

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting minutes

Held at The Legion, 31 Downing Close, Bottisham, Cambs

October 23, 2014

Present:

Frank Moore (Secretary and Events officer)
Selma Cook (Treasurer)
Sean Fox (Team Manager)
Brian Fromant (PR Officer)
James Fletcher (Records Officer)

Please see attached register for list of CAA members present

Apologies:

Andy Benstead (Chairman and CPO)
Maureen Edgar (Vice Chairman)
Fenland Archery Club
Drew Carey (Ramsey Ravens)

The meeting was called to order at 19.45 by the Secretary, in the Chairmans and Vice Chairmans absence.

1. Officers Reports

Chairman: No report

Vice Chairman: No report

Secretary:

I feel it has been a great year for the CAA, if sometimes testing for me. We have been able to purchase a set of beginners equipment to help clubs who are just starting out or are in need of some assistance. The year also saw some newly formed clubs come on board, Ramsey Ravens, Impington and Histon Archers and Wisbech Grammar School Junior Archers. The County team had a truly outstanding year, winning matches against Bedfordshire and Lincolnshire and just narrowly coming second in a Longbow match against Essex.

The Indoor and Outdoor Championships were outstanding this year and my thanks go to Jolly Archers and Netherhall Archers for their superb support in incorporating these tournaments and for the smoothness of the running of said tournaments. The End of Season was hosted by Parkfield Archers, which again went very well and had very good attendance. Archery really seems to be on the up in Cambridgeshire. I have enjoyed my tenure as Secretary in the last year and would like to thank all the CAA members for their support along the way. Lastly, I would like to wish all of our members happy shooting for the coming year and have fun.

Treasurer:

There is no report as the Association have had to source another Treasurer after saying goodbye to Linda and a note in the treasurers handover paperwork detailed the accounts were being audited. There will be a Treasurers report sent to all clubs once the accounts have been finalized.

Records Officer:

There have been 15 records claimed over the last 12 months by 6 different archers. These records are:

Dean Abbot - Compound: FITA 18 & Portsmouth

James Bridges - Longbow: WA1440 & York

Shaun Jacobs - Longbow: Combined FITA & Bray 2

Stephen Haynes - Compound: New Western, Long Western, Western, National & Short Metric

Philip Masters - Barebow: FITA 18, Double Portsmouth, Worcester & Double Worcester

Jurjen Winkel - Barebow: Albion

The CAA also have a application in, at present, for a record in the Longbow for a Western round. Nick Rayns of Wisbech Grammar School and Parkfield Archers, shot a round of 405 in the End of Season tournament, beating the current senior mark by 9 points. Record to be verified.

CAA County Champions 2014

Indoor				
Gentlemen			Ladies	
Senior Recurve	Drew Clarke	Jolly Archers	Maryia Karpiyevich	Cambridge University Bowmen
Junior Recurve	Daniel Dace	Netherhall Archers	Maria Scappaticcoio	Wisbech Freestyle AC
Senior Compound	Stephen Haynes	Jolly Archers	Helen Darby-Smythe	Pathfinder Bowmen
Junior Compound				
Senior Longbow	David Slack	Fenland Archers		
Junior Longbow				
Senior Barebow	Phillipe Masters	Jolly Archers	Claire Aldritch	Jolly Archers
Junior Barebow	Joshua Donnelly	Fenland Archers		
Recurve Team	Cambridge University Bowmen T.Ho, M.Karpiyevich, R. Whiter			
Longbow Team				

Outdoor				
Gentlemen			Ladies	
Senior Recurve	Kevin Jacobs	Netherhall Archers	Jennifer Allcock	Netherhall Archers
Junior Recurve	Peter Cox	Netherhall Archers	Caitlin Jacobs	Netherhall Archers
Senior Compound	Stephen Haynes	Jolly Archers	Helen Darby-Smythe	Pathfinder Bowmen
Junior Compound				
Senior Longbow	James Bridges	Netherhall Archers		
Junior Longbow				
Senior Barebow				
Junior Barebow				

Team Manager:

Cambridgeshire's team have taken part in 3 competitions this year

The first being the Essex vs Cambridgeshire Longbow match. This was hosted by Essex at the indoor venue for Burnwood Archers in Brentwood.

The first dozen arrows looked very promising for Cambridgeshire, with Essex unable to find the centre, but once the archers settled down scores evened out.

The final combined scores were: Essex 8268 Cambridgeshire 7794, Essex winning by 474 points.

Congratulations to James Bridges (Cambridgeshire) who, on his team début, shot an excellent score of 490 and 483. Congratulations also to Shaun Jacobs who scored a personal best of 444.

The second competition was the Cambs Vs Beds County match, which was being held at Redbourne College, Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

The weather was bright & hot but there was also a wicked wind that seemed to change direction as you went down the range making it difficult for everyone.

The team results were read out by discipline with Cambs winning the Senior Gents & Ladies Recurve category by a decent margin. Cambs Senior Gents & Lady Compound category was very close with Beds winning by a very narrow margin. Senior Gents Longbow was comfortably won by Cambs whilst the Junior Boy/Girl Recurve category was also won by Cambs. The overall team result was Cambs 9374 with Beds 8906. So a win for Cambs by 468.

The last time the Cambs Team had won was 2004!

The 3rd and final match of the year was the Cambs vs Lincs County match which was being held at Sir John Glead School, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

The weather was bright and warm/comfortable and little wind during the first 6 dozen arrows. The wind made an appearance during the following 4 dozen and gusting quite strong at various times.

The team results by category were a narrow win for Lincs Senior Gent recurve with Cambs taking the Ladies Recurve category by a larger margin. A win for Lincs Senior Gents Compound and Longbow. Junior Boy/Girl Recurve category was a narrow win for Cambs. The announced result was a 36 point win for Lincs (Lincs 8938 Cambs 8902).

A subsequent appeal by Cambs was upheld and the official result was in fact a win for Cambs by the narrow margin of 32 points (Lincs 8938 Cambs 8970). Yee Haaa !! Back to Back wins - way to go!

There were category wins for Isabel Lee, Maryia Karpiyevich and Stephen Haynes with Jenny Allcock, Kevin Jacobs and Tak Ho also picking up medals. Personal bests also for Jenny Allcock, Kevins Jacobs, Tak Ho and Shaun Jacobs.

Finally I would like to say a special thank you to Shaun Jacobs for standing in for me on two occasions this year. Also congratulation to all the Cambridgeshire archers who achieved national ranking this year. These archers are :

Maryia Karpiyevich 18th

Tak Ho 48th

Kevin Jacobs 94th

Steve Haynes 56th

Mark Garner 80th

Events Officer: Please see Secretary's report

Public Relations Officer: No report

Child Protection Officer: No report

Agenda Items:

The Secretary then moved onto the Agenda Items. Mr J Gorman of Jolly Archers raised a point of order that the CAA clubs were not given enough notice of the Agenda items. It states in the club constitution that all affiliate clubs shall be given 14 days prior notice of Agenda items in an AGM and it had only been 13 and a half days. The Treasurer raised the issue of extra expense to hold a further EGM to which Mr Gorman replied the cost would be minimal and that were we to continue with the AGM agenda points, we may as well not have a constitution.

A 10 min recess was called by the Secretary to formulate an action plan

The meeting resumed at 20.25 with the Secretary making the suggestion that the meeting may discuss the agenda points, so as to utilise the attending members time and effort for attending, but nothing could be voted on. An EGM will be called later in the year to discuss these points. This was agreed by all present.

1. Moving of CAA AGM to May/June of each year to allow final audited accounts to be presented – Proposer Joanne Garner of Netherhall.

Joanne put her point forward and said not only would this allow a set of audited accounts to be presented at each AGM, but would also better allow the CAA to make financial decisions such as the upcoming years affiliation fees. The general feeling was that this was a good idea and will be taken forward to the EGM

2. A change in University Club affiliation fees to bring them more in line with other Counties affiliation fees. Proposed by Jack Atkinson-Cambridge University Bowmen

Jack put it to the meeting that he would like the CAA to bring its affiliation fees more in line with other County Archery Associations. The main points of the discussion were as follows.

Cambridge University Points

- The University's members only shoot for 24 weeks of the year on average
- The CAA's University affiliation fees are much higher than most other County Archery Associations
- The University Archery Club have to charge more in membership fees than most other clubs within the University and therefore does not seem as attractive to join as other sports clubs.
- Other County Archery Association, such as SCAS or Northamptonshire, have an en bloc fee for Universities.
- Members 'drift off' during the Archery year
- The CUB members are slightly different than other Universities in the fact that they have no income
- The CUB membership fees are £40 for a years membership plus £25 if members also wish to shoot extra sessions at the local Rifle club
- The CUB members are proud to shoot for the county but may feel they have to move their affiliation to another county if there is no movement on the University affiliation fees

Floor Points

- The University charge their total annual membership in advance and therefore, if members drift off, still have the fees to run the club
- What effect would changing the University to an en bloc fee, both to the County funds and to other en bloc charged clubs within the Cambridgeshire Archery Association
- As membership fees of Archery clubs go, the CUB membership fees are very reasonable
- Could the University charge their members for affiliation as well as their annual membership
- Ideally, this proposal would need to be recirculated 2 months prior to the EGM
- Threats to affiliate to another County do not sit well with other County members
- Both sides need to look carefully at respective budgets

The discussion then finished with Joanne Garner asking if the CAA committee would prepare some financial analysis as to the impact of a change of fees for the University for 3 different fees e.g. £0, £50, £75 etc, on the CAA budget. James Fletcher finished by adding there had been no raise in CAA affiliation fees for the last 3 years

3. An addition to the constitution that any archer who directly affiliates to the CAA, SCAS and Archery GB, shall be eligible to vote at CAA Executive meetings and the AGM-Proposed by Brian Fromant

- CAA direct members should be allowed to attend meetings and have a vote – James Fletcher
- Why should a direct member be allowed more of a vote i.e. a whole vote, than an affiliated club member where each club is only allowed 2 votes – John Gorman
- Maybe a restructuring of the voting system is needed to a direct tier system. Example being each club gets 1 vote per 10 members then we could better allow direct members a vote – Philip Watson

The discussion finished with the suggestion that a need to look at each clubs membership numbers was required to plan a possible voting restructuring

4. Setting of 2015/16 CAA Affiliation Fees

Frank Moore proposed that the setting of these fees be suspended until the upcoming EGM.
This was second by Joanne Garner

Votes for – 19

Against - 0

Election of Officers

Chairman – Andy Benstead

Proposer – Frank Moore

Secunder Sean Fox

Votes for – 15

Against – 0

Vice Chairman

Vacant

Secretary – Frank Moore

Proposer – James Fletcher

Secunder – Mark Skinns

Votes for – 22

Against – 0

Treasurer
Vacant

Team Manager
Vacant

Events Office – Frank Moore
Proposer – Mark Skinns
Secunder – Shaun Jacobs
Votes for – 22
Against – 0

Child Protection Officer – Andy Benstead
Proposer – Frank Moore
Secunder – Sean Fox
Votes for – 19
Against – 0

Records Officer – James Fletcher
Votes for – 16
Against – 0

Public Relations Officer
Vacant

5. Any Other Business

James Fletcher offered Parkfield Archers to host the 2015 CAA End of Season Tournament
It was voted upon with 20 votes for and 0 against.
Parkfield Archers will host the 2015 CAA End of Season Tournament.

Cambridge University asked for the upcoming EGM to be held in term time if possible. Frank asked them to submit their term dates.

Philip Watson offered the Netherhall Archers WA1440 to incorporate the 2015 CAA Outdoor Championships subject to discussions around subsidence. This was voted upon with votes for 22, against 0
It was agreed that Netherhall will host the CAA Summer Championships for 2015 subject to further discussions.

Joanne Garner reminded all present of the Netherhall WA 18m on the 9th November 2014.

Netherhall Archers offered the 50m, 60m, 70m competition on the Saturday of their World Archery weekend, for a possible County team match.

Sean Fox reminded all present that it is the annual Longbow match vs Essex is due in February 2015 and, as it is our turn to host the Double Portsmouth, a venue is needed. Ramsey Ravens and The Jolly Archers are to source possible venues and report back to the CAA

The date and time of the next AGM is to be decided at the upcoming EGM

There being no other business, the meeting was closed by the Secretary at 21.10 with thanks given to all those who attended

