**West Midlands Archery Society**

Meeting – 3rd July 2018

Conference Room, Wythall Community Association, 52 Silver Street, B47 6LZ

Attendees: Geoff Thomas (Chairman), Paul Clay (Treasurer), Paul Nelms (Shropshire), Simon Nelms (Shropshire), Phil Benson (Warwickshire), Kat Gardiner (Warwickshire), Sharon Medhurst (Worcestershire), Teresa Gibbons (Herefordshire), Neil White (Herefordshire)

Maxine Palmer (WMAS Secretary)

Apologies: Andrew Leadbetter (JLO), Robin Hall (Regional Coaching Secretary), Penny Neaverson (Worcestershire), Staffordshire – no WMAS representative.

Minutes from previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising from previous meeting

AP:170510:04: The WMAS feathers have not been ordered yet as there was concern about storage. Sharon and Maxine agreed to store and transport from Redhill Archers.

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. This was discussed at the meeting and will be updated following discussion.

Request to include Barebow archers in the 5 Counties match. A query was raised about this issue and the discussion had on 17th October was reiterated in that barebow archers can be included in the 5 Counties match but they are classified as recurve.

AGB Direct members – all archers are reminded that if they are an AGB Direct member they must still affiliate to County and Region. If there are any issues or queries with this then these can be addressed to Freddie Collier at AGB.

Chairman’s Update and Feedback from AGM

Geoff welcomed the new County Reps and gave an update on his views of the AGB AGM and the voting arrangements which led to those present voting away members rights to vote at future AGMs on the proposed fee structure. A number of other committee members had been in attendance and had varying views on the success of the format of the AGM and items discussed.

Correspondence

Record status paperwork has been agreed for WMAS Senior Indoors 24.02.18 at Evesham.

Congratulations to West Midlands archers who have shot internationally this season:-

Alyssia Tromans-Ansell (Lichfield), Hannah Rowley (Nuneaton), Jacob Reid (Telford), Nicole Burdett (Bowflights), Tom Hall (University of Warwick) and to those WMAS Juniors selected from the AGB National Age Group Academy to attend a

weeks training camp with the French Archery Academy at Dijon:- Freya Palmer, Hannah Rowley, Penny Neaverson and Gabriel Beese-Raybould.

Senior Intercounties – Serco have agreed to retain the target fee at £8.25 per archer the same as last year. In addition we have decided not to have teas and coffees this year saving circa £300 as the speed at which the results are produced has improved with the use of Ianseo.

Treasurers Report

Report attached.

* Funding requests for international shoots have been received from Nicole Burdett, Hannah Rowley and Alyssia Tromans-Ansell and were approved.
* Funding for Level 1 events was agreed at £250
* Funding for international training camps was agreed at 10% of the cost but capped at a total of £50
* All agreed that a cap of £500 should be made on the amount of funding given to any single archer in 1 calendar year (1st January to 31st December)
* All agreed to continue funding those junior archers on the National Age Group and Conversion Academies at £200 per year on completion of the programme culminating in performance at the Youth Festival.
* All agreed that WMAS would only be able to support archers who are not receiving assistance from another Region or Country.
* A discussion was held on how much each County contributes to Level 1 coaching courses and this was as follows:-
  + Warwickshire - £30
  + Shropshire - £0
  + Hereford - £50
  + Worcestershire - £full funding which is then reimbursed by candidates applying for grants with WMAS, clubs etc.
* To confirm from our last meeting the amount WMAS now contributes is:-

Level 1 - £50

Level 2 - £100

County - £150

**Reports from the Counties**

All reports received attached.

Staffordshire – the report was read out and WMAS committee expressed their condolences to John Dunster’s family, following his tragic loss. Maxine had sent condolences to John’s daughter.

Herefordshire – The County currently comprises 4 Clubs who are continuing to hold beginners courses. Lugg Valley have lost their indoor venue and are seeking new

premises. Herefordshire lost their CCO, Dave Gemmell but have been successful in recruiting him again. Congratulations to Dan O’Connor who won silver at the National Disability Championships. The Committee expressed their condolences to the family of Tony Alston from Bromyard, following his tragic loss. Tony had previously been regional coaching officer for WMAS.

Shropshire – Simon Nelms is now the Shropshire Chairman and Tim Swaine is the County Coaching Officer. The County Junior team coaching is moving to Long Mynd.

Warwickshire – Nuneaton archers are experiencing a rapid increase in membership and are also doubling their storage capacity.

Worcestershire – Worcestershire now have Jon Rutland as their County Coaching Officer.

**Judge Liaison Officer Report**

* No report was received.

**County Coaching Officer Report**

* No report received but the following was sent to Geoff Thomas in February
* “We changed the name to Regional Coaching Secretary,--  I am willing to continue in that roll unless you have offers from anyone else? You have my support with helping potential coaches progress with funding, it is the main thing that puts them off and AGB are out to make more money out of it especially by trying to introduce things that already exist and charge a fortune for it!”

AOB

* Shropshire raised the fact that teams should be agreed prior to the start of the junior and senior inter-counties matches. All agreed.

Date and location of meetings

* Herefordshire – 7th or 14th November TBC
* Shropshire – Albrighton – 9th or 16th January TBC
* AGM – 6th March?
* Warwickshire - May
* Meeting closed at 22:20