

Minutes of the Meeting of the Staffordshire Archery Association 9/12/09

Present

T Goad (Chair), M Cross (Treasurer), H Heeley (President), H Pooley (Secretary), D Dean, R Rigby, A Stevenson, A Hines, S Taylor, M Cross,, G McLeary, B Edwards, H Parrish, Q Edwards

Apologies: H Healey, D cooper, D Bradbury, P & B Jones, K Greatrex, P Shipley, M Turnock.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record.
Proposed: A Stevenson, Seconded Q Edwards.

Matters Arising

TG clarified the longbow situation as discussed at last time's meeting. He stated that the rule is very clear in that it says to shoot a longbow in a competition an archer has to be a member of the County and therefore a member of GNAS. He thought that there would be some controversy in the County because of this.

Richard Court Shoot will be hosted by Chase Archer.

Trophies. George McLeary stated that a number of trophies have disappeared and that he thought they would not now be returned. This is at a cost of £1500 -£2000. Records had not been efficiently kept.

Alwin Hines suggested that money brought in from County Shoot could be used to replace trophies. Helen Parrish suggested that non- returnable, inexpensive trophies could be given to winners in the future.

It was agreed by the meeting that winners could have their photographs taken with a large trophy (replaced if necessary) as in 'virtual trophy cabinet' whilst they can then take away small trophies. It was further agreed that trophies should be purchased for Indoors as a priority then Outdoors afterwards. TG will liaise with KG to find out what is missing then the shortfall will be made up. It was thought that the cost could be £200.

DD suggested that trophies are not actually 'lost' but that we have often been unable to contact those who have received trophies in the past but not returned them. The whole episode has highlighted the need to keep proper records.

Steve Prowse Correspondence HP is awaiting a letter from David Sherratt.

Treasurer's Report MC reported that we have approximately £6000 in funds. Refund is still to come from GNAS probably via West Mids.

Level 1 Coaching Course Certificate was presented to Alwin Hines.

Request has come from Dot Cooper to the Association to request a disabled Grant. Criteria set by Association has been that recipients should be both unemployed and disabled. It was felt by the meeting that this should be made

open and publicised for all in the County that may fit this criteria. Historically Dot had been given £100 though there is currently only £250 in the pot. It was agreed that any grant should be to the maximum of £100 and that the date of application should be 31st January. HP will write to DC to explain the situation and to accept her letter as her request..The Association will review total funding when applications have been received.

Junior Report. This was written and read by Steve Taylor. Congratulations should be given in particular to Becky Martin and to Paul Beardmore. Both had been made Archer of the Year by GNAS in their respective categories and to Stuart Taylor, 2nd in his discipline.

Coaching 10 new L1 coaches were accredited on 5th December. Accounts will be sent to MC though this has been self-funded apart from £200 grant which was from Child Protection training. This is value for money. MG is to apply to West Mids for reimbursement of £25 per head. He praised TVA for the use of their premises and equipment without charge. Sports Across Staffs & SOT can make grants up to 50% of course fees. (Alison Williams works for this organisation). It is important to find out where to look for grants which are available. Sport England is about to distribute grants and one big theme is now Women in Sport. Helen Parrish mentioned the gig Olympic push on sports and Archery in Schools. TG requested anyone with knowledge of such grants to contact Helen Pooley or himself so this may be put on the website. GM finished by saying that coaching certs need to be signed by Robin Hall. Other coaching programmes are going through.

Records Officer's Report was read in absentia.

We will need to make a note of who needs Year Bars. Usually the Secretary orders these.

Someone is needed to host the Outdoor Championships.

Karl will be relinquishing his office in March so another Officer will be needed to replace his valuable contribution. It was suggested if necessary that Record/Competitions could be split.

TG will write to all Club Secretaries about this and any other posts that may arise as vacancies.

Child Protection HP pointed out that not many names of CPOs have been received by her. They should also have CRBs through archery ,not through work as some have. TG mentioned that even if clubs do not have child members then they may have Vulnerable Adults so checks will have to be made and officers appointed.

Helen Parrish (H Pa) pointed out that GNAS have no problem with CPO being coaches though this is not necessarily ideal because of potential of conflict of interest.

TG will put information on the website requesting CPOs update to the Association.

AOB :Club Matters

GM asked about Minutes being attached to emails when the Agenda is sent out. This was agreed.

TG brought up the Constitution. GNAS is planning to have major changes that will have impact on all clubs therefore he thought it would be sensible to leave this for the moment unless anything of great import is to arise. GNAS will have their AGM in April. He anticipated a 'lively' meeting.

TG stated that Judges are becoming extremely busy so clubs were exhorted to book up as soon as possible. All Judges in future will need to take on annual assessments to ensure professional capability.

Squad Days details will come out. It is hoped it will be early on 2010 but a venue is needed. Harry Healey wants to do this initially with the current squad and then this will be opened to others. It was thought this would benefit clubs and coaches.

HP is to write to Harry Healy to congratulate him on being a finalist on BBC midlands Unsung Hero. He has been devoted to archery and archers for many years.

AGM arrangements were discussed. It is hoped to book Young Farmers' Club for 10th March 2010. HP asked if the meeting was sure about this due to the controversy about the AGM in 2009. It was stated that Stafford has always been the preferred venue due to its centrality. A Stevenson made this request.

Helen Pooley

County Secretary

12th December 2009