



Essex County Archery Association Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 7th July 2022 at 20:00 at Margaretting Village Hall

Attendees:

Alex Purser (Chair) Deb Horn (Secretary) Martin Skinner (Treasurer) Tony King (JRO / Ass. Team Manager) Kevin Juniper (General Member) Dennis Saville (Direct) Marion Saville (Direct) Huw Lillywhite (WEB) Wendie King (Mayflower) Paul West (RTAC)

74.22 Apologies for Absence

Anna Heaven (CCO) Richard Pilkington (VP) Mark Lawrence (SRO) Sharon Lawrence (Team Manager) Sean Fortune (Dev. Officer) Lou Fortune (Minutes Sec) Marlene Hutchens (Hon VP) Roy Hutchens, Paul Clark (President) Alan Munson (Blue Arrows) Chris Higgins (CTRA) Alan Drinkwater (Framlingham)

75.22 Additional matters for Any Other Business

Several items submitted

76.22 Minutes of the ECAA Meeting of 7th July

Minutes to be accepted – proposed by Tony King, seconded by Huw Lillywhite

77.22 Matters Arising

Deb has contacted Martin Saych with regard to payment towards his overseas shoot, but has not heard back as yet. New certificates – Tony has sources a supplier. Cost will be £100/ 100 certificates. Tony will place an order.

78.22 Chairman's Remarks

Alex thanked everyone for attending, adding that as the outdoor season closes and our thoughts turn to indoors, we are aware that some clubs are struggling with indoor facilities and urge them to contact county if we can be of any help. Alex further noted that there were not many archers putting their names forward for selection, which is a shame, and we hope for better next year. As Mick Pearce is due to stand down at the next AGM, we will need nominations for a new VC for February.

79.22 Development Sub-Committee Update

None received

80.22 Coaching Sub-Committee Update

New Session Coach/Development Coach Courses

I started running a Development Coach (new L2) course in August. Although there were six expressions of interest in the course from Essex/Suffolk coaches, only three of those have committed to completing every module and should qualify in November assuming all goes well. The online modules have been better attended with a few more coaches from within the county as well as coaches from across the country. The first face-to-face day was very successful despite only having four learners. The second face-to-face day is scheduled for Sunday 18th September and I have sent out an email to the coaches in the county advertising it. Any of these modules can count as CPD for current coaches. I am also looking for some archers to sign up to be coached by the learners. If you are interested,

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please get in touch. Our new RCO, Marc Tamlyn, is very keen that all clubs have coaches and is, ‘...open to communication from clubs without coaches but with people who want to be coaches and funds are an issue.’

Marc’s Data for your interest (I’m not sure how accurate it is. I’m fairly certain that my own club has 6 coaches, not 4...)

Club	County	Number of archers	Has a L2+	Number of coaches	Ratio
Mayflower Archers	Essex	177	TRUE	8	22.1
Braintree Bowmen	Essex	128	TRUE	4	32.0
Bowmen of Ardleigh	Essex	99	FALSE	2	49.5
West Essex Bowmen	Essex	84	TRUE	5	16.8
Blue Arrows Archery Club	Essex	75	FALSE	0	1000.0
Deben Archery Club	Essex	66	TRUE	4	16.5
Colchester & District AC	Essex	61	TRUE	2	30.5
Oakfield Archers	Essex	60	FALSE	3	20.0
Southend & District AC	Essex	54	FALSE	1	54.0
Gipping Valley Archers	Essex	52	FALSE	2	26.0
Rayleigh Town Archery Club	Essex	51	FALSE	1	51.0
Epping Archers	Essex	50	FALSE	1	50.0

Summer Development Days

Throughout the summer, we have been running monthly coaching sessions aimed at intermediate level club archers. We have had a small number of enthusiastic archers and coaches attend but I think we have struggled to compete with the many other things on offer in the summer - competitions, family holidays etc. We need to review the format next summer. Winter Development Days As these were successful last year, we are planning to run them again beginning on the last Saturday in October. These are generally aimed at archers shooting at first class or above and have more of a performance focus. I am looking at how we could combine separate CPD sessions for coaches with the day in an effort to attract more coaches to attend. Survey Attendance at county coaching events has been a little disappointing over the last couple of years. I have sent out a Google Form to try and find out what coaches want and what some of the barriers have been to them attending. I have not had many responses yet so will save a proper update until the next meeting. Renewals You may be aware that AGB are now requiring all coaches to complete a face-to-face course in Safeguarding every six years. I am investigating how we could organise something as a county to enable everyone to tick this box. An online course is still acceptable for alternate three year renewals. Coaches also need to be aware that they now need to upload their Safeguarding certificate to Sport 80. The Renewals Panel continues to process L1/L2 renewals.

Alex raised a question around Safeguarding courses, and whether they are run in County. Coaches have to renew their Safeguarding Course every 6 years. Is it worth running some courses in County to allow coaches to do this easily?

81.22 Leagues Update

The Andy Harris fixture list has been distributed. We have 19 teams, divided into 3 divisions.



The Bray league now has 12 teams signed up. The fixture list will be out by the end of the month.
The Albion league was won by NHA who won all 5 of their matches.

82.22 Tournaments Update

1440 report Received from Paul West (TO)

Sunday 17th July 2022 was looking to be a very warm day and when the day came the weather did not let us down. Due to the weather forecast in the week b4 I had a few archers contact me to say they would not be coming, the weather was going to be too much for them and a few with illness, but on the day there were 38 Archers on the shooting line that managed to survive the extreme warm weather to complete their shoot.

33 Adults (28 men 5 Women)

5 Juniors (2 Boys 3 Girls)

15 Clubs were represented on the shooting line with Noak Hill Archers having the most with 14 archers from their club.

One Junior girl shot her first comp shooting a short metric 2 with her recurve and also had a few badge claims.

Big thanks to our Coj Mick Pearce and his Judging team for keeping the day running smoothly.

Big thanks to our lady P for the day Mrs Marlene Hutchinson from RTAC

Big thanks to the archers that came shot and survived the heat. (without you these shoots wouldn't happen)

Here's hoping 2023 will be bigger and better now that covid is slowly allowing our sport to get back to some sort of normality after 2021 was cancelled due to low numbers.

Many Thanks

Field Shoot now has RS, with payment being made today. There will be 12 targets to be shot twice each. We can accept a maximum of 60 archers.

Indoor Champs Will be held on 2nd Sunday in March. The shoot will have WRS to allow archers to claim awards.

83.22 County Calendar

The calendar has resettled after many changes last year and there are no further alterations at this point. The calendar will be updated in the Website.

84.22 Any Other Business

- a) A proposal was received from Wendie King to include the new Over 50s rounds in the County Championships as Championship rounds, therefore allowing eligibility to medals. This led to a discussion on whether we need trophies for these rounds. We could move the veterans trophies, but do archers want trophies or are they happy with medals?
- b) Dennis Saville stated tat the Bray League rules have been updated to close some loopholes he had spotted previously. The new rules were circulated and accepted by the meeting.
- c) Wilco VKB requested expenses for shooting for Team England in Glasgow. He has already requested money from SCAS who declined. The request was denied, om the basis that we have a precedent for not paying for national shoots.
- d) Tony King submitted a Junior Record for ratification.



- e) Tony also noted that very few juniors are submitting scores for the Top 10. Alex clarified that Junior scores should be sent by club records officers. This does not appear to be happening. We need to publish a request for scores from Juniors. It was agreed that the JRO will pull scores from the county shoots for county juniors.
- f) We will be taking part in the SCAS Portsmouth league again this year. Scores should be submitted to TM monthly. There was a question over whether these monthly results are published, but last year they were not. Can we organise a Google Form to collect this information? DH to discuss this with RP.
- g) We have a date of 29/07/23 for the SCAS intercounties. They are looking for teams of 42 archers.

Meeting ended at 20:50

Date of Next Meeting 2nd November 2022