

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHERY SOCIETY**

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at Ye Old Bridge Inn, Oxton. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 8.00pm

**Attended by**

Chairman &  
Child Protection Officer: Mike Spare  
Vice Chair: Chris Joyce  
Treasurer: Susan Stankovic  
Secretary: Mike Thomason  
Coaching Organiser &  
Team Manager: Mario Stankovic  
EMAS Rep &  
Development Coordinator: Les Smeeton  
Junior Rep: Lesley Gray  
Records Officer: Janet Smeeton

Bassetlaw Bowmen Not represented  
Beeston Rylands Archers Jim Donaghie  
Belvoir Archers Steve Gamble  
Bingham Leisure Centre AC See Records Officer, EMAS rep, Simon Barnicott, Adrienne Goodwin  
Burton Joyce See Chair, Vice Chair  
City & Sherwood Terry Davey, Derek Shaw, Liz West  
Hart of Sherwood Not represented  
Harworth Archers Janet and Stephen Sargent  
Nottingham Panthers Not represented  
Nottingham Trent University Not represented  
Nottingham University Not represented  
RR Bowmen of Sherwood Steve Radomski, G Elkin  
Sherwood Archers See treasurer, coaching organiser  
Welbeck Archers See Junior rep, Christine and Keith Gascoigne  
Wilford Bowmen See secretary

**School Clubs**

Nottingham High School St Peters School Toot Hill School

A total of 21 officers and members were present representing ten clubs (Inc junior sections), we were quorate.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Sharon Dicks, Bryan and Sue Haynes, Keith and Christine Gascoigne

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

Agreed and signed.

**3. Matters arising**

- 3.1 Ref 5.1 of the minutes, the general consensus regarding charities was that we do not wish to pursue this further
- 3.2 Ref 5.2 of the minutes. Although minuted as an activity for the secretary; our treasurer has completed the county championship rose status application. Thank you.
- 3.3 Ref 5.3 of the minutes, Bingham kindly supplied Harworth with four soft bosses. Mike (chair) read a letter of thanks from Harworth. Also, Janet asked for an update on her email of 8<sup>th</sup> September to Mike (sec) regarding the boss. Mike had no recollection of receiving the email. Janet gave a copy of the boss receipt to Susan to process.

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- 3.4 Ref 5.6 of the minutes, it looks like the old trophy book must be lost.
- 3.5 Ref 5.7 of the minutes, Liz advised that this was still outstanding
- 3.6 Ref 4.5 of the minutes; the first youth squad date has changed. It is now Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November (not 27<sup>th</sup> as originally stated).
- 3.7 Finally, regarding the chair's report (4.1) Mike (chair) had said that he was not standing again for 2012. However, as Chris is still recovering Mike has confirmed that he is willing, if elected, to stand again as chair.

### **4. Officer's Reports**

#### **4.1. Chair**

Can I thank all teams and team managers for their efforts in the tri counties and Thorsby. Thank you also to Chris for deputising for me at some events. Thank you to Mario for arranging the winter coaching sessions. If I am successful and am re-elected as chair I want to concentrate on pushing archers to shoot longer distances, therefore encouraging them to try for county team selection.

#### **4.2 Vice Chair**

I am looking to get feedback on this year's team selection process. I believe that it went fairly well. Going forward, we want to 'push the envelope' set and increase minimum scores, where appropriate and possible. However I seek views from the clubs.  
ACTION FOR CLUBS. Please review this years selection process and criteria and offer your views on it's appropriateness and add your thoughts for the future. Bring feedback back to the next (January) meeting.

#### **4.3. Treasurer**

The current account balance as at 17 October stands at £1831.94 with no change in the deposit account. The current account balance reflects the fact that a further sum has been paid out for the Level 1 course. Travel expenses for the senior team and affiliations to EMAS have also been paid. On the plus side I have banked £420.00 for this year's forthcoming winter coaching sessions and there is still further money to come.

The outdoor championships made a profit of £129.40, £64.70 of which has been paid to Rolls Royce being their entitlement to 50% for hosting the shoot. The records status for next year has been applied for and Archery GB has cashed the cheque so I assume it has all been accepted.

The bulk of our income comes from affiliations, this year that figure so far is £1108.00, our biggest outgoing is the team expenses, this year £1045.17 to date. Next year these expenses, in particular for the senior team are likely to increase as it is Nottinghamshire's turn to host the Tri-counties, which means on top of the tournament expenses we have a buffet to pay for and the Senior Inter-counties next year will be held in Northamptonshire so travel costs are going to be higher. Whilst at present I feel we should be OK in the not to distance future I can foresee it being a possible problem.

If anyone has any ideas how we get round this then please bring them to the committee for discussion. ACTION FOR CLUBS. Please debate this issue and bring forward any funding ideas to the January meeting. A breakdown of 2010 team expenditure is:

|  | Junior Team    |                       | Senior Team    |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Entry Fees – Junior Inter-counties               | £108.00        | EMAS Team Clout       | £ 63.00        |
|  |                | Senior Inter-Counties | £234.00        |
| Refunds for full attendance at EMAS Junior Squad | £175.00        | Travel                | £465.17        |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>£283.00</b> |                       | <b>£762.17</b> |

#### 4.4 Secretary

No report.

#### 4.5 EMAS representative

The coaching manager for EMAS, Jim Johnson, wants to get five senior archers together from each of the five counties for an informal shoot at Bingham. During this shoot he wants to get their views and opinions about EMAS and what it can offer to archers through the region in terms of coaching etc. They will have plenty of opportunity to ask questions etc.

At the EMAS AGM there will be vacancies for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Les will be deputising as the Chair at the Development Conference in Lilleshall later this month.

EMAS will now fund the travelling expenses of county officers attending EMAS meetings.

The meeting agreed that the distribution of EMAS funds should be on a pro rata basis (based on member numbers) to each county. Nott's will become eligible for a grant of £750 once its Development plan is in place.

#### 4.6 Junior Representative

Five juniors were invited to attend the regional youth squad based on the results of the junior intercounties. Of the five (3 recurve, 2 compound) one recurve declined. Tony, EMAS delegate, then invited the next who also declined. The third offer was accepted and we now have three recurve juniors attending. One of the two compounds declined (only last night). Tony will again invite the first reserve when he gets back. The four confirmed juniors are Rosie Radley, Meghan King, Jacques Francois and Rhys Bryan.

I have also spoken to a number of juniors regarding winter training and they appeared positive. So hopefully they will apply to Mario for a place.

#### 4.7 Records Officer

##### JUNIORS

|               |          |              |                |
|---------------|----------|--------------|----------------|
| Hollie Smith  | Compound | Metric V     | 1358 then 1374 |
|               |          | 30m          | 332            |
|               |          | 20m          | 345 then 353   |
|               |          | 15m          | 338            |
|               |          | 10m          | 352            |
|               |          | Bristol V    | 1252 then 1286 |
| James Cutler  | Barebow  | New National | 20             |
| Rebekah Lowe  | Barebow  | Bristol V    | 1009           |
| Evie Francois | Recurve  | Sherwood     | 368            |

##### SENIORS

|                  |          |                                    |      |
|------------------|----------|------------------------------------|------|
| Bernie Dicks     | Compound | FITA 70m                           | 679  |
|                  |          | “ double                           | 1351 |
| Adrienne Goodwin | Longbow  | Single Clout                       | 36   |
|                  |          | Double Clout                       | 50   |
| Liz West         | Longbow  | New Warwick                        | 25   |
|                  |          | Windsor                            | 544  |
|                  |          | National Champion at the Royal Tox |      |
| Steve Gamble     | Longbow  | 50m                                | 157  |
|                  |          | Windsor                            | 641  |

Well done everyone!

#### 4.8 Coaching Organiser

The level one course the tutoring side is complete and the assessment will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

I have organised a coaching conference, there is an open invitation to all Notts Coaches, candidates and candidates who would like to join a course this year. It will take place on

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Wednesday 26 October at the Admiral Rodney, King Street, Southwell, 7.30 p.m. start. Agenda – winter training + anything coach related in Nottinghamshire

I shall be looking to set up a Level 1 Coach training course in the Spring of next year.

I have received a request from Tony Gray to let coaches know that EMAS is looking for a coach to join the team of coaches for the Junior Squad. Anyone who is interested please contact Tony direct.

### 4.9 Team Manager

Since our last meeting we had the Tri-counties at Burton Bridge where we put up a good show but didn't win anything.

The Senior Inter counties took place at Lincoln Archers, we fielded full team there again we got 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>. If only we could get all the strong archers in the same place at the same time hopefully things would improve.

I have an invite from RCO to nominate 5 members to the first senior regional coaching get together. After some consultation with committee members I propose Steve Gamble (Longbow) Sharon & Bernie Dicks (Compound) Chris Fry and Julie Bancroft (Recurve). The get together will be an afternoon shoot on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at Bingham Leisure Centre, indoor shooting range.

### 4.10 Child Protection Officer

No report

### 4.11 Development Coordinator

After recent meetings with nothing to report, this time is a bit different!

As promised at the last meeting I have worked through the contract documentation established between AGB / GNAS and Notts. County Council and followed up by meeting with the head of Notts.CC Sports Services, Mr. Chris Rolle (pron. Rollay!).

I have submitted an application on behalf of Notts.A.S. to support the proposed winter training programme and Belvoir Archers also submitted a club application for L1 coach training and equipment - in accordance with the application rules - I formally confirmed my support (as GNAS Development Officer) when requested by the club.

When I met with Chris Rolle I briefly discussed these applications and how important / significant they both were for the development of Archery in Notts. He was non-committal re. outcome but did inform me that some 60 or so applications had been received but only around 14 could be given any support. The single application date deadline was for the whole of 2011 – 12 funds.

If not funded from this source then he expects to be able to direct application through other sources (e.g. Sport England) with Council support.

I explained to Chris that GNAS require all potential archers to successfully complete a formal beginner's course before they can actually 'join' the sport and register with GNAS / clubs etc. Perception had been that those on beginners' courses were already new entrants.

This distinction is important in the way our activities could be considered for funding as the focus of the Council is on getting NEW people into sport. As the GNAS requirement is a **NGB** requirement **both** the beginners' courses **and** subsequent coaching activity for those who sign up could be considered! – This could be **particularly** important for any future planning!

I am now registered within the various sections of the sporting services to receive updates and info as they become available and will inform Notts. A.S. appropriately.

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A point for all **coaches and clubs to note** is that Notts. C.C. has programmes of subsidised (?) training events for coaches and volunteers in all sports which are established on three monthly bases. Details of these are published on the council website. Some non-coaching topics covered include (amongst others) Emergency First Aid, Running a club, sourcing grant funding, Child Protection / safeguarding.

Over recent weeks and months Notts.A.S. (Via Mario, Simon Barnicott and me) has been working directly with GNAS (Kate Moss and Aaron Coggan) regarding the GNAS programme for developing archery in schools. This activity was initiated by Kate Moss.

Graham Allen MP for North Notts., attended the GNAS organised event at Houses of Parliament and wants to get archery into primary schools in his constituency. He arranged for Kate to present at a Head Teachers meeting and Mario and Susan facilitated a have-a-go session. Simon arranged for a suitable 'proof of benefit quotation' from a Head at one of the primary school where he runs sessions for inclusion in the presentation.

GNAS are now in the process of working with us to film a session at Toot Hill School in Bingham with the intention of using this in a promotional programme to roll out nationally.

This coming weekend I shall be attending the GNAS Development Conference –principal focus will be readiness for expected increased demand following 2012 Olympics / Paralympics.

Chris informed Les that Burton Joyce have submitted a funding application independently of the county. Les advised that, as CDC he was unaware and therefore was not in a position to support their claim at the time he met with the County. Chris will look into the background behind his club's claim.

For emphasis, if any club is approaching the county, city or Rushcliffe for funding they must make Les aware before submitting their claim if he, as CDC is going to be able to support them at the time the county etc are considering the claim..

### **5. Any other business**

#### **5.1 Payment at county league shoots**

It was confirmed that clubs pay for the number of archers entered, not just those attending. Also, each club has one payee, that person pays all entries for their club to the host on the day of the league shoot. We will include reminders to this effect with the 2012 invites.

#### **5.2 Handicap groupings**

Liz suggested that the current awards issued against handicap groupings are out of date and suggested three new groups; 1 to 38, 39 to 49 and 50 plus. This was agreed for all county shoots from 2012 (County Championships and Golden Arrow).

#### **5.3 Loss of post match camaraderie at the first two league shoots**

The third league shoot finalises the results and allows the presentation of the awards to the successful clubs. Everybody gets together after the shoot to hear these results; which is not the case at the earlier two shoots. People pack up and go home. Liz suggested that we reinstate the old practice of announcing the individual 'interim' shoot results at the earlier two shoots.

This met with some positive feedback.

Chris Joyce proposed that he instigate a 'league shoot sub committee' to look at all aspects of league shoots, including the above. ACTION FOR CLUBS: please nominate a club representative to participate in this sub committee and notify Chris direct. His email is

[chris.joyce67@ntlworld.com](mailto:chris.joyce67@ntlworld.com)

#### **5.4 First league shoot for 2012**

ACTION FOR CLUBS. Sherwood Archers are not available to host this event in 2012. It is to be shot on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Is any other club able to take on this event please? Notify Mike Thomason, secretary if you can assist.

It was suggested that we produce a calendar of 2012 shoots and this will be done and circulated with the official set of these minutes, or before.

#### **5.5 Tri counties 2012**

It is our turn to host. Burton Joyce have expressed an interest in hosting the event. The county has requested an estimate of costs for budgeting purposes please. And thanks for volunteering.

#### **5.6 EMAS regional championships**

ACTION FOR CLUBS. This is to be shot on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A host club is sought. Any club willing to be the host; please contact Mike Thomason, secretary.

#### **5.7 Notts v Leics shoot 2012 t**

Leicestershire have volunteered to take on this shoot to 'give Welbeck a break'. Given their 24 hour notification of participants this year it may well be appropriate. The meeting confirmed agreement and would only ask that the shoot did not clash with other competition dates in the county.

#### **5.8.GNAS request for ancient archers and bowyers**

Mike.(sec) to follow up the request relating to archers. Clubs should refer to the GNAS site regarding the bowyers if that is of interest to them.

#### **5.9.Some statistics**

There are 523 archers in the county at the time of annual registration this year, two down on last year. And we have five new clubs which hints at a general decline amongst existing clubs.

The meeting closed at 2225 hours

Signed:

For: Mike Spare, Chair, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dates for the meetings in 2012, at 8pm, venue 'Ye Old Bridge Inn', Oxtun, are:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April,

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July,

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

AGM Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November