

County of Warwick Archery Association Executive Committee Meeting
Held on 30th October 2023 via Zoom

Start Time 7:09 pm

Present: Derek Kelly, Martyn Ellis, Alan Smith, Brian Tustin, David Redding, Mary Kelly, Nick Mitchell, Peter Hughes, Roger Wyton, Wendy Baird, David Beeton
Helen Smedley (Regional Development Officer)
Club Representatives: Sam Curtis.
Jamila Bi

In the absence of Derek the meeting was opened by Martyn and he welcomed Jamila Bi. Derek, having had difficulties in connecting, then joined the meeting and took over the chair.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gordon Jones.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting 31.07.23

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record subject to the following corrections.

7.4 Clarification that this was raised by Martyn not Derek.

7.6 Correction of the date to 7th July.

3. Matters Arising from 2 above

3.1 7.3 The agreed trophies for Barebow had not been purchased.

4. Report from Jamila Bi

4.1 Jamila Bi gave a report to the committee on her work in Birmingham as the ArcheryGB legacy co-ordinator, from the Commonwealth Games legacy fund, to create opportunities for people wishing to take up the sport. She was involved in coordinating activities in Birmingham. She had been in post since July 2022 and had formed partnerships across Birmingham and nationally. This included with Birmingham City Council and local schools and organisations. The hope was to make it more accessible and increase inclusion. She specifically mentioned her partnerships with Birmingham Childrens Trust and with the deaf community. Also a visually impaired group in Sandwell. She had set up Cresnet Archers in the inner city. She also delivered youth camps during the school holidays for children from less fortunate households. Connecting in the West Midlands had been set up to improve networking and share good practice. Have partnered with Street Games and there would be a workshop by James Bragg on getting more engagement from young people on 18th November. ArcheryGB were trying to develop Urban Archery a kit between soft archery and normal club archery. Derek thanked Jamila for her report.

5. Regional Development Officer

5.1 Helen spoke to the written report which she had submitted and is attached. (Attachment A)

6. Treasurers report/Grants

- 6.1 Roger presented the receipts and payments account for the last quarter.
- 6.2 As usual at this time of the year the major income during the period was from affiliation fees which amounted to £1,712. Also included in the account was £390 entry fees for the 2023 Outdoor Championships and £330 entry fees for the 2023 Field Championships the remainder of which would be accounted for in the October to December Receipts and Payments account. On the expenditure side £665 was spent on coaching expenses of which £450 was the presenters fee for a sports psychology course. The account also included the 2023 Outdoor Championships expenditure which amounted to £380. £133 was spent on the purchase of a new Indoor Championships senior team trophy and sundry engraving costs. As agreed at the last Committee meeting a donation of £100 was made to Shipston Archers in recognition of their help in staging the Outdoor Championships. The £25 record status fees for both the 2024 Indoor and Outdoor Championships were also paid in the quarter and these would be transferred to the balance sheet at year end as they are more properly accounted for in the 2024 accounts.
- 6.3 Roger had also circulated the final account for the Field Championships which showed a gross cash surplus of £98 and a net surplus on the shoot of £11 after the inclusion of medal costs. In effect this is a break-even position which is most satisfactory and Martyn is to be congratulated on another well-run Field Championships.

7. Membership Secretary Report

- 7.1 Brian reported that at the end of the 2022/23 year there were 1066 archers affiliated to the county. This was slightly down on last year's figure of 1077. Membership was made up of 897 seniors (927 in 2022) and 163 juniors (150 in 2022).
- 7.2 Following the start of the 2023/24 membership year 750 archers have taken out AGB membership, made up of 670 seniors and 80 juniors. I have not worked out who has affiliated to CWAA as I do this after the last day of each month.
- 7.3 18 of the 21 CWAA clubs have members in AGB, the three with no AGB affiliates showing as of 29/10/2023 are Austrey Archers, Crescent Archers and West Mids EMS Archers.

8. CWAA Tournaments

- 8.1 Martyn reported that there had been forty-three entries for the Field Championships with forty-two shooting on the day. The weather had been good and the course in a good condition. Entries included ten current or recent internationals and at least six who were shooting a field competition for the first time. There was only one lady compound archer and no archers in the longbow/traditional bow categories. However, there were fifteen barebow entrants.
- Martyn expressed concern that only eighteen of the entries were Warwickshire archers, including eight each from Leamington and Meriden. Also there was only one junior entry, which was from outside the county. Many of those from outside the county had travelled a significant distance.
- Martyn questioned whether it was worth holding a shoot if it was only being supported by two Warwickshire clubs. This might be influenced by the lack of opportunity to shoot field in Warwickshire and the West Midlands. He did not consider that making it a WRS shoot would attract more archers from the county.
- The possibility of holding an open day at Merlin or March Hare would be considered. Helen raised the possibility of Sunset, but Martyn explained that this was a difficult course which

would not be suitable for those new to field archery. He was hoping to visit March Hare to look at their new course.

There was a need for greater cooperation between the three associations governing field archery.

Martyn would look at organising an event in the early part of the new year.

- 8.2 Derek reported that a venue and date was still required for the 2024 Indoor Championships. Peter was willing to organise the tournament if Warwick University was available. Peter had investigated other possible venues, however, Studley wanted £60 an hour, and there were no other venues available in Birmingham.

Derek asked that if anyone was aware of a venue they contact them and get back to him.

Sam informed the committee that although the main sports hall was not available it may be possible to hire Westwood Hall. Sam would speak to the university.

Roger stated that the tournament making a loss would not be a problem.

- 8.3 The Outdoor Championships would be held on 7th July at Shipston, with Adrew Stanford as the lead judge and record status had been granted.

Peter raised the problem that the date clashed with the Junior Outdoor Championships.

Derek explained that the field was not available in June.

Martyn asked what round would be shot in 2024. The 2024 round was currently planned as a WA1440.

Alan would send out a request for clubs to identify if they would be interested in hosting the tournament in 2025.

- 8.4 Derek had been unable to contact people who own the field used by Bowflights and no other venue had been identified for the clout tournament.

9. Summer League Report

- 9.1 Martyn reported that all the rounds had been completed and the full results were on the website.

- 9.2 The senior made and adjusted scores divisions were won by Leamington, the junior made score by Sutton Coldfield, the junior adjusted score by Stratford and the unsighted by Meriden.

- 9.3 The competition had been affected this year by the lack of handicaps available earlier in the season, due to the changes introduced by ArcheryGB.

10. Team Managers Report

- 10.1 Peter reported that the county had failed to enter any teams in the National County Team Competition at Lilleshall in September. Only three archers had replied by the cutoff date and although he had gathered more names the shoot was full. The system for entries will be amended in 2024 to prevent this reoccurring, and each county will have a specific number of invites.

- 10.2 The WMAS Inter-Counties Match was held at Meriden on 1st October. Both the junior and senior teams came second, although neither had a full team.

- 10.3 A new indoor inter-county event would be hosted by Gloucestershire in March 2024. It was agreed that the county would enter eight teams across all bow types for both juniors and seniors at a cost of £276.

- 10.4 An order for around fifteen county shirts was required. Some of those who had shot at the

WMAS event had not received a shirt and a supply would also be required for 2024. This was agreed.

10.5 The county bars and ribbons for 2023 were ordered and paid for in 2022 and would be awarded at the AGM in March.

10.6 Martyn thanked Peter and Meriden for hosting the WMAS event.

11. County Coaching Organisers Report

11.1 A psychology seminar was run on 7th October at Meriden Village Hall. Good event run by Erin Prior, but was poorly attended, with only sixteen present.

11.2 Enquiries had been received regarding a first aid course, which might be organised for March 2024. Dave would send out an email to get expressions of interest from coaches and clubs. Limited to twelve people per session.

12. Records Officer Report

12.1 Nick reported that fourteen records had been broken in the last quarter, seven new and seven improvements, by five different archers, all from Meriden.

13. Webmasters report

13.1 Wendy would convene a small group to redesign the website.

13.2 The website was continuing to be attacked, and it was fortunate that the county had a reasonable company as hosts, who were helping to protect the site and assisting when problems occurred.

14. West Midlands representatives Report

14.1 Martyn that there was not a lot to report as he had been delayed and had only been present at the later stages of the meeting. The main item of discussion had been the WMAS Inter-Counties.

15. Safeguarding Officers Report

15.1 Mary reported that ArcheryGB had updated their safeguarding guidelines, which had been circulated to committee members in August.

16. Annual General Meeting

16.1 Following discussion it was agreed that the 2024 Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday 16th March at 2:30pm. Dave Redding would contact Meriden Village Hall and book a two-hour slot.

Meeting ended 8:44 pm.

Next meeting to be held online on 29th January 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman_____

Date_____

RDO Report for Warwickshire County meeting 30 October

· **Recognition Awards (28 October)**

An important opportunity to highlight, celebrate, thank and recognise hard-working groups and individuals in our sport.

The top three shortlisted nominees in each category were celebrated, and invited to the special Presentation Evening this Saturday just gone – it is a real feat to be shortlisted! The overall winners were announced live on the night.

The recording is available on Facebook and You Tube. Congrats to Philippa Lowe who won Performance Coach of the Year, Coventry Uni Archery Club who won highly commended in the Toxophilus Trophy category, and Richard Anderson who was highly commended in the Volunteer of the Year category for his work at National Tournaments.

We would love to receive your nominations next summer. If you witness particular projects strengthening archery, clubs, organisations or individuals going the ‘extra mile’ over the next 12 months, please nominate next year.

· **Winter is a great time to train and invest!**

The winter months are a great time train- whether this be IANSEO training, ready for the tournaments season, or coach training.

Club committees- please consider your approach to coaching, by using the template Midlands Club Coaching plan and share with me and your CCO, so we can offer continued support.

If someone is wanting to start coach training, please start taking online modules. This flags up your interest, and helps us start planning the practical module days where and approximately when they are needed. For Session Coach, the first modules to take are ‘Starting your coaching Journey’. For Development Coach training (if you are already a L1/Session Coach) please take ‘Role of a Development Coach’. It is also a good idea to let Dave know when you start training, so he is aware. The other requirements will be explained as you train.

- **Connecting the West Midlands 18 November**

An open group which aims to meet/connect four times a year. Open to coaches plus any others interested in working together in the West Mids, sharing and learning together: forming a strong network. Together we can then reach more people for archery, tackle the barriers to our sport, plus support Commonwealth Games Legacy projects in the Birmingham and surrounding conurbation areas.

This next meeting in November has a particular focus on working with young people including some training input from James from StreetGames. We are also using the training James will provide to leapfrog us into shaping new resources to be used with young people: Urban Archery and Arrows archery.

Club Meet

In 2024, we would love your help to promote and support a Birmingham-based club meet, for those in the area – to aid better communication, links, and support, working across the city. Looking to host at a local club, probably in February 2024, and anyone able to help with this would be welcome!

• Engaging Disabled People in Sport

This workshop will be delivered by a tutor from Activity Alliance, but will be archery focused. Ideal for those who want to learn more about the latest insight on disabled people being physically active, as well as engagement principles and quality communication practice. 7pm start and just £15 per place but spaces are limited, so hurry if you wish to attend: · 7 November <https://archerygb.org/coaching/find-a-course/40494> · 12 December <https://archerygb.org/coaching/find-a-course/40495>

• Improving support for archers with hearing loss

Archery GB are wanting to be in touch with archers who are hard of hearing or deaf through a few short questions in this survey A Session Coach training course is underway currently for deaf archers.

Read about one person's experience here: <https://archerygb.org/news/empowering-deaf-archers-pascals-journey>

• Coach training for visually impaired archers

An 'Expression of Interest' form is live for experienced archers with sight loss to complete, if they wish to become L1 Session Coaches.

Because some people with sight loss are unable to access online modules, this course will be delivered in person, and will be invite-only to prioritise visually impaired members. At least some modules to be held in Warwickshire.

• Anyone for free funding?!

The year's biggest shopping season is just around the corner - a really good time to use easyfundraising in online purchases. Plus, Archery GB have a partnership with

easyfundraising, meaning we can also make money available to clubs that raise funds this way – double free money!

This October, clubs could receive even more free funding through easyfundraising! (closes tomorrow) Simply generate any level of cashback for your club in the month of October, and your club will be entered into a competition to win an extra £150 donation.

Any new clubs signing up in October will also be entered into the competition to win the £150 donation. To sign up, a club just needs to have it's own bank account and someone to be the contact for the club's entry.

• **Coach Developer recruitment**

Coach Developer is an umbrella term used to describe our tutor and assessor workforce, responsible for the delivery of formal courses for instructors (Instructor Award Course) and coaches (Session Coach - Level 1 and Development Coach - Level 2), as well as other CPD workshops and training opportunities.

More information and a link to the Job Description is available <https://archerygb.org/about/careers>