



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

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Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 03 July 2024 via Zoom commencing at 20.00hrs

Attendees. Jason Pretlove (VC), Deb Horn (Secretary), Kevin Juniper (Treasurer), Dawn Tolson (Vice President), Emma Broxholme (Coaching officer), Paul Tolson (General Member), Matt Webb (Team Manager), Paul West (1440 Organiser), Wilco Van Kleef Bolton (Webmaster) Martin Skinner,

AGENDA

62.24 Apologies for Absence - Sean Fortune (Chair), Alex Purser (Mayflower), Huw Lillywhite (WEB), Chris Higgins (League Secretary), Tony King (Mayflower), Wendie King (Mayflower)

63.24 Additional matters for Any Other Business - Nothing

44.24 Minutes of the Meeting of 1st May – Read and accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Jason Pretlove, seconded by Dawn Tolson

65.24 Matters Arising –

61.24e Affiliation Forms are updated.

61.24c Insurance for the timing system is not under the county insurance currently. Unreasonable for Rayleigh to have to pay for it. Couty need to look into this. Kevin to speak to current insurers and see what they can do.

66.24 Chairman's Remarks – Chair not present due to work commitments, No report forwarded.

67.24 Coaching Sub-Committee Update – There have been 3 clinics, which have been well attended, with 20 archers @ Mayflower & Gipping, 27 @ Colchester. All venues have now been sorted for the rest of the season. Feedback has been generally good from those involved. There were some initial questions over signing up, but this has been rectified by requesting an email address. In future the form may need an auto response. There have also been some questions over whether it might be possible to accept online payments in future.

The proposed master classes are not up and running yet. This requires some discussion with he Chair around what exactly the offer will look like.

The squad training at Colchester has been postponed, for several organisational reasons, but the session arranged at Mayflower will run as planned.

88.24 Leagues Update –



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The Albion league has now completed two of the five matches. So far there are only two unbeaten teams in the league, Braintree and Noak Hill. It's going to be interesting to see who retains their unbeaten run after they played each other in July.

The weather has so far this season has been favourable during the matches, which has led there being some high scoring and personal PB's.

Not much to report on the Windsor league so far.

The first matches take place in July and with the league using a individual handicap system for the first time I'm sure that there will be teething troubles but I'm hopeful that everyone will get the hang of this quickly.

69.24 Tournaments Update –

69.24a Target championships went well with 90+ archers shooting. The tournament made a profit. There were questions over whether we should spread to 2 days for next year. The decision was taken to hold off on this for this year, as we need to wait for a waiting list. There were lower numbers of juniors this year.

69.24b Indoors – Mock exam week will run over the time we have the shoot. We may need to move either date or venue. CTRA are looking at Writtle Hall as a new venue. If this doesn't work, we may need a new date. We need to be aware that we need to avoid the AGM.

69.24c 1440 – We will need a sponsor for the faces, Merlin can't sponsor fully, but can give us the faces at cost. Currently numbers are quite low with only 25 bosses. TO asked, Do we need to put up full size 80cm faces, since if we go to small faces, we can only get 3 faces on anyway. It was decided that it would be better this way, and only one detail. One a positive, the Inter county match is looking fairly full.

70.24 County Calendar –The Harry Grove shoot may not run if numbers don't lift. This shoot is a handicap shoot on the day and is NRS. Archers can elect to shoot short distances if they wish. Currently there are only 12 entered, we need to double this to be viable.

Dates for indoor county coaching to be looked at in September, due to possible increases in hall hire fees.

Clacton Archer will run their first WA18 on 20th October. This needs to go on website (it will be NRS for now but looking to move to RS for next year) The club will need judges.

71.24 Any Other Business – Matt Webb – update on teams. NCTC letters sent out to selected archers. We are on a waiting list but it may be late notice if we do get entered. Archers will struggle to get accommodation if we don't find out until late. It was raised that it might be worth saying now that we are not going. Sean Fortune has emailed Jon Nott to express our disappointment in the organisation. A question was



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raised around whether we could recognise the selection even if archers don't get to shoot. It was decided that we need to discuss this as an exec.

July 21st, best team selected. Norfolk have a strong squad of 15 archers. Cambridge did not reply. Shirts have been organised. We have 4 new archers selected this time to represent the county. Matt will be in attendance as TM.

SCAS shoot 4th August. We have received an email from Carla Piper (TO). Other counties have not picked up too well and numbers of entries are very low. We will still send juniors if we don't raise a team. Carla is in support of this. Won't know selection until 21st July. Matt will need medals from Kevin.

Matt proposed selections shoots for selecting county team. This cannot be done without changing the ops guidelines. We can run these selections shoots as an additional chance to get scores, but not as a priority. We could change the rules, this will need greater discussion. We need to be careful about making them selection shoots, as people may not be able to attend.

Meeting ended at 20:59

Date of Next Meeting **4th September 2024**