



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

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Council Meeting

will be held on Wednesday 01 May 2024 via Zoom commencing at 20.00hrs

Attendees – Sean Fortune (Chair) Deb Horn (Hon. Secretary) Kevin Juniper (Treasurer) Dawn Tolson (Vice President) Paul Tolson (General Member) Wilco Van Kleef Bolton (Webmaster & SRO) Emma Broxholme (Coaching Officer) Paul West (TO – 1440) Mark Lawrence (TO – Target Champs)

AGENDA

52.24 Apologies for Absence – Jason Pretlove (Vice Chair) Matt Webb (Team Manager) Chris Higgins (League Secretary) Alex Purser (Mayflower) Marion Savill (Direct Member) Dennie Savill (Direct Member) Felicity Hurr (West Essex Brad Hurr (West Essex)

53.24 Additional matters for Any Other Business – several submitted to be addressed later in the meeting.

54.24 Minutes of the Meeting of 6th March - with no amendments, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting. Proposed by Kevin Juniper, seconded by Emma Broxholme.

55.24 Matters Arising – 51.24h proposal for a funding matrix. It was agreed that this can be kept nice and simple. The initial proposal is to offer archers £100 in every £1000 but this is to be a guideline, with an allowance for committee discretion on a case by case basis.

- 51.24g county funding for representation – Sean has spoken to a range of people both in and out of the county. It was agreed that shooting for county is an honour, and that this should be enough to encourage archers to attend. It was agreed that there will be no funding to attend regular county matches and shoots. Shooting at Lilleshall is a separate thing due to the increased costs. There was discussion around ways to help to decrease these costs, such as the opportunity to block book rooms. Most counties don't do this, and very few help with cost at all. The point was raised that even shooting for GB is self-funding. It was agreed that this will be looked at on a case by case basis.

56.24 Chairman's Remarks – Thank you all for attending this evening. Thanks to those who have submitted photos and copy for the newsletter. We need to get names out there and ensure that the committee is more visible to the membership. I also wish to offer thanks to Paul & Dawn Tolson for the running of the EAA shoot, which was an excellent day, and raised money for a very good cause.

57.24 Coaching Sub-Committee Update – Outdoor clinics have now started. The first event was windy but a good session. We are now waiting on Ardleigh, and then the calendar will be full. Thanks were offered to WEB for the weekend.



Dates for squad training have now been agreed and the coaching committee is waiting on a list of attendees from the Team Manager. We also have a development coach course in the diary, which is excellent. The last 3 venues are to go to Wilco for publishing on the website.

There is a plan for masterclasses different bow types. Barebow, longbow, recurve, compound. These will be run by experienced archers, supported by the coaching committee and other members of the exec.

Squad training at Colchester – Colchester have asked if we would be willing to cover the cost of the event, as the archers from Colchester won't necessarily gain from it? This might need more details, but the general consensus was that Mayflower are not charging, so we shouldn't pay, although it was agreed that the club should not be out of pocket if they need to hire the ground for an additional day.

58.24 Leagues Update Bray league completed. There is currently nothing to add to the Albion League as this has not started yet. For the Longbow league an email has been sent out to county.

59.24 Tournaments Update –

Target Champs – normally at this stage we are panicking that there are not enough people entered. However, this year we have 85 so far. Last year Sittingbourne brought a large contingent, but this is not the case this year. The maximum number of archers is 100.

1440 entries are looking good – we have 42 so far, plus the archers for the intercounty shoot. We are currently looking at 3 archers per boss. If we go to 4, we have to shoot 3 arrows per end in the pm due to space on the targets (circular targets cannot accommodate 4 faces). It was asked if we can we split the shoots over the weekend? It was also pointed out that some people may not attend this year as they are booked into Barnsley for NT. Need to check dates for next year, to try not clash with AGB stuff, but with the number of shoots in the calendar, this is very difficult.

60.24 County Calendar – The Bill Tucker will take place next weekend. There is nothing else to change.

61.24 Any Other Business – Alex Purser submitted the following report from the SCAS meeting.

April's meeting is two for one! So the AGM followed by a council meeting.

AGM, occurred without incident. The accounts are buoyant, and fees have remained unchanged. There was some discussion in the council meeting later, that in coming years SCAS may need to review this as global costs increase, the capital funds available can only be deployed so far. But for 2024/25, no change.

Unfortunately, no nominations were received for the presidents medal, so this was unrewarded, and the SCAS members of the working group were awarded Silver plaquettes.

The later council meeting, officers were elected, Deb Horn was re-elected as Disability Liason officer. There was some discussion about the junior liason/TO and and tour manager roles and the likely need to review junior focused officers, and reduce the number, which widened into a broader scope highlight of needing to review all liason officers (junior, field, disability), this was deferred to a later meeting.



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The tournaments working document I have been progressing, has largely been agreed. With a final redraft to be done, and then adopted. This should then allow for a clear path for counties to offer/volunteer to run SCAS events, as well to streamline the branded 'SCAS' regional championships, as this had become eroded over time.

The next meeting is 14th September.

Record claims –

Juniors Hari Shukla – WA25 502 (new record)

Senior Chris Higgins – Worcester 280 (50+) WA18 539 (50+) – There was discussion around double rounds, and it was agreed that an archer can't claim a double if the shoot is not declared as a double.

Paul West – Is the county timing system still OK to be stored at Rayleigh? The consensus was that yes this is fine, but we do need to check what is written with regard to the timing system in the county insurance documents.

Kevin Juniper - Online banking is now set up and fully operational.

Kevin Juniper - Can we update the affiliation forms on the website, as some prospective and new members are finding it difficult to find the correct information. It was agreed that Wilco will check what is currently published and update as needed.

Meeting ended at 20:59

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