**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of ECAA**

**Held on Wednesday 6th November 2019**

**At Margeretting Village Hall**

Present: Alex Purser (Chair) Deb Horn (Hon. Secretary) Martin Skinner (Treasurer) Richard Pilkington (V. President / Webmaster) Mark Lawrence (SRO) Marion Saville (FRO) Sharon Lawrence (Team Manager) Paul Clark (General Member) Tony King (Mayflower) Dennis Saville (Direct Member) Huw Lillywhite (West Essex)

92.19 Apologies for Absence: received from - Mick & Maggie Pearce, Marlene & Roy Hutchins, Alan Munson (President)

93.19 Matter for Any other Business: Various items

94.19 Minutes of last meeting 04/09/19 – Having been circulated were taken as read. Minutes agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

95.19 Matters arising from minutes of last meeting 04/09/19: Money which was due to Daisy Clark (87.19b) was passed over on the night and is receive with thanks. Business plan requested from EGAC (92.19 a) is still outstanding. Skreens Trophy (92.19 e has been taken by the president, but it is unclear if it has been presented to this year’s winner. The county match against Kent (92.19 f) has now been cancelled.

96.19 Chairman’s remarks. Good luck to all archers for the indoor season. The county simulation day was a success and has led to good uptake for the indoor coaching days. Congratulations to Deb Horn on passing her exam and becoming a national Judge. The AGM will be held on February 15th 202 and forms will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting. All posts are available for re-election with the exception of the President and 1 Vice President.

97.19 Correspondence. Details have been circulated of the most recent SCAS council meeting. The indoor county match against Kent has been cancelled. Oakfield have had to cancel their shoot on 27th 28th June. The simulation day information was circulated throughout the county. Reminders have been sent to submit scores for the intercounty Portsmouth League. There is an updated selection form which is on the website and has been circulate. There was some correspondence about the medals for the metric Clout, this has now been dealt with. RTAC have a new secretary. Details have been updated on the website. Several entry forms have been received and circulated- Abbey Longbow Shoot, West Essex Portsmouth, RTAC Portsmouth, Noak Hill Halloween Shoot. The village hall will be closed during the beginning of January.

98.19 County Calendar: The calendar has been tidied up, with the following shoots affected. The intercounties shoot against Kent will now be held on 22nd February, Dates for SCAM will be Wednesday 13th May – Saturday 16th May 2020, CTRA H2H is no longer going ahead, Deben’s father day shoot is no longer going ahead, Oakfield’s shoot on 27th 28th June is cancelled, Woodford Triple on 19th July is no longer going ahead, Braintree’s summer BBQ is no longer going ahead, dates for the Runwell pen at RTAC need to be checked.

98.19 Coaching officer’s report: in the absence of the coaching officer, the report was tabled and is attached to these minutes.

100.19 Any other business.

1. Chair proposes that due to lack of suitable date and venue in the month of January, January meeting will be cancelled and any and all notifiable business that would have been conducted is said meeting will be managed and ratified by an ECAA executive meeting as required – this proposal was passed by the meeting.
2. Tony King reported communication issues when receiving emails from the county. This will be looked into by the webmaster and any issues resolved.
3. Paul Clark passed on thanks from Daisy for the sponsorship she received. Daisy shot a season’s best, getting through 2 rounds of the shoot up and also stepping up to be coach in the box.
4. Paul also reported that the Field shoot had over 90 entries and although there were some last-minute withdrawals due to the weather, over 80 archers shot, and the day was a success.
5. Marion (FRO) submitted 2 records – attached to these minutes – both of which were accepted by the meeting.
6. Marion also asked about new records for the pink and green pegs which have been introduce by AGB to encourage more youngsters to take part in field shoots. It was felt that as AGB do not hold records for these yet, the county will follow suit and wait until the end of the trial period before reconsidering introducing records for these shorter distances.
7. Deb Horn asked that archers and secretaries check that their details on Sport80 are up to date. It is difficult to contact members of the details are incorrect.
8. Chair expressed concerns that attendance at meetings is dropping. This seems to be indicative of a national trend. There was debate around h ow we can solve this issue, with suggestions including dropping to 3meetings each year, introducing other discussion points or talks to accompany the meetings, emailing members directly to ensure that all members receive the details. Chair warned that things will not continue to happen if members do not take an active role.
9. Maggie (JRO) offered 6 new records – attached to these minutes – all of which were accepted by the meeting.

Chair passed thanks to all those attending and wished all a happy festive period.

Being no other business, the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting – AGM – Saturday 15th February

Committee meeting – Wednesday