

Minutes of Staffs Archery Association

12th January 2011

Present:

L Ankers (Chase)	H Heeley (President)	K Greatrex (Records)	G McLeary (TVA)
H Parrish (TVA)	H Pooley (Secretary)	A Goad (Chairman)	D Dean (Stafford)
M Cross (Treasurer)	M Turnock (Leek)	R Rigby (Leek)	

1. Apologies:

Robin Hall CCO	Alwyn Hines	Pauline Shipley	Alex Stephenson
Steve Taylor	Q Edwards	J Brooks	R Hall
A Hines	P Shipley	S Taylor	D Cooper
P Jones			

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 30th September were approved and, although there was no quorum at the November meeting those present approved the minutes as a true record.

- a. Matters Arising: AG has yet to find a venue for the County Outdoor 2011. (Subsequent to the meeting the County outdoor is on 11th September at Wolverhampton)
- b. Further to the request of Robin Hall it was agreed payment of £75 to boost funds for Coaching

3. Treasurer's Report

MC reported funds of £5,574.04. He is willing to take requests for projects from clubs. He reported disability grants to 4 people to the value of £300. Dot Cooper has written to thank the Association.

Disability grants were discussed. HH wanted criteria to be clear then disseminated to clubs. He believed that the original resolution required the archer to be disabled, unemployed and competing. MC commented that deciding who was 'competing' would be difficult to decide upon as was who did or did not pay county fees and competition entries. Some archers, in receipt of the grant had paid county affiliation some had not. He suggested that from 2012 the grant is increased to £400 to be split between all applicants, up to a maximum of £100 per applicant, and that all affiliation, tournament expenses etc should be paid by each archer out of the increased total grant. Applications should be in by 31st December each year starting from 2012 and the criteria agreed by the meeting are that the applicant would be unemployed and recognised disabled. The grants will be at the discretion of the Committee. The circumstances of

disabled juniors and pensioners were discussed and will be considered on a case by case basis. Proposed by HH and agreed by meeting. No dissent.

a. Honorariums

AG explained that roles have now changed and that, for instance, the job of the Secretary is different because of modern technology and most items could be costed, whilst in the past the honorarium was there to cover the intangibles such as pens and paper. As a discussion, and to gauge the mood of the members prior to the AGM he suggested abolishing the honorariums for the secretary and treasurer (Neither post holder has actually taken this) and paying the GNAS, County and Region fees for the chairman, secretary, treasurer and club development officer, this would result in a saving to the county. MC thought there were a number of others doing sterling work for the County who might get the same payment. It will be brought up at the AGM. H Parrish explained that these were given originally to attract volunteers.

b. Coaching camera

A laptop computer and video camera were requested by Steve Taylor at the last meeting to use especially by the junior squad but available to all clubs. The Executive took note of the feelings of those present at the last meeting to take advantage of good sales prices and offers especially pre VAT increase purchased the equipment for £608.99 with an estimated saving of £350. Retrospective permission was given to the Executive. MC asked for approval to spend up to £150 for related incidentals including insurance. (HH Prop and agreed unanimously) A protocol for clubs using the equipment was discussed security being a priority. Steve Taylor will be the contact point and keeper. A 'contract of due diligence' will be drawn up for the clubs to sign before use. It was decided to invite coaches to a Junior Squad day so demonstrate the equipment. (ST to be contacted) One licence for one computer has been issued (AEF funded) but we should all be mindful of Child Protection no clubs leaving anything on the hard drive

c. It was agreed by the meeting that with recent fuel increases the mileage allowance for the county should be increased from 16p to 20p.

4. Junior Report

No junior report has been received however Katie Ankers has been successful in her first Clout shoot, breaking 2 national records.

5. West Midlands Region Report

AG reported to the meeting. The Region had £6500 in its current account and £20255 in savings and yet an increase of in the affiliation fee from £3 to £4 was being proposed at the AGM. He strongly urged all clubs to ensure representation.

The region had decided that their fee was too small to 'pro-rata' in line with GNAS membership fees. It was agreed by the meeting that the county would also not pro-rata its fee.

We will be hosting the inter-regional competition on the 9th October at either Lilleshall or within the county. Hereford had double ordered faces for this year's competition which would now be available for us. AG to ask **all clubs** to send help for the work party. The regional championships will take place on 12/6/11.

6. Coaching Report

RH and GM have noted 3 new coaches at L2. Workshops are still on offer and invitations sent to all coaches. Coaches should be encouraged to ask for further support or experiences.

The CCO sent a report attached.

7. Records

KG reported no new claims since last time.

- a. The Indoor Championship preparation is going smoothly but slowly; spaces are still available – especially for the morning session – and all clubs are requested to recommend to bring this tournament to their members' attention. AG has sent an email asking for volunteers for the Field Party. He will reiterate this, especially to newer archers who could then gain a valuable insight into competitions.
- b. Payment was discussed for the work party but it was felt to be inappropriate.

8. Child Protection

Nothing has been received by HP.

9. County Squad Shirts

The polo shirts supplied were felt to be inappropriate for the time of year that the tournament took place and that for colder weather fleeces or sweatshirts would be better. AG agreed to look into this for next year. We could also supply jackets but it was agreed that archers wanting these would be self funding. Rule changes mean archers can now wear plain shirts and any trousers. However, trousers cannot be camouflage, olive drab or jeans and if shirts have writing or logos on them it must be archery related.

10. County Development

MC reported nothing new.

11. Constitution

AG has received suggested amendments by Alwyn Hines for which he was very grateful. Many of the things suggested he will incorporate into a new version (1.4) of the constitution for presentation to the AGM. He felt that some items were amendments that should be put to the AGM for discussion.

12. Club View

HH reported that the Senior Squad training has been limited and proposed a course at Eaton Manor with 2 national coaches with county coaches being invited. He felt this would not only benefit the squad but also all the coaches in the county. He will investigate costs and availability (ideally before Outdoor Season starts). He will send figures to MC and it was agreed by the meeting that, if these are deemed reasonable by the Executive, they have the authority to authorise this. Application for grants to the Region for this will also be made.

GM has invited Alison Williamson to TVA. DD commented that she inspired youngsters at Stafford Archers and he was sure she would do the same at TVA.

National success has been had by juniors especially Becky Martin who was the junior national champion and who has been ranked 7th in the country at senior level. Praise was also given to Stuart Taylor, Lora Ankers, Pip Taylor and Charlotte Thorpe, apologise to any who have been forgotten.

HP will resign as Secretary leaving the way open for another volunteer, especially one who knows more about archery than herself.

13. Next meeting AGM (Stone Bowling Club) 9th March.