**West Midlands Archery Society**

Meeting – 9th January 2018

Meriden Village Hall,

Attendees: Geoff Thomas (Chairman), Paul Clay (Treasurer), Paul Nelms (Shropshire), Nick Mitchell (Warwickshire), Sharon Medhurst (Worcestershire), Penny Neaverson (Worcestershire), David Bruce (Herefordshire), Victoria Duncan (JLO)

Guest speaker: Mark Grady (EAF)

Maxine Palmer (WMAS Secretary)

Apologies: Chris Evans (Warwickshire), Staffordshire – no WMAS representative.

Marc Grady EAF Chair

Marc confirmed that Lynne Evans is now secretary of the EAF and gave a background to the EAF. Marc confirmed that the opportunity to shoot for England is open to everyone and archers should be encouraged to send in their scores, which are then loaded into a spreadsheet and the top scoring archers then selected to represent EAF. The intention is to have a EAF squad and run a winter training session at Eaton Manor. Competitions where archers would represent England are:-

* Commonwealth Games
* Euro Nations (Commonwealth Countries within Europe)
* National Championships (Indoor and Outdoor)

Marc has met with the Chairs from Scotland, Wales and Neil Armitage from AGB to try to get Archery included in the Commonwealth Games, however for Birmingham 2022, however it will be decided on which sports are likely to yield the most medals.

The National Series will be held in Birmingham for the next 2 years (following on from 2017) and at the very least Archery will be included as an exhibition sport in 2022.

Marc mentioned that since Neil Armitage has taken over at AGB there is a renewed focus, with exciting times ahead. David Tillotson at AGB is also now responsible for grass roots to elite level which provides a more joined up approach..

EAF will this year be sponsoring a number of 720s and Head 2 Heads and are seeking venues in each region. At the moment the Long Mynd ‘Blow Away the Cobwebs’ shoot in April is factored with the Longbow Championships on 14th July.

The next EAF meeting is 10th February and WMAS will be represented by Maxine Palmer and Penny Neaverson.

Minutes from previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising from previous meeting

AP:170510:04: Paul Clay will order the WMAS ‘feathers’ and Victoria will upload the WMAS JPEG onto the website.

AP:170510:08: Ongoing - Andrew Leadbetter will produce an instruction booklet on how to run the Roy Matthews/5 Counties event to replace the ‘Red Book’ which cannot be located.

AP:170718:04: Maxine and Paul to update the WMAS ‘Guidance for Supporting Archers’ document prior to the Constitution. Archers are only allowed to affiliate to one region.

AP:171017:04: Request to include Barebow archers in the 5 Counties match. The Committee discussed this request but determined that there was under-representation across the Counties at this bow type to justify inclusion. If the BB archer is good enough they could be included as a Recurve member of the team and then the score would be reflected as BB for their own personal records. The Committee agreed that BB would not be included in the teams for the 5 Counties.

AP:171017:05: No update had been received from the Counties that they had reminded all archers and parents of the Code of Conduct/etiquette at tournaments but it is assumed this message has been cascaded.

Correspondence

Record status paperwork has been agreed for Stage 1 and 2 National Series at Evesham and Long Mynd Blow Away the Cobwebs.

Treasurers Report

Report attached.

* Paul has identified that a considerable number of WMAS archers who have joined as AGB Direct members have not paid their WMAS affiliation fees (or County). This is a requirement for AGB Direct membership and the archer must tick the box to confirm they have on either Sport 80 or on the paper form. Paul has been chasing Counties for the affiliation fees however archers need to be reminded that it is a requirement of AGB Direct Membership and to shoot for the County/WMAS that affiliation fees have been paid.
* The report shows an ‘overspend’ on the agreed £5k for the amount awarded to individual archers, however £1800 was to cover what should have been awarded in 2016 therefore £4.5k has so far been awarded.
* The AGM will need to consider how much is set aside for international competition/academy archers and whether a cap should be set for how much an individual archer can receive.
* The Committee agreed an increase to the coaching grants awarded to archers on passing their coaching courses from 1st January 2018 as follows:-

Level 1 - £50

Level 2 - £100

County - £150

* AGB used to fund the Assessors costs for County Coaching courses but this year WMAS have been asked to cover these costs. This has been paid for out of the coaching budget but all agreed that we should query why this is no longer covered by AGB.

AP:180109:01: Maxine to email all County secretaries to remind all AGB Direct Members that they need to affiliate to County and Region (and pay the appropriate fees).

AP:180109:02: Maxine to email chairman.coaching@agb.org.uk to ask why AGB no longer pay for the assessors costs for County Coaching courses.

**Intercounty Competitions – hosts/venues 2018**

Below is the list of WMAS tournaments for 2018 and the host venue:-

29.01.18 - WMAS Junior Indoor Championships – Quantum (Warwickshire)

July ? – WMAS Novices – Royal Leamington Spa (Warwickshire)

04.03.18 – WMAS Senior Indoor Championships – Evesham (Worcestershire)

08.09.18 – WMAS Junior Outdoor Championships – Redhill (Worcestershire)

30.09.18 – WMAS Intercounties/Roy Matthews – Lilleshall (Shropshire -host), incorporating the WMAS v EMAS seniors match

The following tournaments require a host/venue:-

WMAS Senior Championships – Nick Mitchell to ask Meriden if they would incorporate this into one of their WA1440s

WMAS Junior Intercounties and WMAS v EMAS junior matches – Nick Mitchell to ask Derek Kelly at Quantum if he is prepared to run these shoots. The Committee agreed that for 2018 this was the best option as Derek is an experienced Record Status Tournaments officer and Quantum have the space and target numbers required.

The Committee would also like to thank Nuneaton archers for their interest in running the Junior Intercounties and confirm they will be considered for future years.

**Reports from the Counties**

All reports received attached – the only report received was from Shropshire.

Herefordshire – David Bruce advised that 150 people had attended Dave Cochrane’s funeral which showed how well liked and respected Dave was as a judge and member of the archery community.

**Judge Liaison Officer Report**

Victoria gave the following report:-

* Phil Ravenscroft has officially retired and Chris Platten has moved to Northern Counties.
* There are 2 new candidate judges – 1 x Senior and 1 x Junior.
* Judges conference together with EMAS will be held in February.
* The annual report from Judges (J15) is expected by the end of January and the accounts will accompany these.
* There have been difficulties with Tournament’s officers obtaining National Judges to officiate at WRS shoots. These judges are in high demand and are often booked for competitions a year in advance. Unfortunately we are one of the smallest regions for judges and are losing them more quickly than we are gaining new candidates.
* New judges can apply to the judges fund for assistance with uniform etc.
* All TOs to be reminded that if they cannot find a judge for their tournament, they should contact Victoria as JLO. Victoria will contact judges in the WMAS region and if necessary in neighbouring regions.

**County Coaching Officer Report**

* No report received

AOB

* Geoff advised that Rachel Watson from AGB had unfortunately passed away recently. WMAS will send condolences on behalf of the region.

Date and location of meetings

* Worcestershire – Redhill – AGM – 6th March 8pm
* Meeting closed at 22:20