

Minutes of the CAA Executive Committee Meeting on 3rd June 2009

The meeting was held in the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives, at 8.00pm. It was chaired by John Waters, and attended by 13 committee members and club representatives. Seven Cambridgeshire clubs were represented.

Item 1 Apologies for absence.

These were received from Phil Lenney (Ely Archers), George Palmer (OOBAC) and Angela Watson (Junior Team Manager).

Item 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009 and matters arising

The minutes were approved as being an accurate record of the meeting. The secretary apologised for not circulating the details of the coaching questionnaire or the request for content for the website and will do so shortly.

Item 3 Reports

Chairman/Tournament Organiser

County Trials: These lived up to their name, due to the gale. Well done to those who came even though scores were (unsurprisingly) not amazing.

County Championships: Everything is going well; there will be 22 targets, and there are very few spaces left, only for the Bristol rounds or the Nationals. The target list has gone out to participants. With the proceeds of kit sale, Andy Bensted has purchased a new trophy to be called the Shamba Cup. This will be awarded to the highest scoring visiting lady shooting a Hereford this year, though based on entries this may change in future. Clickers will be in attendance and judges have been organised, so there is not much left to organise before the day. It was queried whether a caravan could be parked on the field; Fenland believed this would be possible.

East Anglia Championships: Notice has been received of this competition from the organisers. Details have been forwarded to the webmaster to be put on the website, and will also be circulated to archers. The date of this event is 23rd August, which is a week after the SCAS Junior Championships.

Secretary/SCAS Representative

Work has been largely routine, fielding enquiries and liaising with SCAS. The secretary attended the SCAS meeting and AGM, and a brief report of these has been appended to these minutes.

Currently the secretary is in the process of moving house, and asks that clubs are understanding of any delays there may be in communication.

Treasurer

The balance currently stands at £6,219. This includes £484 paid out on behalf of the team clothing; this should be recouped once the items are distributed.

The usual rules apply to new archers who join CAA, SCAS and GNAS on or after 1/5/09, i.e. the fees should be charged at the rate for the 09/10 affiliation year and will be for the period up to 30/9/10. The new GNAS rates are as follows:

£35 per senior

£21 per junior

Fees for junior clubs have remained unaltered.

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A full list will be published in the next edition of Archery UK.

Please would everybody return their affiliations for the new year asap as you all did last year. Members who do not affiliate on time should be crossed off the annual return and if they do reaffiliate include their details on an ordinary affiliation form.

The finances are in a generally healthy condition, although the county will be spending money on the summer tournaments. It is expected that the County Championships will break even.

Team Manager

The junior team were very good in the trials and at the match against Essex, however, the Senior Team Manager was disappointed with the level of interest shown by senior archers in attending both the trials and the Essex match. It was a struggle to field a recurve team, and he was unable to put together a compound team. The Team Manager put forward a few ideas for how to improve this, including making the selection the end of the previous season rather than the beginning of the current season, and dispensing with the right to submit scores and making the trials more important in the selection criteria.

It was generally considered that shooting for the county is a privilege and is often not seen that way by some of the archers who get selected. This may be in part due to the lack of archers submitting scores for selection engendering an attitude of "turn up, get selected", and discussion took place regarding ways to encourage more archers to submit scores.

It was pointed out by the webmaster that there could be up and coming archers who are unaware of the selection process or feel they aren't good enough, and the county should address this, perhaps by bypassing club secretaries entirely and contacting archers directly; although some club secretaries are excellent at passing on communications from the county, a number fail to do so, and their archers are missing out on these opportunities.

The Junior Team Manager sent a query to the meeting regarding the team selection for juniors at the two-way match against Bedfordshire. It was confirmed that the team is nominated before the day and names submitted to Bedfordshire's Team Manager (who in turn should pass their selections to the Cambridgeshire Junior Team Manager).

Coaching Organiser

A junior squad coaching event held recently proved very successful; everyone had an enjoyable – and tiring! – day.

The CCO is still waiting for more archers to submit their responses to his questionnaire. The Secretary will circulate the request once more to clubs.

A Level 1 course is going to be registered jointly with Bedfordshire, for 12 coach trainees. Currently the CCO only has two names of interested parties in the county, which is highly disappointing. This course will be heavily publicised by the county in the hope that there are other archers who will commit to this training. It was pointed out that this will be substantially subsidised with county funds, and this also should be publicised.

Item 4 Indoor Longbow Competition

Following a very enjoyable match against Essex, a number of longbow archers are keen to have an official indoor county event as a permanent addition to the competition calendar. It was thought that a double Portsmouth would be a suitable round, and that it could be held at the end of November in Cambridgeshire (and alternating between Cambridgeshire and Essex each year). Those present supported the idea in principle, and the Senior Team Manager will investigate finding a suitable venue and picking a date.

Item 5 Financial Support for Coach Training Programmes

This was largely covered in the CCO's Report; it was confirmed by the Treasurer that the county has sufficient funds to subsidise coach training, and as things progress the actual figures will be decided on.

Item 6 CAA Entry for SCAS Team Championships (Senior & Junior)

It was confirmed that the county will probably be able to field a full junior recurve team, but may struggle with a compound team. It is hoped that a full senior team can be fielded. The Chairman pointed out that a number of archers elected not to attend in previous years due to the transport cost, and the subsidies that the county provides (mileage to Andover at 20p per mile and an accommodation subsidy of £10 per archer to cover an overnight stay) should be publicised in order to encourage archers to attend.

Item 7 Any Other Business

The CCO asked for clarification regarding what happened to the replacement county kit that archers were supposed to get following an error in logo placement on a previous order. It was thought that this never happened, though the Secretary will contact the previous Team Manager to confirm this.

Andy Benstead wished to minute congratulations to Daniel Menrad, shooting compound, who scored 1210 on a Bristol IV round in the match against Essex and claimed a county record. The Webmaster will leave the CCO's questionnaire up on the website for the time being, but will remove the for sale/wanted area, which has not been used. He requested results from the Essex match, and the Senior Team Manager will provide them as soon as he receives them.

Item 8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 at the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives at 8pm.

Meeting closed 9.14 pm.

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SCAS Report for meeting 18/4/09 and AGM

Council Meeting:

The SCAS AGM this year clashed with GNAS AGM due to inability to book a room on a different date. SCAS apologised to GNAS and anticipate that this will not happen again.

The Secretary has been working on updating the SCAS website.

The updating of the SCAS Directory is now passed back to the SCAS Secretary, so all changes in contact details for clubs need to be passed to him.

The Treasurer reported a delay in sending out cheques. There was a problem regarding acceptance of accounts for audit purposes, but this should be cleared up.

The Press Officer reported success with taking a trailer to country shows and will do this again next year. He would like more clubs to volunteer to assist with this if possible.

All is in hand for tournaments (SCAM, Senior and Junior Intercounties, Field, Clout, Junior Championship,). The SCAS Indoor Championships were a success and should be even better next year.

The Field Liaison Officer reported the unfortunate cancellation of 2 tournaments this year and hopes 2010 will be better. The winter league was a success and another will be organised for winter 2009.

The Judges Liaison Officer reported a quiet year. SCAS is in dire need of new judges, and it is hoped that every county will submit at least one candidate this year.

The Chairman of Coaches reported a successful year, although the decrease in Level 1 courses being registered is cause for concern. The coaching conference was a success, making a small profit.

The Disabled Archery Officer reported lots of things happening in Kent, which brought up the query why nothing was happening elsewhere. There are other disabled clubs and archers outside Kent, but communication to SCAS is sparse from these groups.

GNAS had sent the SCAS Secretary a questionnaire regarding the potential for registering membership online. The details were not clear, but in principle this seemed a good idea to a number of people in attendance at the meeting.

Next meeting 4th July.

The AGM was found to be not quorate, so everything discussed was declared unofficial until the EGM which would be held 4th July.

The reports from officers were heard, and although officers could not be elected, all those standing were the current incumbents, so this would take place in July. Graham Sibley will be elected as SCAS Vice-President at the July meeting too.

It was unofficially approved that there would be no change to the SCAS fees for 2009-10. The date of the next SCAS AGM will be 10th April 2010.