**Essex County Archery Association Council Meeting**

held on Wednesday 05 May 2021 at 8pm online via Zoom

**Attendees:**

Alex Purser (Chair) Mick Pearce (VC) Deb Horn (Secretary) Richard Pilkington (VP) Martin Skinner (Treasurer) Kevin Juniper (Gen. Member) Mark Lawrence (SRO) Sharon Lawrence (Team Manager) Brian Lock (Junior Development Officer) Anna Heaven (Coaching Development Officer) Sean Fortune (Development Officer) Lou Fortune (Minutes Secretary) Tony King (Ass. Team Manager) Wendie King (Mayflower) Wilco Van-Kleef Bolton (NHA) Maggie Pearce (Abbey Bowmen) Chris Higgins (CTRA) Marion Saville (Direct Member) Dennis Saville (Direct Member) Clare Felgate (Woodford)

**54.21 Apologies for Absence**

Marlene and Roy Hutchins

**55.21 Additional matters for Any Other Business**

Several items submitted

**56.21 Chairman’s Remarks**

Alex thanked everyone for attending, adding that it was good to see that it had been agreed that the archery season could now get underway, encouraged by the warmer weather.

**57.21 Minutes of the ECAA Meeting of 3rd March**

Marlene to be added to the list of attendees for the 3rd of March meeting.

49.21 should read Marlene not Marion re: Albion League, Maggie Abbey Bowmen.

- Longbow League Postal starting in June not May

Minutes to be accepted – Proposed by Mick Pearce, Seconded by Sharron Lawrence

**58.21 Matters Arising**

None

**59.21 Report from SCAS AGM & Meeting held on 17th April 2021**

Alex reported that in actual fact there was not a lot to feedback on, there had been an ongoing discussion of a development plan and some succession planning particularly where information is being passed down from person to person in a role. Alex asked that any issues that needed raising regionally should be forwarded to him.

**60.21 Coaching Sub-Committee Update**

Anna highlighted the issue of retaining members and empowering archers, she advised that there are CPD modules being offered over zoom currently including drills and skills and applying empowerment skills.

Deb (Secretary) proposed a head to head with county elite archers with 16 archers, allowing everyone 4 passes. Deb also proposed that this should be charged for, although possibly subsidised by ECAA – Martin to facilitate funds.

**61.21 Juniors Sub-Committee Update**

Brian reported that there was nothing much to update. Clubs have been contacted regarding engaging with other community groups scout groups, air, army and sea cadets. Update with any proposed engagement days.

**62.21 Development Sub-Committee Update**

Sean instigated a discussion around grass roots archers not knowing much about ECAA; who they are and what they can offer. He advised that he is doing a poll on archers’ reasons for taking up the sport as this gives a more focused grounding to help with the individuals progression or transition, helping to see changes in membership and demographics. Sean proposed a mentoring program, splitting disciplines and shoots between clubs, with resource sharing. He also advised that clubs should be aware of the potential “back garden archer” who bought equipment during lockdown and is now looking to join a club.

**63.21 Leagues Update**

All Leagues are now up and running. Marlene's written report was presented to the meeting.

Deb (Secretary) was asked to re circulate match guidelines

**Compound** – May to September all online.

**Longbow** - Twelve teams and Four matches

**64.21 Tournaments Update**

32 entries had been received for the County Championships.

Junior entries have been poor and there was discussion around going back to just one day.

Imperial Clout on the 12th September had received 2 entries.

**65.21 County Calendar**

A lot of cancellations and reschedules have been necessary which requires constant updating. Clubs to be reminded to send all updates to Richard.

**66.21 Any Other Business**

**Archery GB AGM -** Marion summarised the notes that she took at the meeting.

**Inter County Invitational –** Advised by Sharon this is taking place in July, unofficial, not AGB, ten teams, 10 counties.

**Date Bars 2020 –** Martin to send out, Deb and Sharon to forward on the addresses.

**Perris** – Rettendon shop and range closing down.

**GDPR Query –** Deb to advise Claire in an email.

**Meeting ended at 21:30**

**Date of Next Meeting 7th July 2021**