**West Midlands Archery Society**

Meeting – 18th July 2017

Upper Arley Sports and Social Club,

Upper Arley, Nr Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 1XE

Attendees: Geoff Thomas (Chairman), Paul Clay (Treasurer), Penny Neaverson (WMAS Team Manager and Worcester Rep), Victoria Duncan (Judge Liaison Officer), Paul Nelms (Shropshire), David Bruce (Herefordshire), Chris Evans (Warwickshire),

Maxine Palmer (WMAS Secretary & Worcester Rep)

Apologies: Jonathan Walton (Shropshire), Julia Brooks (Staffordshire)

Minutes from previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising from previous meeting

AP:170510:01: Ongoing - Following the last meeting MP contacted Pioneer Archers informing them how to affiliate to the Region and also that they needed to affiliate through Warwickshire. No further correspondence from Pioneer Archers has been received however they are recorded on the Region Report from Archery GB.

* **New Action - AP:170718:01: MP to check with AGB how Pioneer have been included on the Region Report without having affiliated to County and Region.**

AP:170510:02: Completed - One of the Roy Matthews medals has now been returned from EMAS. The 2nd archer who incorrectly received a Roy Matthews medal is currently competing internationally, however the EMAS Chairman has confirmed he will continue to attempt the return of the medal.

AP:170510:03: Completed.

AP:170510:04: Ongoing - Application form for the Academy archer awards has been completed. Paul to develop a claim form for those archers competing internationally.

AP:170510:05: Ongoing – Chris Evans will develop a JPEG logo for the Committee to agree on at the next meeting.

AP:170510:06: Ongoing – Claim form for Academy archers forwarded to AGB for onward distribution by email. Advice issued to County Reps and County Secretaries that where possible athletes are to advise the Region before an International shoot to enable financial planning and payment will be approved following attendance. Claim form for International competitions to be distributed once developed.

UPDATE: AGB now issued the claim form and additional claims have been received.

AP:170510:07: Completed – Following the meeting Tara Mackinnon has confirmed that although she had the red book at the 5 Counties she ran, that this was returned immediately after the shoot.

AP:170510:08: Ongoing – The WMAS laptop won’t work at the moment. Maxine to continue trying to open up the document which Geoff B started to replace the ‘red book’ and to send to Dave and Sheila Harris if possible.

* No update had been received from Julia/Mark Pattison re. the website, however Victoria has developed a mock up for a new website. All agreed the revised website was excellent and the Committee were grateful to Victoria for the work she had done and agreed that she should continue to develop this.
* Victoria will need the domain from Mark Pattison.

**AP:170718:01: Maxine to contact Mark P for the domain name and/or to put him in touch with Victoria**.

Correspondence

* Droitwich have asked to change the date of their WRS Combined Fita from 14.01.17 to 21.01.17. All agreed to the change of date.
* Bowbrook archers are having an open day on 19th August 2017. WMAS Reps attending will be Penny N, Geoff T and Paul N.
* Alcester Company of Archers (ACA) are a new club setting up on 1st October 2017 and will be based at Alcester Academy School. They will have a separate club for the school which will be known as Alcester Archery Academy (AAA).
* Disability Archery Sessions – Callum Barber from Sense has contacted WMAS to see if any clubs would be interested in assisting with sessions for disabled archers as they are opening a new building in Birmingham in September. Their participants have identified archery as something they would like to try. Maxine to respond to Callum with suggestions and contacts (e.g. Archery Foundation, British Wheelchair Archery etc.) and to ask Quantum if they are interested as they are the closest club to where the sessions need to be.

**AP:170718:02: Maxine to reply to Callum Barber with suggestions for who may be able to assist with Disability Archery Sessions.**

Treasurers Report

Report attached.

* The request for funding form for archers on the AGB Academies has now been circulated and 2 requests for funding have so far been received.
* Paul C to develop a funding claim form for archers on international duty.
* WMAS ‘Guidance for Supporting Archers’ 2012 document requires updating. Maxine and Paul to do this.
* A payment request for Alyssia Tromans-Ansell had been received and included some requests for international duty which were over 12 months old. After discussion all agreed that due to potential delays caused by the changes

in WMAS Committee (as previously documented) that this request would be granted however from this point on WMAS will enforce the rule that any requests must not be 12 months old.

* If an international competition is fully funded then the archer will not receive any WMAS funding and if it is partly funded the archer would only receive half of the funding award.
* The amount of £5k set aside for 2017/2018 and agreed at the AGM will be reviewed at the 2018 AGM.

Funding requests for attendance at future tournaments: -

* Tom Duncan – World Cup Antalya – June 2017
* Sally Gilder – World Cup Antalya – June 2017
* Andy Brooks – World University Games – Beijing
* WMAS Juniors enjoyed great success at the JNOCs with both individual wins and team WMAS gold on day 2.
* A question had been raised about the amount of funding for coaching courses and this was confirmed as £30 for Level 1 and £75 for Level 2.
* Funding from the previous Regional Coaching Officer has been returned to the Treasurer and Sue Richards was confirmed as holding the funding for the Judges.
* The potential cost for paying expenditure for the EMAS/WMAS shoot was expected to be around £2k due to the distance travelled.
* The venue for the WMAS/EMAS return match will need to be considered to lessen travelling costs in 2018. This will be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

AP: 170718:03: Paul to develop a claim form for International GB events and for this will be loaded to the new website.

AP: 170718:04: Paul/Maxine to update the WMAS ‘Guidance for Supporting Archers’ document.

AP:170718:05: Venue for WMAS/EMAS 2018 match to be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Reports from the Counties

All reports received attached: -

**Staffordshire**

* No report received.

**Warwickshire**

* Brian Tustin had raised a query about how junior affiliation fees are paid. Paul C advised that if anyone had any proposals regarding this they could be

discussed at the AGM and we will re-consider how the affiliation fees are structured.

**Worcestershire**

* See attached.
* A National Record was claimed by Harriet Fletcher at the WFCA Western in June.

**Shropshire**

* See attached.
* Bowbrook open day for their new facility – 19th August 2017.
* Heritage Shoot was held by Cleobury Archers and was attended by 30 enthusiastic members.
* Audco are investing in their new outdoor facility.
* Becky Chilcott (U16) is British ad English Field Champion.

**Herefordshire**

* A National Record was claimed for the 80/50 round by Harry Bottle.

**Judge Liaison Officer Report**

We have had no judges passing assessment since last time.

There are no training sessions currently planned, but we will soon start planning for the winter conference.

**County Coaching Officer Report**

* See attached
* Archery UK Magazine – RCO and Secretary details need to be updated.

**EAF**

* No update was provided,
* A list of those archers selected to shoot for EAF had been forwarded.
* EAF have requested regions support in writing to the bid committee for Liverpool and Birmingham to include archery in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

**Five Counties/Roy Matthews Competition**

* Feedback had been received from some clubs expressing concern about incorporating the WMAS Senior Champs into the Intercounty Shoot on 24th September. Given this and issues which could impact on the record status, all agreed that the WMAS Senior Champs would not be held this year.
* WMAS need to understand whether RLSAS will be running the WMAS Senior Champs next year as if not an alternative will need to be found.
* Counties have been advised that Andrew Leadbetter is the TO for the 5 Counties competition.
* Brian Tustin had asked that WMAS publicise the Regional Champs and other shoots better than they do currently. The new website will assist with this and details will be circulated amongst members.

AP:170718:06: Completed – Maxine to contact Andrew Leadbetter (TO for the 5 Counties) to confirm that the WMAS Senior Champs will not be incorporated into this shoot.

AP:170118:07: Maxine to contact Brian Tustin/Kathy Folkard to understand whether RLSAS have made a decision about whether they will host the WMAS Senior Champs next year.

**Team Managers Update**

* Penny gave an update on the EMAS v WMAS match. Conditions were very windy but it was a dry day.
* Getting people to respond with nominated archers was very difficult and time consuming for this match however Ray Fisher from Shropshire was particularly helpful.
* Full results are awaited but WMAS winners were:-
* EMAS seniors were the overall winners (23,226 to 22,207).
* EMAS Juniors were the overall winners (7,406 to 7,225).
* Barebow Gent – Trevor Spittle (Herefordshire)
* Barebow Ladies – Becky Chilcott U16 (Shropshire)
* Longbow Gents – Henry Evans (Worcestershire)
* Recurve Gents – Tom Hall (Warwickshire)
* Compound Gents – Carl Richards (
* Jnr G Compound – Harry Bottle (Herefordshire)
* Jnr L Recurve – Penny Healey (Shropshire)

AOB

* Decision to be made at next meeting on the location for the WMAS v EMAS match next year and number of archers.
* WMAS would like to wish Tom and Victoria Duncan good luck at the 3D Field Championships and also send ‘good shooting’ wishes to all WMAS archers on international duty.

Date and location of meetings

* Warwickshire – 17th October (Chris E to confirm venue)
* Shropshire – 9th January, Church Stretton and District Club
* Worcestershire – Redhill – AGM – 6thMarch
* Meeting closed at 22:08