



Norfolk Archery Association
Committee Meeting
27th March 2023 at 19:30
Inspire Training Suite & Online via Zoom
Minutes

Present: **Committee Members:** David Hall (Chair), David Long (Vice Chair, Club Development Officer), Derek Sizeland (Treasurer), Sarah Hubbard (Secretary, Team Manager), Sam Parker (Safeguarding), Max Roantree (Website and Social Media), **ICENI Archers:** Dave Dack, **Fakenham Bowmen:** Elaine Burbidge, Tony Bower, **Marshland Archers:** Caroline Coates, **Kings Lynn Bowmen:** Melissa Reeve, Lorraine Haymes, **Wymondham Archers:** Andrew Beer, Chris Johnson, **Wherry Archers:** Phillip Grey. **UEA:** Kieran Newell-Thomas. **Norfolk Bowmen:** John Watts.

Meeting Opened: 19:30

1. **Apologies:** Haydon Cook, Kayla Fox, Steve Bissenden, Kate Matthews, Matt Webster, Nikki Sierra-Bryce, Zoja Demjankova, Fraser Brown, John Howe.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on 9th January 2023 were approved, with the removal of one sentence.

3. **Action Points**

- a. Derek to check the SCAS figures from last year and if the payments to them were correct. **To be discussed below.**
- b. Sarah to send out an email to the membership asking for applications for both committee positions. **COMPLETED**
- c. Derek in his role as CCO to provide Max with an up to date list of all coaches within the NAA and their levels. **COMPLETED**

4. **Items for Record**

- a. Wherry Archers were donated 3 of the County targets after a tragic arson attack left them without any targets.
- b. The committee has agreed for Hingham Bowmen to host the 2024 NAA Indoor Championships.
- c. Confirmation of the filling of the vacant committee positions. Jason Mills is now the County Coaching Officer and Sarah Hubbard is now the County Team Manager.

5. **Treasurer and Membership Report**

Membership Numbers: 602

Derek Sizeland checked the figures for last year and the SCAS payments and found that we still owe £312.00 to SCAS for last year's affiliations.

There are a few clubs who are still owing the NAA affiliation fees and Derek asked that the clubs present can check with their treasurers regarding the status of the monies owed.

We are currently running at a deficit for the year as some of the expenses for the County Team Championships came out of this year's finances.

Action Point: Derek to check and liaise with clubs regarding outstanding fees.

6. NAA Logo

Sarah asked if we can purchase the rights to use the high quality vector image created for the County Shirts, as currently we only have low quality versions of the logo. Dave Long informed the meeting that he has the original vector and other formats of the current logo. It was therefore agreed that there was no need to purchase the rights.

Action Point: Dave Long is to provide Sarah with all the digital county logo formats he has.

7. Website and Communication

Max started some discussions around the options with the domain name and the website we have and the possibility of switching to a cheaper option. We have just paid the invoice for the renewal of the domain name which means we have the name for another 2 years. Max wants to overhaul and update the NAA website as it is very dated and is in need of modernising.

Action Point: Max is to form a sub-committee to look into what we can do with the website and the options for hosting packages.

Max is creating an up to date contact list for all the clubs, which includes basic information about the club.

Caroline Coates, asked why we are wanting all the information. Max explained he wanted to make it easier for people looking to get into archery to be able to find a club that is close and most suited.

8. Classifications and Membership

Dave Long expressed his disapproval at the new classification system being dumped on archers and clubs, and how this now means scoring apps are now out of date and that it's not helpful for archers. It was pointed out that most apps have now updated and are now using the new scores for handicaps and classifications.

Dave Long also mentioned the membership review that Archery GB are currently in the process of. He expressed concerns around this. It is now not going to be presented at the next Archery GB AGM which is on the 22nd April 2023.

9. AOB

- a. **Clout League:** Fakenham Bowmen have come up with the idea of running a Clout League in Norfolk, it would run every other Sunday throughout the summer up until the county clout on 8th October 2023. Fakenham were thanked for the work they have put into this idea. It was asked which clubs would potentially be able to host they are: Norfolk Bowmen, Fakenham Bowmen, Hingham Bowmen, and possibly Marshland Archers and Kings Lynn Bowmen subject to checks on their outdoor ranges and the available space.

Action Point: Max to send out the proposed Clout League documents to the NAA and to gather feedback.

- b. **Records Officer:** Hayden Cook has stepped down from his position as Records Officer. Fraser Brown has said he would be interested in standing for the position, it was agreed that as with the other position an email would be sent out to the NAA members asking if there is anyone who wants to take up the role.

Action Point: Max to send out an email regarding the vacancy of records Officer.

- c. **Roy Pettit:** Elaine Burbidge informed the meeting that she had received an email from Geoff Barham informing her that Roy Pettit has sadly passed away. Roy was known by many within the county, and his passing is sad indeed.
- d. **Coaching Proposal:** Dave Dack went over his coaching proposal that had been submitted to David. He highlighted that Iceni archers has a coaching session for its archers once a month and has 100% retention of its members. He suggests that we try and find volunteers to train the coaches within the county and help them to upgrade a level if desired which will improve the standard of coaching within the county. He believes that it is up to the NAA to do this and bring in coaches from out of the area if necessary to help. He believes that the standard of coaching within the county generally isn't good. Andy Beer suggested the idea of having a Coaching Guild which would give archers one place they can go to for advice and coaching. Phillip Grey explained that Wherry Archers has 30 members and no coach, hes expressed an interest in doing a coaching course but because there aren't any local courses its not currently possible
- e. **Coaching Requirements:** There was a general discussion around coaching in general. Dave Long explained that he has run the beginners sessions and coaching at Norfolk Bowmen for years drawing on his previous experience but has no coaching qualification or licence and believes he doesn't need one. There was more discussion around the requirements as many believe that a licence and qualification are needed to be able to coach and run beginners courses.

Action Point: Sarah to check the insurance policy and get some clarification from Archery GB as to what qualifications or licences you need to be able to coach.

The meeting closed at 21:01

This is a true record of proceedings.

Signed: 

Name: David Hall

Date: 8th June 2023