

Minutes of the CAA Executive Committee Meeting on 2nd September 2009

The meeting was held in the Dolphin Hotel, St Ives, at 8.00pm. It was chaired by John Waters, and attended by 9 committee members and club representatives. Five Cambridgeshire clubs were represented.

Item 1 Apologies for absence.

Item 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2009 and matters arising

The minutes were approved as being an accurate record of the meeting. Matters arising were subsequently discussed under officers' reports.

Item 3 Reports

Chairman/Tournament Organiser

The County Championships held on 14th June were very successful. Organisation was excellent, thanks are minuted to Fenland Archers. There was a good turnout with 22 targets filled. It needs to be decided whether to continue with the National, which had very few entries. Next year's venue needs to be decided before the end of October to ensure Rose Status. Fenland Archers are happy to do so, but other tenders will also be considered.

The End of Season shoot taking place on 4th October at Parkfield will follow the same format as usual, though it is hoped the weather will be kinder this year. Some entries have already been received; the Chairman would like these sooner rather than later in order to get the majority of the administration out of the way early. A new judge needs to be found as one has been forced to drop out. Clickers will be sending a representative to the tournament.

The Chairman announced that he is hoping to step down from his position at this next AGM, and will be looking for a new Tournament Organiser in 2010.

Secretary/SCAS Representative

There has been very little going on, partly because I have been busy moving house [please note new address]. One enquiry was fielded; the person in question was unable to contact Wych Elm Archery Club and was referred to alternative clubs in her area. Since then I have tried emailing Wych Elm to no avail; I will pursue this further.

I attended the SCAS meeting in July. This included an EGM as SCAS was unable to hold their AGM in April due to not being quorate. This was most likely due to the unavoidable clash with the GNAS AGM, but has led to one proposal that SCAS AGM should be quorate regardless of the numbers in attendance. I intend to put forward a counter-proposal which is slightly more democratic at the next meeting, to be held in October: that if an AGM is not quorate, business is to continue as though it were, and may be appealed at the next SCAS meeting.

Surrey Archery Association have contacted GNAS with "serious concerns" about the latest Child Protection Policy. The Chairman has checked the material and thinks there is not much of a problem as far as most clubs are concerned, as few if any offer private tuition to individuals. However, any concerns regarding the practical application of the new policy should be directed to him as soon as possible so he can forward them to GNAS if necessary.

The last noteworthy item from the SCAS meeting was that Chris Carroll contacted SCAS about the proposed changes to GNAS Memorandum and Articles. He has grave concerns about a number of the changes, including one which seems to allow the Board of Directors to elect members to itself. These concerns will be forwarded to all clubs and any comments

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should be directed to me before the next SCAS meeting (10th October), where the proposed changes will be discussed.

Treasurer

The Treasurer was absent and no report received. The Chairman reported a healthy bank balance. The Level 1 course being undertaken in the County will not need to be completely underwritten by the CAA as Coaching Group funds have covered it instead.

Team Managers

Teams were not fielded for either SCAS Championships as there were too many who dropped out and a distinct lack of interest from other archers. The Senior Team Manager proposed that the County Trials be held at the end of the summer season, so that enthusiasm and performance can be assessed over a longer period. It was proposed at the meeting that the raw scores from the End of Season shoot be counted as initial consideration for inclusion into the County Squad. This was generally approved, and will be advertised to archers as such.

Coaching Organiser

A Level 1 course for seven candidates will be starting at the end of September. There will be course training on 12th September for assessors, tutors and mentors. The Coaching Group funds have covered the venue hire, and it is hoped that the course will break even or make a small profit.

Following completion of the course held in Norfolk, Stephen Darby-Smythe, Sean Fox and David Stagg have now qualified as Level 1 Coaches.

Item 4 Publication of Minutes on Website

This was discussed under AOB.

Item 5 Child Protection Policy

This was covered as part of the SCAS Representative's Report.

Item 6 Any Other Business

The Senior Team Manager has received the club kit from the suppliers, and unfortunately since it had to be paid for in advance, is unable to return it despite it being wrong. He suggested that the design be considerably simplified so we can use another supplier, since Spartan have got it wrong nearly every single time. He has potentially acquired sponsorship of the kit, but we need a clearer idea of what we want. If people have ideas for designs they should contact the committee. In the meantime, those who have paid for the latest batch will be offered it, but if they do not want it it will be sold off.

The Webmaster has offered to put copies of the minutes of CAA meetings on the website. This idea was generally approved but it was suggested that they be put behind a password-protected area of the website, to which only county archers will have access. This suggestion will be put to the Webmaster.

Item 7 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM, to be held on Tuesday 13th October 2009 at 8pm immediately following the County Coaching Group AGM [venue to be confirmed].

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.