



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

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Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 01 November 2023 via Zoom commencing at 20.00hrs

AGENDA

Attendees: Jason Pretlove (Vice-Chair) Paul Clark (President) Deb Horn (Secretary) Martin Skinner (Treasurer) Kevin Juniper (General Member) Emma Broxholme (CCO) Wilco Van Kleef Bolton (Webmaster) Chris Higgins (CTRA) Mark Lawrence (NHA) Dennis Savile (direct member) Marion Saville (direct member) Huw Lillywhite (WEB)

71.23 Apologies for Absence

Received from Alex Purser (Chair) Wendie King (Mayflower) Dave Scolah (Mayflower) Paul West (RTAC)

72.23 Additional matters for Any Other Business

Several to be submitted

73.23 Minutes of the Meeting of 6th September

With no changes, minutes were accepted. Proposed by Deb Horn, seconded by Wilco Van Kleef-Bolton

74.23 Matters Arising

70.23b – Skreens cup is still missing, but we are looking into a plan which means it may not need replacing.

75.23 Chairman's Remarks

Chair was absent. Vice-Chair did not have any remarks prepared.

76.23 Development Sub-Committee Update

Development Officer was absent. No updates have been submitted. Tis needs chasing as this is the fourth meeting in a row with no updates. Secretary to chase.

77.23 Coaching Sub-Committee Update

The first indoor session was a success, with 21 archers and 9 coaches in attendance. We have 30 archers signed up in total, although not all attending all sessions. These archers are of varying skill and experience levels. This is a good balance of numbers and the coaching team are happy with the progress of the sessions. There is some cash to submit which will be sent to the Treasurer. We need to purchase some Theraband for future session.



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Archers wishing to be coaches have asked for some face to face sessions to support this.

These will need to be organised with the Coach Developer. Emma Broxholme has agreed to plan these, Noak Hill have offered a venue to host, and Anna Heaven will lead these as Coach Developer.

78.23 Leagues Update

a) The Bray league is up and running with 15 clubs signed up over Recurve, Compound, and Longbow. This gives us 43 teams. Braintree have rejoined the league after a gap and it is great to see them back. The organiser was waiting on results from some teams, with the deadline of Midnight on 3rd. Some clubs are struggling with indoor venues, meaning that some matches are being shot outdoors, but this is within the rules.

b) In the Albion league, this year's competition was bookended by sunny, dry days, with the middle months suffering with wet and blustery shooting conditions. Some good scores were shot but one was especially notable. This was shot by Michael Judd of Mayflower, who equalled his own Albion league record, shooting a 946 on the last day of the league in perfect conditions. Congratulations must go to Mayflower on winning division 1 and to Colchester on winning division 2 (Windsor) both teams did it by winning all of their matches. . The 2024 Summer League entry forms will be available on the ECAA website in the near future. The closing date for entries and payment of the £8 fee, will be at the ECAA AGM in March.

The dates for 2024 season have been confirmed as;

Match 1. 05/05/2024

Match 2. 09/06/2024

Match 3. 07/07/2024

Match 4. 04/08/2024

Match 5. 08/09/2024

c) The longbow league has completed. 11 teams took part, with one team having to withdraw. There were lots of good scores from various archers. There were plans to have a trophy this year, but it has not arrived. This will hopefully be in place for next year.

79.23 Tournaments Update

a) County Target Champs will take place on the first weekend in June at Noak Hill. We will still run one day as TO does not believe we can fill 2 days, but numbers are increasing, so this is something to think about for the future. There may be a large influx of junior archers, due to being part of the SCAYT tour, but we cannot guarantee this.

b) RTAC are happy to continue with the WA1440. This will take place on 16th July.

c) Clout dates are still to be decided due to Woodford losing their ground and needing to find a host venue. They are happy to continue to organise if they can find a ground.



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- d) Indoor Champs is now live, and archers can enter. This has been moved forward to 24th & 25th February, away from the end of the season. This will hopefully increase uptake as people will not yet have begun working outdoors.

80.23 County Calendar

Webmaster asked to create a more up to date version of the calendar to ensure shoots are not missed off. Some shoots are not listed on the county calendar. The webmaster can only advertise what he is notified of. Clubs need to be better at sending details so that we can support them.

The Bill Tucker shoot is listed as 12th May. This is currently a provisional date, but there have been no updates from the club.

A question was raised around listing shoots outside of the county on the county website. We do list regional and national shoots but it was decided not to advertise shoots from other counties. Archers can be directed to Brighton Bowmen's sight for details if needed.

81.23 Any Other Business

a) Marion queried why the field results were not yet on the website. These have not yet been received by the Webmaster and will be published as soon as possible.

b) Archers have queried why Essex was not involved in the recent SCAS field shoot, as the previous one was well enjoyed. Paul Clark explained that the shoot venue and rules had been changed to accommodate other counties, and this made it non-viable for Essex to enter a team. We will look out for any further opportunities for field shoots in the future.

Meeting ended at 20:53

Date of Next Meeting **3rd January 2024**