

# Cambridgeshire Archery Association

## ECM Minutes

Venue: Parkfield Archers, Wimblington

Date: January 30, 2014

*Present:* Andy Bensted (Chairman, CPO, Development Officer)  
Sean Fox (Team Manager)  
Brian Fromant (Media Officer)  
James Fletcher (Records Officer)  
Frank Moore (Events Organiser)

Mary Watson (Netherhall Archers)  
Philip Watson (Netherhall Archers)  
Joanne Garner (Netherhall Archers)  
Mark Garner (Netherhall Archers)  
David Slack (Fenland Archers)  
Stuart Mountfield (Fenland Archers)  
Steve Darby-Smythe (Pathfinder Bowmen)  
John Gorman (Jolly Archers)

*Apologies:* Dianna Wood (Secretary)  
Linda Hoare (Treasurer)  
Maureen Edgar (CCO and Vice Chairman)

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The meeting was called to order at 20.00 by the Chairman

### 1. Minutes of the previous ECM and matters arising

- a. A discussion was raised re paying of travel subsistence to Committee members and to affiliated clubs to encourage more members to CAA meetings from a more diverse range of clubs. It was voted upon and all voting members present voted against the payment of subsistence.
- b. Brian Fromant raised the issue of the County Coaches committee and their funds. As this has been in limbo for some time it was agreed by all present we should investigate further. It was also agreed to call a meeting of the County Coaches committee asap for them to kick start the CCO and report to the CAA its financial/overall state and its future intentions. It was agreed that the County Coaching committee is ultimately responsible to the CAA Executive Committee.  
It was to this end that Philip Watson graciously offered to chair the next County Coaches meeting but could not commit to further meetings in this role. A show of hands was asked for and all were in favour of Philip calling and chairing the next County Coaches committee meeting.  
Sean Fox offered to contact John Waters (ex County Coach committee member) to gain further information on the current CCO setup and their financial status. This was agreed by all.
- c. Joanne Garner reported on the upcoming Outdoor County Championships kindly incorporated within Netherhall Archers World Record Status World Archery 1440. Joanne reported that a hire fee of £10 per boss plus judges expenses were being met by the CAA, Netherhall Archers were paying the remainder of the costs associated with the tournament and an entry fee of £18 had been put in place.

Brian Fromant raised the point he thought an entry fee of £18 seemed quite excessive to which Joanne replied that Netherhall had projected the club would still only break even charging this entry fee.

A Netherhall Archers representative then commented that if this was not to the CAA committees liking then Netherhall would withdraw their offer of incorporating the Outdoor County championship within their WA 1440. After further discussion it was agreed that the Committee did not want this to happen and the matter was closed with the result the Outdoor Championships would go ahead incorporated within the Netherhall WRS WA 1440. It was further discussed that there could be a possibility of the CAA offering a subsistence to all CAA member archers who attended the tournament and decided that this possibility and the amount of subsistence to be discussed at the next ECM.

There were no more matters arising.

Proposer to accept the previous meetings minutes: James Fletcher

Secunder: Sean Fox

The minutes of the previous ECM were then agreed upon by a unanimous vote of all voting members.

## 2. Officers Reports

- Chairman: Andy had a call from a group attempting to set up an archery club for people with disabilities. He met with them to discuss issues and they need a GNAS member on their committee to be recognized, Failing this as long as all members of the club are GNAS members then the club can go ahead. They are currently working alongside a team of engineers to produce equipment to allow some of the more disabled archers to shoot. Andy is to contact Steve West regarding this club and has asked that if anyone could offer their help to this club it would be greatly appreciated.  
Andy also reported that GNAS are looking for female disabled archers who shoot recurve and asked that if anyone knew of a lady in their club who fits the bill and wishes to participate to contact GNAS.
- Secretary: Please see attached excerpt from an email.

As I am finding myself overburdened with other commitments at present (not least of all a thesis to write and a wedding to organise in the next 3 months!), I have had to step down for the time being as Secretary. Hopefully when things are less busy archery can make an appearance in my free time once more, but for now I'd like to say thanks for all your input and support, thanks to the committee and everyone who's served on it over the years, and I wish the county all the best for the future (and will endeavour to help out wherever I can!).

Best wishes,  
Diana Wood  
CAA Secretary

I am sure I speak for all the committee and its members in wishing Dianna well for the future and to thank her for her excellent work for the CAA and archery in general.

- Vice Chairman: No report
- Treasurer: No report
- Team Manager: Sean has received very good feedback from the recent longbow coaching clinic and reports that attendees quality of shooting has risen and they thought the clinic excellent. The County longbow match vs Essex is away on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Sean also reported the County shoot vs Essex planned for later in 2014 but that there will be 2 other County matches, 1 away vs Bedfordshire and the other away vs Lincolnshire, dates TBC.

Lastly Sean would like to enter a 3 person team in the Summer Inter County Tournament but has not fully decided whether to or not, although it would be nice to get the County out there and seen. James Fletcher asked Sean if he would investigate the possibility of entering a team in the East Anglian shoot in August.

- Tournament Officer: Frank presented the committee with the new keepsake awards for future County Champions. It is a blue, silk lined velvet box to sit their medal in and has the words CAA County Champion on a brass plate in the lid. The possibility of a County Clout is getting greater with a venue being found and now judges to secure.
- CCO: No report
- Records Officer: There have been 4 records claimed this period by Phil Masters, Steve Haynes and Dean Abbott. A list of CAA County Champions can be found on the CAA website.
- CPO: No report
- Development Officer: No report

### 3. Notified Items

Dianna has tendered her resignation as CAA Secretary (see Secretary's report) and a new secretary needs to be found. Also there is the post of Treasurer to be filled as well

### 4. Any Other Business

- Nick Wildon, former CAA Tournament Officer, has contacted the Chairman with a wish to be CAA Secretary. John Gorman raised the issue of Nick was not a County member so this prevents us from discussing the matter further. The Chairman said this was not the case. James Fletcher raised the point we need to arrange an EGM to elect officers to posts so the Chairman asked if the committee would co opt a secretary in the interim period. Philip Watson sourced the Constitution and it stated that the CAA could. The chairman asked Frank Moore if he would be prepared to take on the Secretary's role until such time as the post can be filled. Frank accepted, a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that Frank Moore would be the the new CAA secretary for the interim period. The Chairman agreed to send a vote of thanks to Dianna and to further explore Nick Wildon for the post of CAA secretary.
- The Chairman raised the issue of the need to find another Treasurer to allow Linda to step down. It was agreed that the Secretary would canvass all clubs via email and he would post the position on the CAA website.
- Steve Darby-Smythe asked if it was ok with Netherhall for the Civil Service Archers to shoot in the 2014 County Outdoor Champs, as per previous years. He stated that there would be no cost to Netherhall as he will provide all trophies/medals and they would receive the entry fees. Civil Service Archers enter the tournament in the same way as all other archers who wish to shoot. Netherhall agreed this would be ok.
- Brian Fromant reminded all present that the CAA now have a facebook age.

### 5. Date/Time/Venue of next meeting

The details of the next ECM TBA. The Chairman agreed to contact Ely Archers to ascertain if they were willing to host the next meeting sometime around the end of April/beginning of May 2014

**Meeting was closed at 21.20**