**West Midlands Archery Society**

Meeting – 10th May 2017

Stone Bowling Club, Uttoxeter Road, Stone, Staffs, ST15 8RA

Attendees: Geoff Thomas (Chairman), Paul Clay (Treasurer), Penny Neaverson (WMAS Team Manager and Worcester Rep), Nick Mitchell (Warwickshire), Robin Hall (County Coach Warwickshire), Victoria Duncan (Judge Liaison Officer), Jonathan Walton (Shropshire), Julia Brooks (Staffordshire), Paul Nelms (Shropshire).

Maxine Palmer (WMAS Secretary & Worcester Rep)

Apologies: David Bruce (Herefordshire)

Minutes from previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising from previous meeting

None

Correspondence

An email had been received from Pioneer Archers, a new club in Perry Barr, Birmingham. Warwickshire were unaware of the formation of the new club and it was agreed that Maxine should send a reply advising Pioneer to contact Brian Tustin at Warwickshire, complete the on-line ground registration, risk assessment and to contact Sue Richards if required to assist with the ground registration.

AP: 170510:01: Maxine to contact Pioneer Archers to explain the affiliation, registration and risk assessment process.

Emails had been received from Lyn Anderson requesting an update on the Roy Matthews medals and when she would receive hers. Paul C has purchased new medals and those for Lyn and Verity Gray were handed out to the respective County Reps. It was agreed that EMAS should be contacted again to return the medals incorrectly awarded to their archers.

AP: 170510:02: Geoff T to contact EMAS regarding the return of medals incorrectly awarded to their archers

Treasurers Report

Report attached.

A request from Iris Bingham for the World Crossbow Champs had been received but as she is not affiliated to Warwickshire or WMAS this was rejected.

At the AGM it was agreed that £5,000 would be set aside as a fund to support WMAS archers competing in the designated GB events and those juniors on the Archery GB Academies. Paul C recommended that this be split to £2.5k this year and £2.5k the following year.

It was further agreed that: -

* Individual archers funding requests should come through directly to the Region rather than having to be presented to County meetings first,
* Paul C will create a claim form and this will be communicated out and included on the website once this has been updated,
* The backlog of claims should be agreed and paid,
* For future requests, athletes should make WMAS aware of their attendance and the request will be discussed and potentially approved before the event but paid after attendance has been confirmed,
* Time stipulation of a maximum of 12 months following an event for a claim to be made,
* 2 distinct levels of payment were agreed - £250 for athletes representing GB at the nominated events (Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, European Championships, Europa Cup, Commonwealth Games) and £150 for those athletes representing GB but at a ‘training’ event,
* Following this the following payments were agreed: -
* Tom Duncan - £250 – approved for attendance at World 3D Championships in Robion, France,
* Victoria Duncan - £250 – approved for attendance at World 3D Championships (as above),
* Rebecca Tipping - £250 – Antalya Spring Arrows team event (thanks received)
* Sally Gilder - £250 x 3 and 2 x £150 – Senior World Cup leg 3, Antalya (June), Junior European Championships, Romania (July), World University Championships, Mongolia (June), Veronica’s cup, Slovenia (April), Senior GB squad training camp, San Diego and Mexico (February) agreed to be paid for attendance at 2016 events (thanks received).

* There was initial confusion over the tournaments that Sally had attended and which category they fit into. Paul C/Maxine to contact Sally to establish the confirmed list of tournaments (NB: resolved as above),
* All agreed for a clear communication to be issued that athletes should apply in advance of attendance where possible to assist with funding planning,
* All agreed that £200 maximum would be awarded to those WMAS junior athletes who are on either the National Age Group Academy (NAGPA [x 11 athletes]) or the Confirmation Academy (x 3 athletes). These would be agreed at the July meeting when the athletes will have completed a year on the programme. Paul C will develop a claim form to be circulated and then uploaded to the website when possible,
* The pot of £5k will be reviewed again at the AGM based on the funding levels available within WMAS at the time,
* Paul C to order 100 WMAS Gold medals as stocks are low,
* In order to order the WMAS feathers/flags we need a JPG/Logo,
* Request received from the CCO at Worcester for funding towards a high-speed camera, however all agreed that this should be financed by CWAA if required and then there would be no requirement to loan out wider within WMAS,
* WMAS membership is now 3,175, slightly down on the previous year but some of this may be down to the change in Treasurer,
* A discussion took place on whether University Clubs should be asked to pay more as part of their WMAS affiliation fees. Jonathan W advised that the fees charged by University Clubs are very high, and all agreed not to take the matter further.
* Agreed that a reminder to the Counties should be issued regarding WRS shoots need to be approved by WMAS before being sent to Archery GB. The Secretary can approve these offline by consultation with the Chairman and Treasurer and report back to the WMAS Committee via a list.

AP: 170510:03: Paul C/Maxine to contact Sally Gilder to confirm which tournaments she has claimed for and Paul C to arrange payment.

AP: 170510:04: Paul C to develop a claim form for GB events and for those on the Academies and to order additional gold medals.

AP: 170510:05: JPEG Logo required in order to develop the design for the WMAS flags.

AP: 170510:06: Maxine to issue the claim forms together with a communication to Counties that, where possible, archers on international duty should apply for funding prior to the event to assist with budgeting.

Reports from the Counties

All reports attached: -

**Staffordshire**

* Correspondence regarding tournaments should be forwarded to Julia/Andy Brooks as there is no Tournaments officer/Chairman at the moment,
* Staffordshire ATC runs on Saturdays and Wednesday evenings (top ups)

**Warwickshire**

* West Midlands flight competition will be held at Longford on 28th May,
* ATCs are held on every other Wednesday and can be booked via Sport 80.

**Worcestershire**

* See attached.

**Herefordshire**

Apologies were received from David Bruce and the following update was received by email: -

- one club seems to have lost their indoor venue, so that arduous
search begins once more
- another club organized a trip last month to the Mary Rose Museum in
Portsmouth, including an illustrated talk on the archery finds

**Judge Liaison Officer Report**

* Phil Benson is now a County judge and Chris Platten and Tony Rides have both passed their regional written and both have applied to do their practical assessment,
* The international judges are very well travelled at the moment,
* There has been confusion over whether Victoria is solely WMAS JLO or whether she is also EMAS JLO however Margaret Marsh has now been confirmed as EMAS JLO and a joint conference will be held in October.

**County Coaching Officer Report**

* Robin Hall offered to act as Regional Coaching Group secretary and coordinate reports etc. across the CCOs,
* The CCOs have agreed that they don’t need a RCO at this present time and will keep the communications going until such point that someone does step in as RCO,
* All agreed that the CCO relevant to the County where it is held will attend the WMAS Committee meeting at that location. All communications to be directed via Robin Hall.
* Some CCOs still need to be paid expenses and Robin will ask the CCOs to contact Paul regarding these.

**EAF**

* No update was provided.

**Intercounty Competitions**

* 5 Counties/Roy Matthews shoot is 24th September and Warwickshire are this year running the tournament with Andrew Leadbetter as Tournaments Organiser,
* Paperwork was submitted in March (NB: Bookings for Lilleshall and Record Status have now been confirmed),
* Julia agreed to speak to Tara Mackinnon to see if she has the ‘red book’ which details how to run the 5 Counties tournament so it can be passed to Andrew Leadbetter,
* Geoff Beston had started a document to replace the ‘red book’ but it isn’t complete therefore the Secretary will circulate this to Dave & Sheila Harris for their comment before circulating wider.
* EMAS v WMAS – 16th July. This year juniors have been invited to the shoot and as it has been previously agreed that travel expenses would be paid for seniors, Penny raised a question about whether juniors expenses would also be paid. This was agreed by all.
* Penny is still awaiting responses back from Counties to be able to form a team for the EMAS v WMAS shoot and requested that in future this role be circulated around the Counties as it is proving very difficult to organise.

AP: 170510:07: Julia to speak to Tara Mackinnon to see if she has the ‘red book’ regarding the 5 Counties tournament.

AP: 170510:08: Maxine to forward the draft electronic ‘red book’ which Geoff B had started to Dave and Sheila Harris for comment.

**Timing equipment**

* All Counties had been canvassed and both these and the WMAS Committee agreed that there was no need to purchase timing equipment as a number of clubs now have this which can be loaned out to other clubs/Counties.

**Feedback from AGB Webinar and Archery GB AGM**

* Archery UK – Geoff T had requested that a correction be placed in ArcheryUK magazine and on the website to show that no profit was made in the previous year. The article in Archery UK should have stated “leaving a loss for the year 2016 of £122,462 (not a surplus),
* The Chairman, Mark Davies would not be making any written comments regarding the settlement made to the previous CEO,
* The position of the Bob McGonigal would be for 2 years at a salary of £10,000 per year to assist the new Chairman,
* There are concerns about what constitutes a British National, there are several interpretations and these are being considered. The Situation is that non-British Nationals are knocking out GB Nationals.
* AGMS in future will be held at the same venue with 21st April the date for next year’s Archery GB AGM,
* Memberships will be controlled by clubs themselves via Sport 80 in future, information has been out to Club secretaries although some concern was raised by the Committee that this information may not have reached all secretaries,
* Archery GB are trialling a new website and some of the committee had been asked to comment on this,
* Archery GB have a hardship support/fee waiver scheme – Paul Clay to circulate details of this.

Date and location of next meeting

* Next meeting is due to be held in Herefordshire within the 1st 2 weeks of July

Meeting closed at 22:11