



STAFFORDSHIRE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
Held on 28.09.11
At Crown Green Bowling Club, Stone

Present:-

Julia Brooks, Tony Goad, Michael Cross, Harry Heeley, George McLeary, Karl Greatrex, Helen Parrish, Lee Ankers, Mary Turnock, Richard Rigby and Shaun Thomas

1. Apologies
 - 1.1 Apologies were received from Graham Brooks, Dot Cooper, Quentin Edwards, Robin Hall, Tara Mackinnon and Steve Taylor.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (13.07.11)
3. Treasurer`s Report
 - 3.1 Mike Cross presented his report, appendix 1.
 - 3.2 Mike requested a list of officer`s from Staffordshire Archery Association who were to receive rebate from County for their Archery GB fees, this is as agreed at the AGM in lieu of taking an officer role within the County. Tony Goad to confirm these names to Mike Cross as soon as possible.
 - 3.3 Mike Cross put forward a suggestion to increase County fees by £2.00. Richard Rigby questioned this and requested justification for this increase. This is to be discussed at next AGM.
 - 3.4 Mike confirmed that last year`s rebate has now been received and no further annual rebate is expected from Archery GB in the future. Tony Goad reminded the meeting that all clubs are entitled to send a representative to Archery GB to discuss/debate at their AGM where such discussions and votes take place.
4. Junior Report
 - 4.1 In Steve`s absence no report was issued. Although it was confirmed that Stuart Taylor became the first British Under 18 to achieve a FITA score of 1400 as a Cadet. – Staffordshire Archery Associated would like to pass on their congratulations to him.
5. West Midlands Regional Report
 - 5.1 Tony Goad confirmed there was nothing to report as the next meeting is scheduled for 15th October 2011.
6. Coaching Report
 - 6.1 Coaching Report had been received by secretary and communicated to those present. (Appendix 2)
 - 6.2 George McLeary requested that if any coach has any items they would like to have included in the forthcoming Coaching Conference and suggestions for a venue, they forward this information to Robin Hall.
 - 6.3 Harry Heeley presented to the meeting the success of providing Coaching Sessions at local archery clubs. Trent Valley Archers and Stafford Archers have recently had sessions from Harry giving information on how juniors are currently being trained, in line with techniques used by Lloyd Brown. This training is on offer to all clubs and takes around 2 hours per session. During these sessions junior archers demonstrate techniques currently being taught. These sessions are aimed at current coaches, but archers are welcome to attend. These techniques are for recurve archers, but can be adapted for longbow. The facilities required to host these sessions are a 20yard indoor range. Mike Cross voiced his disappointment that compound archers seem to have been forgotten,

although archers who have experienced these training sessions believe that the basis of the technique can be used for compound archers as well.

7. Records Officer's Report

7.1 Karl Greatrex confirmed that there are still 12-15 records requiring ratification – update at next meeting.

7.2 Karl requested that all clubs submit archers 12 dozen scores to enable rankings and county selections to be up to date.

8. Tournaments Officer's Report

8.1 Tournaments Officer's Report had been received by secretary and communicated to those present. (Appendix 3)

8.2 24/25 September 2011, Stafford (Telford) Double Fita Star

Harry Heeley passed on thanks for a well organised and well represented shoot, having music played between ends during scoring was well received. Thanks to all people who assisted throughout the weekend and too all the clubs who attended, both as archers and as work party.

Tony Goad had received a complaint regarding the change to one discipline as it was difficult for the more senior archers to compete. Tony Goad, on behalf of the target committee has responded, quoting Fita rules. Harry Heeley also received comments from archers that at the shorter distances they would have liked the option to keep the full 80cm zone face rather than the small zone face; this was confirmed that this was to enable ends of 6 arrows to be shot in line with daylight availability late into the Outdoor year.

8.3 County Indoor – this is booked for 11th March 2012, Wenlock Hall, Stafford Round. It is hoped that this time the heating can be arranged to be off as in past years complaints have been received regarding the heat inside the hall.

8.4 Richard Court shoot to be hosted by Leek, proposed date 16 June 2012 (date to be confirmed)

9. Child Protection

9.1 No information received

10. County Squad Shirts

10.1 Still awaiting ideas, if anyone has anything to put forward please contact Tony Goad

11. County Development Update

Update at next meeting

12. Club View

12.1 Lee Ankers has submitted a request on behalf of volunteers for Olympic Games funding, (appendix 4). The expenses involved are vast and it has been agreed by all of the volunteers that all fundraising be pooled together and evenly spread between them all. The volunteers have already arranged some fundraising ideas of their own, bag packing in supermarkets etc. It was agreed to forward the request from Lee to all Staffordshire clubs to see if they would like to donate to, either as individual donations or club donations. All donations are to be sent to Mike Cross.

It was proposed by Lee Ankers that county offer a donation, Harry Heeley commented that these archers would be eligible for £100 donation if they were attending the Olympics as entrants. It was proposed, by Lee Ankers, that Staffordshire Archery Association donate £300.00. This was seconded by Richard Rigby and all those present were in favour.

Subsequent to this meeting WMAS have agreed NOT to assist these volunteers.

13 Any Other business:-

13.1 Harry Heeley resigned as Senior Squad Manager. Karl Greatrex was co-opted into position of Senior Squad Manager.

13.2 Mike Cross advised all present, that he has a supplier for Clinibands, 50metre roll, at £50.00 if anyone is interested Mike will be happy to supply contact details.

14. Date of Next Meeting

14.1 It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th November, at 7.30pm, at Crown Green Bowling Club, Stone.

Meeting closed at 2045hrs

Chairman Date

Staffordshire Archery Association

Treasurer's report for meeting held on 28th September 2011

Due to the Telford Tournament having just finished the cash at bank situation is currently indicating a false situation as we are yet to finalise many of the outstanding bills.

We have now!!!! received our rebate from GNAS (Archery GB) which is very close to the figure I expected.

As there is no guarantee that the County will be given the GNAS rebate in the future and to give the County some flexibility in managing the finances I will be proposing that the County fee should increase by £2.00 at least (with other increases for different levels of status)

Michael Cross



Coaching Group AGM (21st September 2011)

Before the meeting started the CCO reported the passing of two coaches, Mr. Alan Staples and Mr. David Clarke. Alan was a County Coach for many years at Stafford Archers before retiring from the fire service and moving to Lincoln due to health problems. He continued with his coaching and was still affiliated through Staffordshire. David Clarke was known to many, a Senior Coach (ex-NCO) and had a great deal of input in changing the current coaching system and the introduction of Level1; he was also GB Team Manager for several years.

Carol Bye passed her Senior Coach assessment earlier in the year which means we now have 3 Senior Coaches within the County.

Election of CCO, Deputy CCO and Coaching Renewal Panel

Both the CCO (Robin Hall) and Deputy CCO (George McLeary) were re-elected as were the Coaching Renewal Panel: Robin Hall (Chairman), Carol Bye and Harry Heeley.

Coach Training

Level 1: There has been some interest in another Course from Staffordshire and Shropshire and I was looking at organising one over the winter period at Lilleshall with the help of the Coach Education Lead Officer. For various reasons she has now decided not to participate in this and I will have to try and look at alternative arrangements with Sue Williamson, but as we are both involved with L2 courses until April next year it is unlikely anything will start before then? At this stage I can only ask those who are interested to be patient.

Level 2: Our first Course started on 03rd September (inductions were in July), the course is full with 12 candidates. The bulk of the training will be through October with a couple of sessions in November, one in December and it concludes in January 2012, there will then be a period for supported practice, Internal Assessments and finally the External Assessments. The original idea was to run this course joint with Shropshire due to the shortage of candidates, this has now changed and Shropshire are running their own which will start after ours in January.

Coaching Conference

I have had to hold back on this again whilst the L2 course was being sorted, dates etc. now that's all been done planning can start, dates will probably be towards the end of November / December and I am looking at a two day conference. Suggested dates will be circulated to everyone and I will go with the majority.



STAFFORDSHIRE ARCHERY COACHING GROUP (CCO Report for County Meeting 28th September 2011)



Various suggestions for a venue were made and these will be looked into, obviously we want to keep the costs as low as possible, but we will require a room for presentations and shooting range, large enough to accommodate 20 to 30 people.

Other

Workshops are on offer if any club is interested, these are for both coaches and archers, topics include Bow setup & tuning, Nutrition and Mental Skills among just a few, if anyone is interested please let me know. These workshops will also be run later next year on a Regional basis to help coaches gain CPD points.

Coaching Group Meetings

There will be a Coaching Group Meeting on Wednesday 21st March 2012.
The AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th September 2012.

☞ The county champs went well although numbers were low with a total of 25 archers booking in and 24 shooting. A summary of the account is attached which shows we made approx. £91 profit for the shoot although the cheques are yet to be processed (awaiting details from Mike Cross re. address to post them too). Due to the low numbers I would suggest that the shoot be merged with another next year whether it be Wolverhamptons Spril Shoot, Walsall Fita Star or one of Stafford's shoots

☞ Volunteers are required for the Intercounty at Lilleshall on the 9th October. 7:30am start should be finished by 5pm – it is single detail, 3 archers per target, Fita – so 3 target moves throughout the day and face changes. Can you ask the people present to rally support in their clubs and confirm back to me who is coming to work party it – thank you (Also need a Lady P if you can think of one!!)

☞ Paperwork has been sent to GNAS and approved for the County Indoors on the 11th March 2012 at Wenlock Hall, Lilleshall and the facility has been booked. Also the 3 way inter-county on the 29th April has been approved as both record and rose status with a TBC venue of Trent Valley – this is dependant on confirmation from TVA and there being sufficient targets available (or being able to be provided to TVA) for the event. Otherwise we need another club to volunteer which can run with 20 bosses

☞ I believe Leek have volunteered to run the Richard Court shoot next year, a date needs to be set for this shoot please

Subject: Funding

Hi Tony, I would like to know if it is possible to ask the county for some funding. Lora and a few others in Staffordshire have got a team together to do the arrow collecting at the Olympics next year. I will be at the county meeting tomorrow and wondered if it could be discussed. Although its a volunteer position there is quite a lot of money to find.

regards

Lee

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Julia Brooks
Staffordshire Archery Association - County Secretary