

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHERY SOCIETY

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at Ye Old Bridge Inn, Oxtou. Monday 15th October 2012, 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 representative &
development coordinator: Les Smeeton
Junior representative: Lesley Gray
Records officer: Sue Haynes

<u>Bassetlaw Bowmen</u>	Not represented
<u>Beeston Rylands Archers</u>	Not represented
<u>Belvoir Archers</u>	See records officer, Bryan Haynes
<u>Bingham Leisure Centre AC</u>	See EMAS representative, Janet Smeeton, <u>Simon Barnicott</u>
<u>Bulwell Foresters</u>	Not represented
<u>Burton Joyce</u>	See chairman, deputy chairman
<u>City & Sherwood</u>	Terry Davey (President), Derek Shaw, Liz West
<u>Hart of Sherwood</u>	Not represented
<u>Harworth Archers</u>	Not represented
<u>Nottingham Panthers</u>	Not represented
<u>Nottingham Trent University</u>	Not represented
<u>Nottingham University</u>	Not represented
<u>RR Bowmen of Sherwood</u>	Not represented
<u>Sherwood Archers</u>	See treasurer, coaching organiser
<u>Welbeck Archers</u>	See junior representative, Christine and Keith Gascoigne
<u>Wilford Bowmen</u>	See secretary

School Clubs

Nottingham High School St Peters School Toot Hill Academy

A total of 16 officers and members were present representing seven clubs (Inc junior sections), we were quorate.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Adrienne Goodwin, Jim Johnson, Jim Donaghie

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

Agreed and then signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising

Chris Joyce asked whether we had made an approach to the Lord Mayor to attend the Golden Arrow weekend or not. Susan confirmed that we had not. On reviewing the numbers shooting it was decided that it was not appropriate to follow this through. ..

4. Officer's Reports

4.1. Chair

Before I start my report I would like to reflect that it is the last meeting that I will be Chairman I have looked through my records and found that in November 2003 Richard Coates was the Chairman and in Feb 2004 I was the Chairman. The exact date of the AGM eludes me but nearly 9 years is a

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long time. I would like to thank you all for putting up with me for so long. I will do a proper thank you at the AGM.

Having said that I want to stand down as Chairman I would like to take on the role as Development Officer next year. As you are all aware Les has not had the time he would have liked to spend on archery this year. I wrote the development plan in a big rush in order to secure funding from EMAS before the September closing date. I also attended a meeting with the County Council for Development Officers of all sports last week.

In doing this work I have discovered for myself how important this role is if we are going to progress as a County.

Both the County Council and Archery G.B. contact the County through the Development Officer. This is a very important role as it means money and grants. Les fully understands this and has been successful in getting thousands of pounds worth of grants for both the County and Bingham. The £800 I obtained for the level 2 course was as Les's deputy and not as Chair.

There is a lot of money available at the moment for clubs based outside the City. The County council have £1.7m available £1.0m is Legacy funding available between 1st November and 31st December.

Grants to clubs are available in 2 categories

Kick start £500 to £10,000 for capital work

Game Changer £10,001-£50,000 again capital works

This is in addition to the normal community sports fund which gives grants of £1,000 a year to none Clubmark clubs and £1,500 for those with Clubmark Closing Date 16th November.

Other sources of funding are available through Sport England, though these applications should be done in conjunction with both the County and Archery GB.

Such a scheme running at the moment is the Sports Maker initiative run by Sport England. Those who help activities in a club can potentially get £20 per person for the club.

I see the role of Development Officer is both ensuring everyone knows about the offers, and as a County we co ordinate our effort to maximise the realistic available opportunities.

At the meeting with the Council it is apparent that sport in Further Education (F.E.) Colleges is a priority. After the meeting I had a quick chat with the County Officers, if we can get our act together there is a golden opportunity to get £10,000 for a trailer and equipment to deliver training courses, and to use the Community Fund to pay coaches to deliver the training.

The problem is we would have to act quickly.

I would like your views on whether this is feasible or not.

4.2 Vice Chair

We have now completed the league shoots which have been a success. They have been well attended and the weather has been kind. In particular I thank Susan Stankovic and Steve Attwood for their efforts.

As chairman of Burton Joyce I have enjoyed hosting the Tri counties shoot and hope that we will be able to do more in the future.

4.3. Treasurer

The current account presently stands at £4088.45 and the Deposit account £4832.83. The current account shows an artificially high figure at present as affiliations have still to be paid to EMAS for the bulk of members for 2012/13, currently about £1150.00. Most clubs have now forwarded their affiliations, but can I remind all clubs that affiliations for **BOTH** Notts and EMAS should now come directly to me, along with copies of the paperwork they send to Archery GB, as Liz has decided to stand down from the job as membership secretary. Mine and the counties thanks to her for all of her help in this over the past two years. Clubs still to re-affiliation this year are Welbeck, Welbeck Juniors, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham University (this one I understand is being dealt with), St Peter's Primary School and Nottingham Panthers which I appreciate there is no money involved with this one as it is a disabled club, at present I have no information regarding its membership. I will be sending off a cheque to EMAS for all current members shortly in order for them to have the numbers for working out this years development grant.

We have also agreed to act as banker for the Level 2 Coach training course which will be starting shortly. Mike has gained a grant of £800.00 from Nottinghamshire County Council for this, which again is within the current account balance, although the registration fees for the candidates have now been sent off.

The quotation from Running Imp for the medals came back at a much lower figure per medal than Majestic even including the cost of having a new die made. Having discussed this with Mike & Mike I have now ordered a further supply of gold medals from Running Imp, the silver and bronze will still be drawn from the stock held by Majestic until these are exhausted at which time they too will be transferred to Running Imp.

Finally I have received the results from this year's Oregon Challenge, I did announce them at the final league shoot, but for those who weren't there they are as follows:

	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Juniors
Notts	12277	13291	3641	No Team
Sherwood	13005	13711	4486	5808

4.4 Secretary

No report.

4.5 EMAS representative

Given the warning from AGB that funds for the region would cease, EMAS has been building some reserves in order to enable it to carry on. One county disagreed and felt that garnering funds was wrong, the funds ought to be redistributed to counties.

There was debate at the September meeting regarding the possible change of the EMAS regional championships from York/Hereford to FITA. It was decided not to change for 2013 and a view was sought from counties for 2014 onward. After debate and a vote the county recommended remaining 'as is' with the York/Hereford.

Bulwell Foresters request for a new club boss was granted (£140).

The EMAS tournament advisor role is still vacant.

Four counties have qualified for funding for their Development plan including Notts.

The committee then reviewed the EMAS minutes. It was agreed that we register our disgust that the Thoresby championship, the biggest single expenditure item in EMAS. calender was not debated; nor was any other regional championship in the three months preceding the September meeting.

Further, the former EMAS records officer expressed disappointment that no records have been updated since the handover in March this year. The last update was in January 2012 and there have been claims since. Additionally the EMAS web site has not been updated.

4.6 Junior Representative

The Juniors attended the Sidney Bond Shoot in July. They all seemed to really enjoy the day and a few of the juniors shoot PB's. They were a credit to the county and their parents. The Recurve team came 3rd and the Compound team came 5th. Both teams did really well!!!

At the last meeting I mentioned which Juniors I would be putting their names forward to EMAS Junior Squad. I made one change as I haven't seen a Rosie shoot since I made the decision. I have put Luke Stocks into that one place. Luke has come on leaps and bounds since the winter training squad and is working really hard. So the 5 Juniors (who have all confirmed their places with the Regional Squad Organiser) are Luke Stocks, Charlotte Smith, Ellie Brown, Catherine Angus and Ashley Buckland.

Not sure if you are aware but in the summer ArcheryGB held a talent weekend which a few of the county juniors went to. They were given a 20 week programme to follow. They have since been asked to send their programs back and been once again invited back down to Lilleshall. It's this coming weekend and I would like to wish all the juniors that have submitted their programs. GOOD LUCK!!

Once again over the winter months the county are holding a training squad for both juniors and seniors. If clubs can let their juniors know and get them to come, then hopefully we can get them out shooting in next yrs selection shoots and start building a team up as a few of the more senior juniors from this yrs team will becoming 18 over the next few months.

4.7 Records Officer

The following County Records have been claimed and ratified since the last meeting on 16th July 2012:-

Junior Girl U12 – Barebow

Rebekah Lowe	Junior Western	472
	Junior Windsor	525

Junior Girl U16 – Compound

Ashley Buckland	Metric III	1210
	Double Metric III	2375
	Long Metric III	584
	Short Metric III	626
	50m distance	283
	40m distance	307
	30m distance	298
	20m distance	328

Junior Boy U16 - Recurve

Christopher Lowe	Metric II	1470
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Junior Boy U18 – Longbow

Peter Emery	Windsor	146
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Ladies Longbow

Elizabeth West	American	438
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Gents Recurve

David Lowe	Double FITA	1425
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Gents Longbow

Bryan Haynes	Double FITA	598
Steve Gamble	Oregon	1151
	American	597
	Windsor	670
	2-way Albion	544

Gents Compound

Mike Thomason Windsor 878

4.8 Coaching Organiser

Winter training has now been booked the dates are

16th December, 20th January, 17th February and 17th March.

This year I am looking to changing the way the CCO's job works

First we will form a sub-committee of four which I will chair to do the job. Steve Attwood will run the winter training (I will still work on it with the others). Second; Mike Thomason will do the coaching development plan for the next few years. And last; Mike Spare will be in charge of CPD training and grants

The R C O has organised a regional coaches conference on the 27th October at the Belvoir Hotel go on EMAS web for more information. This is open to all EMAS coaches whatever level.

L2 course paper work has been sent in to AGB with some change of dates as no tutor could be found. The lead tutor is now Kath Fitzpatrick no others have been assigned yet.

The revised dates have been advised to the participants. I have two spare places on the course

4.9 Team Manager

Tri counties

Well done to our longbows, 1st place. Recurve with four PB's we came 2nd. Compounds came 3rd

Senior Inter counties

Nine PB's overall. Recurve came 5th, Longbow 2nd and Compounds came 5th after one pulled out injured; but only retired under protest.

Clout

I have set up a clout shoot for 24th February 2013 which I hope to use as a selection shoot for the March team shoot.

4.10 Child Protection Officer

No report

4.11 Development Coordinator

No report

5. Any other business

5.1 Oregon challenge

The Americans want to introduce a new category of team, the over 50's for recurve and compound. After debate we agreed to their proposal as long as it also applied to longbow.

5.2 Joe Sharp fund

Mike T was asked at the previous meeting to put a proposal together to sensibly award the Joe Sharp monies to juniors in the future. Following that meeting he received a helpful note via Liz West, from John Ball on this subject and a very useful email from Tony Gray expounding the 'evolution' of award payments.

After debate it was agreed that:

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- The Joe Sharp funds should be merged back into general county funds
- The title. 'The Joe Sharp award' should be retained
- The award should become available to the junior champion, in each bow style, at the County Championships
- The champion can claim for entry fees at the subsequent National Championships, indoor Portsmouth and outdoor York/Hereford/Bristols. Backdated claims are not allowed.

5.3. County development plan

All, as you should know, Mike T circulated the county development plan that I had drafted and submitted to EMAS to you all about six weeks ago.

The purpose behind this plan was fourfold

- To ensure that EMAS development funding for the county was secured
- To help Les with his wind down as CDO
- To prepare the county over the next year to put a three year plan in place
- And I will be standing as CDO so, if I am elected, I am doing my best to start influencing you all now!

If we are to have a properly developed plan by next autumn, and we should strive for that, we need to start thinking about this. If we build momentum in clubs to want to become involved over the winter months we can encourage activity in anticipation of the January NAS meeting

What we are looking for you to do is between now and January

1. Familiarise yourselves with the 2011 plan which will be circulated again with the NAS October meeting minutes
2. Commit to the principles of the package. Not 'lip service,' you must want to take part in developing archery in your club and the county
3. Feedback to us in January what your club wants from a county development plan.
4. Tell us which of you want to be active and who will join the development sub committee. We want this to be club led
5. Additionally, you may have a particular subject of interest and be willing to lead on that; if so we welcome your enthusiasm. Remember the constituent parts of the plan will be
 - 5.1. Governance
 - 5.2. Participation
 - 5.3. Club development
 - 5.4. Coaching
 - 5.5. Workforces (coaches, judges, tournament organisers ETC)
 - 5.6. Talent pathways and funding
 - 5.7. Schools, collages and universities
 - 5.8. Equity

So, between now and January please sign up to our one year plan in order that, together, we can get a full three year plan in place. That plan will improve the standards of archery in all clubs in the county and hence the county itself.

Good development plans are also a route to receiving Government/Council funding. They are worth the effort of getting right for this reason alone if you want access to free financial assistance.

Remember the county cannot demand, only encourage you, to develop your own resources. I will write a separate letter to all clubs and ask Mike T to circulate it to all clubs.

5.4 Club hosts for county shoots, 2013

Mike T to write to Rolls Royce to see whether they are still willing to host the first league and the County Championships in 2013. Otherwise we plan to hold county shoots at the existing clubs. In addition Sherwood have agreed to host the Regional clout

5.5 252 badges

252, Portsmouth and Frostbite badges are available from Sherwood Archers at £2.50 each. Contact Susan or Mario.

5.6 Boss purchase

If anyone is contemplating buying bosses, let City and Sherwood know (Derek Shaw). KG archery have a stock of straw bosses at present..

5.7 A couple of competition dates

Welbeck's York Hereford shoot (27th May) will again host the county team shoot against Leicestershire & Rutland. Also, 14th July is set for the date of the EMAS FITA star, again at Welbeck.

The meeting closed at 2235 hours

Signed:

TBA, Chair, 14th January 2013

Date and time of 2013 general meetings

(all on a Monday and all at Oxton)

January 14th

April 15th

July 15th

October 14th

AGM, November 25th