



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

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Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 08 January 2025 via Zoom commencing at 20.00hrs

Attendees. Sean Fortune (Chair) 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), Wilco Van Kleef Bolton (Webmaster), Paul West (1440 Organiser) Chris Higgins (League Organiser) Dave Burns (Colchester) Stephen List (Gipping Valley) Martin Skinner (CTRA)

72.24 Apologies for Absence

Wendie King (Mayflower) Alan Munson (Blue Arrows)

73.24 Additional matters for Any Other Business

Various items to be raised

74.24 Minutes of the Meeting of 6th November

Agreed as an accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by Paul Tolson, seconded by Jason Pretlove.

75.24 Matters Arising

We have appointed an auditor for the accounts to be ready for the AGM in February.

76.24 Chairman's Remarks

Thank you to all committee members for their work this year. We know there have been some issues, but everyone is working hard, and I commend you for the work you do and for stepping up. We are volunteers and we know that some people are stretching themselves thinner than they should. Some of the roles are heavier than others, and at times people are not available. Let's pull together this year.

We have had contact from a gentleman looking to run a club at Essex University. There is some question about whether they will be part of AGB. He also raised issues over some people not knowing where ECAA sit under the AGB banner. He has been pointed to Dave Scorah for advice on renewing his coaching licence.

77.24 Coaching Sub-Committee Update

We are halfway through the indoor coaching sessions. We have had about 20 people at each of the two sessions so far and there are 2 more.

An email has gone to clubs looking for venues for the outdoor sessions. We are looking to do 4 sessions, this year instead of 6 as April and September are traditionally not well attended.



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We are also looking at masterclasses. This is in the pipeline, and we can discuss this further at a later date.

Coaching would like to use TryBooking to book future sessions. They may need some advice on how to do this. Martin Skinner has offered to help with this. Emma will liaise with Kevin to get this set up.

We would like to pitch the outdoor sessions and the master classes at the AGM if possible.

78.24 Leagues Update

Albion league is being advertised. We have had 2 returns so far for each bow type.

04/05 – this clashes with NH WA720, but this is a new shoot and movement will cause a clash elsewhere.

08/06

06/07

03/08

07/09

There will always be clashes. In some ways this is good, as it means that competitions are doing well, but we will never please everyone.

Sean asked if there was a compound league. We used to run one but have not had an organiser for a few years. We could try to resurrect this one. Matt Webb will reach out to Malgrave who have been running.

ECAA website does not yet have the 2024 results. LO will resend to Webmaster for publishing.

79.24 Tournaments Update

Shoots need to be ready to go, dates organised and ready to go live on TryBooking the day after the AGM. Emails have been sent to TO's with this request. Information to Secretary and Webmaster.

80.24 County Calendar

No new dates have been sent to the Webmaster to add to the calendar. A newsletter went out, and another email will be sent out. We cannot add what we don't have.

We are hoping to send out flyers / posters regularly to improve comms.

Colchester have applied to run a WA720 on 29th September.

We have a 50% open rate on MailChimp, which is not bad, but could be better.

Where do archers go to find their competitions? We can let TO's know of these so they can use them if they wish to.

81.24 Any Other Business



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- a) Record claims – some do not have all of the information and have been returned to the sender for additional details.
- b) Can we create a 'hidden' calendar, just for committee members, to allow us to have a better oversight of what needs to be done when. This is a good idea and agreed
- c) Could we have some kind of fund to support judges with their costs throughout the year. This was agreed in principle, with a cost to be agreed at a later date with some research. We rejected a call to support archers financially, but this is different. Deb Horn will research what is happening in other counties and come back with more details.
- d) Matt Webb – update on scores for 23rd February. 8 scores received so far. We can put together G / L compound, G /L recurve, G longbow. Matt is contacting the barebow archers he has previously approached. Cut off for this is 20th January.
- e) Matt Webb – updates on the four-way match in Kent on 1st March. We need a submission form for this so we can open the score submission. Wilco will organise this. Cut off for this is 2nd February as scores need to be with Kent by 20th February.
- f) Matt is standing down this year, but will continue to support throughout the 2 matches in February and March and will help the new incumbent with the role.
- g) Could we look into the possibility of sponsorship for the county and the shoots within the county? This is worth looking at going forward.

Date of Next Meeting

6th March 2025