

# Gloucestershire Archery Society

Minutes of a meeting of the Management Committee held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at The Chantry, Thornbury, Bristol.

**Present:** Mr R Richardson (President), Mr M Addis (Chairman), Mrs F Hawker (Treasurer), Mr J Godfrey (Records Officer), Mr K Webb (Equipment Officer and Tournament Organising Sub-committee), Mr R Nicholls (Web Administrator), Mr R Crang (Junior Tournament Organiser and County Development Officer), Mrs D Bunce (Team Manager), Mr M Ebelthite (Tournament Organising Sub-committee), Mr P Hudson (GWAS Representative), Mr M Wootton (Secretary and GWAS Representative). Members from Black and Gold, and Cleve were also present.

Meeting opened: 19.30.

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Bob Nicholls.

## **1 Apologies for Absence**

Mrs H E Norman, Mrs I Bulmer, Mrs J Taylor, Ms S Crang, Miss V Ellis, Mr A Parker, Mr Richard Jones, Mrs M Reynolds, Mr G Williams.

## **2 Minutes of Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Mrs. D Bunce seconded by Mr. R Crang and passed unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following alterations.

Under 'Apologies for Absence' delete second 'Mrs J Hudson'.

Under 'Matters Arising' delete extraneous 'It was requested that' from last paragraph.

Under 'Tournament Organiser' insert 'There was discussion about staging a FITA tournament'.

Under 'AOB' '...requests for *further...*'

Under 'Dates of Committee Meetings for 2011' 'May' and '14<sup>th</sup> September'.

## **3 Matters Arising**

County Clout Tournament. This was ongoing but the venue had still to be sorted out.

## **4 Reports**

### **4.1 Chairman**

Mike said that he had nothing to report that would not be covered by subsequent agenda items.

### **4.2 Secretary**

Nil.

### **4.3 Treasurer**

FH circulated a copy of the current balance sheet. She noted that little is happening and that subscriptions are dribbling in. She was forecasting that the society would make a small deficit this year.

### **4.4 Tournament Organisers' Reports**

#### **4.4.1 Indoor Championships**

KW reported that there were 113 entries and the income was ~£1076. The netting had been secured. Mavis was organising the raffle prizes. He would like some more volunteers for the setting out the hall.

MA observed that the idea of a tournament sub-committee seemed to be working well. He suggested that if and when a new Tournament Secretary is appointed then the out-going one should liaise closely with his/her successor. ME suggested that a formal handover in March following the Indoor Tournament would be a sensible idea.

It was noted that the position with regard to medals needed to be reviewed after the Indoor.

#### **4.4.2 County Championships**

KW reported that the Outdoor would be on 14th August. The possibility of staging a FITA was again raised. (see below Equipment Officer's Report). MW suggested that if this came about then we should apply for UK Record Status rather than World Record Status. This is easier to run and doesn't require a National Judge to run the event; they are in very short supply.

KW raised concerns about the condition of the county's bosses for outdoor particularly for compound archers. He suggested that they should be double bosses from the start – see Equipment Officer's Report.

#### **4.4.3 Junior Championships**

This would be held on the second Saturday in September and RC said that he hoped to be able to work with Cheltenham Archers again. He proposed that this year the tournament would consist of single National rounds and a Head to Head. He suggested starting earlier than was normal for National rounds to ensure a reasonable finishing time.

#### **4.4.4 Friendly Tournament**

This would be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May and was being hosted this year by Worcester.

#### **4.5 CCO**

"At the last junior squad 13 juniors earned Archery GB Progress Awards, these will be presented at the next junior squad session. The juniors also recorded scores for the November Challenge, congratulations to James Howse, Victoria and Callum Fraser, Arron Pearce, Lucy Mason and Sam Boyd for finishing in the top 3 in their categories.

I have approached a senior coach with respect to running a Level 1 course in the county this year, this programme will also be used to train a number of teachers to run after school clubs.

As will also be covered in the Club Development Coordinators report, Deer Park Archers have applied for funding to employ a senior coach, recommended by Tim Swane, to run a 6-8 day development programme for selected members of the juniors' squad. A similar approach to another senior coach has also been made for field archery, however this time it will be targeted at coach training.

Edward Paddy has now completed his Level 1 in Worcestershire. Dan and myself have commenced the county coach course."

Alastair Robinson raised the possibility of the county sponsoring a county coach (Andy Cramm) on a course to become a coach educator. The course is due to start very soon. The fee for the course is ~£3000. Some of this is covered by Archery GB and if Andy gets accepted for it then the fee is fully covered. If, however, he is an extra on the course, then he will be liable for up to the full £3000. AR suggested that we cover Andy's additional expenses, e.g. travel and subsistence. RC noted that Andy would also be able to approach region for funding.

PH observed that the RCO (Doug Human) had found out that the NCC have moved the goal posts in that one had now to be a level 3/county coach to qualify as an educator. This is part of requirements specified by UK Sports Coaches.

#### **4.6 Records Officer**

A list of new records was circulated.

As requested at the last meeting, the rankings for county team selection had been broken down into different categories. The system was based on 12 dozen rounds with the caveat that for imperial rounds men had to shoot York not Hereford rounds.

As far as the more general ranking system was concerned, this would be based on the GNAS handicap tables. Club record officers would be required to work out the handicaps using the tables in the GNAS handbook and submit them to the Records Officer. However, individual archers would still be able to submit their scores directly. Initial rankings would be provided at the end of March with revisions at three monthly intervals.

#### **4.7 Equipment Officer**

"The County Equipment is in a usable condition. Though currently the newest 12 bosses are nearly 2½ years old, and as at the last County Outdoor Champs will need doubling up for compound use. It is therefore recommended that the county look into replacement of some of these as soon as possible, possibly foam bosses for compound use, before the next Outdoor County Champs.

The County have in their possession a set of Traffic Lights. I recommend that these should be tested to see if they are still useable or not. If they are usable, then there is the possibility of WRS FITA events being held by the County.

Some repair is needed to some flags and numbers – I will look into sorting this out.

I would also recommend that the county look into purchasing their own backstop netting for indoor tournaments so that we are not totally reliant on clubs in the county to provide it.(could possibly be hired out as in other counties to clubs wishing to put on their own indoor shoots)."

KW was asked to sort out replacement boss requirements as a matter of urgency and come back to the March meeting for a decision. He was also asked to check the status of the county's traffic lights. At the very least they would need to be PAT tested. RC noted that Deer Park have access to PAT testing.

There was a lengthy discussion about moving the county equipment to a new storage facility at Coleford (Bowmen of the Deans venue) and using this field for the county outdoor championships. KW reported that Coleford town council were happy for an extra storage facility on the ground for five years. If the county bought a new storage canister, they could store it there for no extra cost. All Bowmen of the Deans asked was that they be allowed to use the county's equipment for one tournament a year. It was estimated that a 20' container would be adequate. Insurance would be down to the county to provide as per the current storage arrangements; it was believed that this would not be a problem. The ground is well protected by iron gates. At the end of the discussion, it was unanimously agreed that KW should investigate the availability of a suitable storage container and that we use the field for the county outdoor championships for the next five years.

#### **4.8 Child Protection Officer**

"No incidents have been reported.

A reminder that the Safeguarding and Protecting Children course is meant be completed if involved with coaching/assisting/club CPO's.

Details of the course are available via [www.sportscoach.uk](http://www.sportscoach.uk) the course is £40, and GWAS can provide funding for part of the course. How do candidates apply to GWAS?

There is also a safeguarding and Protecting 2. Can those in the county use this as an update?

'Safeguarding and Protecting Children 2' satisfies the requirements of the UKCC and Clubmark in relation to basic safeguarding and protecting children awareness training when attended as a 'refresher' workshop within three years of attending the first 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' workshop or an equivalent recognised direct delivery workshop.

[www.activegloucestershire.org/Courses Nov 2010](http://www.activegloucestershire.org/Courses%20Nov%202010)

The CRB forms from this year have been changed. The new style forms are available via Archery UK. Any 'old style' forms will be returned!!

Another reminder to clubs is to inform the county secretary and county child protection officer of changes to their CPO's, or if they have any issues to contact us. Personally I would rather know of issues, or if advice is needed sooner rather than later."

#### **4.9 GWAS Councillors**

Nothing to report. The next council meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011.

#### **4.10 County Development Officer**

"To date 78 clubs have joined the on target 'club', which is absolutely fantastic! The full list of clubs signed up to on target can now be seen on the Archery GB website.

The top County is Gloucestershire where 9 clubs have signed up, the next highest county has 4 membership clubs.

The clubs from Gloucestershire are: Black & Gold, Cheltenham Archers, Bowmen of the Deans, Deer Park, Tyndale, Minchinhampton, Fast and Loose, Great Rissington and Cleve Archers.

As part of the application process clubs had to complete a questionnaire, analysis from this has been fed back to the County so that we can review our strengths and areas for development as well as being able to compare the results with the national averages.

This could be an agenda item at the next County Management Meeting.

A number of the Gloucestershire Clubs have applied for small grant funding, nationally 47 clubs had applied for a total of £47,000, there is £30,000 of funding available, so there will be an anxious wait to see which clubs have been successful.

Deer Park Archers have decided to apply for the full amount of funding on behalf of the county to support a proposed 8 day Junior County Squad training programme over a 12 months period. This would be run by Mrs Kath Fitzpatrick (Senior Coach from Yorkshire) with assistance from Steph Crang and Dan Gill as part of their County Coaching qualification.

The programme would be open to all junior archers in the County that meet the criteria and a subsidy around that given last winter for the Junior Squad Development Days would be required. This proposal was unanimously supported.

There will be a meeting of all the CDC's over the weekend of 16th/17th April at Lilleshall.

There will be a second round of funding aimed at clubs that meet the criteria being defined for 'Specialist Clubs', these criteria will be published as soon as they are fully defined.

As the County Club Development Coordinator, I (rscrang@aol.com) am more than happy to support/advise your club on all matters relating to Club Development."

KW noted that the application is very specific on assets of clubs, particularly with respect to what happens if the club is wound up. A club won't get funding if winding up involves distributing funds between members.

This could mean that club's will have to change their constitutions to conform with this requirement..

#### **4.11 Team Manager**

DB reported two squad sessions were planned 23/01/11 and 13/03/11. They format would be the same as last year. She noted that Helen Norman would not be able to attend the January session.

DB agreed to give RN the team list for inclusion on the web site.

It was suggested that we try to present outstanding county colours at the Indoor on Sunday. New year bars need to be ordered.

#### **4.12 Junior Team Manager**

Nil.

#### **4.13 Web Administrator**

It was suggested that a request for anything additional on the web site must come from the committee.

### **5 Disciplinary Process**

Nil.

**6 Archery in Schools**

RC said that clubs should be encouraged to get involved with schools. Deer Park has a web page with relevant information for clubs wanting to go down this path.

**7 AOB**

FH asked that her entry in the GWAS handbook be modified.

ME asked about problems with the GNAS/Archery GB membership database.

Alastair Robinson noted that he had the county overhead projector that he would like to get rid of. MA agreed that he would take it over.

DB asked about the purchase of a county feather. In view of the time, MA suggested that this be deferred until the next meeting.

**8 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> March 2011

The meeting closed at 21.54

Signed as a true record-----

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