournament Organiser's Report

- 10.1 Derek Kelly reported that the 2023 Indoor Championships were held on 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Francis of Assisi School, Aldridge. Although there were some last minute issues regarding the sports hall flooring it was all sorted out and it was a good day. Thirty-eight seniors and thirty-six juniors shot, of which twenty-eight seniors and seventeen juniors were from the County.
- 10.2 The Outdoor Championships were held at Upper Brailes, Banbury on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Fifteen seniors and eleven juniors took part of which eleven seniors and eight juniors were from the County. Although it was a small field it had been a good day. Derek thanked Dave Beeton and the members of Shipston Archers for hosting the event.

- 10.3 The Field Championships took place on 15<sup>th</sup> October at Merlin Field Archers. Forty-two archers took part, although only eighteen were from the county, representing two clubs. Only one junior took part. The weather was good and the course was in good condition. Derek thanked Martyn Ellis for organising the event.
- 10.4 Unfortunately, once again the county was not able to run a Clout Championships as no suitable venue could be found.

## 11. County Coaching Officer's Report

- 11.1 Dave Redding reported that a psychology seminar had been organised at Meriden Village hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 with sports psychologist Erin Prior. This was very poorly attended, only eighteen coaches and archers came on the day. The notice for this seminar had been circulated to all coaches and club secretaries
- 11.2 A circular had been sent to all Warwickshire coaches to ask what seminars they would like him to organise for them, but he had only received one reply.
- 11.3 Unfortunately, Warwickshire lacked a central venue for him to organise coach training courses of a more practical nature. The only venue that could be used was Redhill Archer's indoor venue which was sometimes available but not central to our county. This would perhaps be looked at in the future, if courses of a more practical nature were organised, as this might generate more interest.
- 11.4 The county now had two more senior coaches with Nick Mitchell and Philippa Lowe, both of Meriden Archery Club, passing their final assessment. This was a two-year course.
- 11.5 Dave reported that along with Helen Smedley (RDO for the Midlands), information had been sent out to all clubs regarding session coach and development coach courses. However, there had been very little interest in anyone taking up these coaching courses. Even the availability of grants towards the cost of these courses had not encouraged much interest.
- 11.6 Coventry Archery Club was so far the only club that had informed him that they were going ahead with the AGB Coaching Plan that Helen Smedley had circulated.
- 11.7 The County had forty-two level one/session coaches, seven level two/development coaches, six county coaches and three senior coaches.

## 12. Election of Officers

- 12.1 Although several members of the committee had indicated a wish to stand down, no nominations were received except for Safeguarding officer. The following were elected:

		<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
President	Martyn Ellis	Peter Hughes	John Taylor
Chair	Derek Kelly	John Taylor	Alan Maskell
Vice-Chair	Vacant		
Secretary	Alan Smith	Dave Redding	Alan Maskell
Treasurer	Roger Wyton	Derek Kelly	Dave Redding
Records Officer	Nick Mitchell	Peter Hughes	Alan Maskell
Team Manager	Peter Hughes	Dave Redding	Martyn Ellis
Tournament Organiser	Derek Kelly	Martyn Ellis	Dave Redding
Membership Secretary	Brian Tustin	Alan Maskell	Martyn Ellis
Safeguarding Officer	Wendy Baird	Peter Hughes	Martyn Ellis
Webmaster	Wendy Baird	Dave Redding	Martyn Ellis
County Coaching Officer	Dave Redding	Peter Hughes	Wendy Baird
Committee Member	Gordon Jones	Martyn Ellis	Roger Wyton
Committee Member	Dave Beeton	Martyn Ellis	Roger Wyton

### 13. Appointment of Auditors

- 13.1 It was proposed by Dave Redding, seconded by Martyn Ellis, and agreed that Keith Knight and John Taylor be appointed as auditors.

### 14. County Badge, Medal and Year Bar Awards

- 14.1 County medals and year bars were awarded to the archers who had represented the county in 2023.

### 15. Compleat Archer Awards

- 15.1 This award, which goes back at least 30 years, was made for the best aggregate score by recurve and compound archers in the five events listed below during a single calendar year. There were separate awards for ladies and gentlemen and if no-one completed all five events the award could be made for the best aggregate of four.

The events were the CWAA Indoor Championships, CWAA Outdoor Championships, CWAA Field Championships, CWAA Clout Championships and Davies Rosebowl Windsor at Meriden.

During 2023 no archer completed more than 3 of the possible 5 qualifying events, so no awards would be made for 2023.

### 16. CWAA Summer League

- 16.1 Martyn Ellis had organised the CWAA Summer League for 2023. This consisted of three Warwick rounds, with awards for seniors and juniors for best team made score and handicap adjusted score. There was also an award for best team made score for unsighted bows. Nine senior, three junior and five unsighted teams entered and the results were:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Senior Made Score	RLSAS	Meriden	Coventry Archers
Junior Made Score	Sutton Coldfield	Stratford Archers	
Senior Adjusted Score	RLSAS	Sutton Coldfield	Meriden
Junior Adjusted Score	Stratford Archers	Sutton Coldfield	
Unsighted Made Score	Meriden	RLSAS	Sutton Coldfield

### 17. Any Other Business

- 17.1 Martyn Ellis raised the issue of the proposed changes to fee structures and how they would be collected by ArcheryGB. Helen Smedley replied that there would be consultation before any changes were introduced.
- 17.2 Martyn Ellis asked Ruth Hall about the events and competitions strategy. Ruth replied that there would be consultation around what was needed at club level to assist archers to progress to county, regional and national level.
- 17.3 Ruth hall asked for everyone to assist ArcheryGB to identify places where clubs could shoot as many clubs were struggling to find venues.

The meeting closed at 4:32 pm.

Chair\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_