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|  | **The NORTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY.****DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING.****Boston Spa Village Hall****Wetherby****Yorkshire** **Saturday 16th March 2024 11.00 am.**  |

**Present**:

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| **PRESIDENT**Peter Gregory | **CHAIRMAN****& CLOUT REP.**Andrew Neal | **VICE CHAIRMAN**Chris Battersby | **TREASURER**Derek Pearson |
| **SECRETARY**Gaynor Moorhouse | **R.C.O.**Danny CameronApologies | **FIELD REP****Tony Tideswell** | **FLIGHT REP**Tony Bakes |
| **P.R.O. WEBMASTER**Elaine JobsonApologies | **E.A.F. REP** | **JUDGES REP**Sharon Tideswell | **SAFEGUARDING****OFFICER**Carol BladenApologies |
| **JUNIOR REP**Vacancy | **DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING OFFICER.** | **AGB.**Yvonne Stead |  |
| **CHESHIRE**Carol Bladen (Sec)ApologiesDorothy WilliamsonApologiesSteve Kelley | **CUMBRIA**Bev Love (Sec)Andy Carr | **D.N.A.A.**Sharon Tideswell. (Sec)Andrea WilsonRon WilsonLynne NicholsonApologies | **ISLE OF MAN**Barbara Harris (Sec)Not present |
| **LANCASHIRE**Jude Lane (Sec)Mark LeachApologiesGraham Burrows | **YORKSHIRE**Yvonne Dyal (Sec)ApologiesAllan ShukerDave Phillips Danny Walsh | **OBSERVERS.**Andy WilkinsonBrian Trotter |  |

1. **Apologies:** Lynn Nicholson, Dorothy Williamson, Danny Cameron, Ruth Hall Archery GB, Mark Leach, Yvonne Dyal, Carol Bladen, Elaine Jobson
2. **Welcome:**

Andrew Neal chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone.

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**  (Monday 15th January 2023)

The minutes are checked for accuracy by the executive committee.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

1. **Matters of accuracy from the Minutes**.
* *Dave Phillips reminded the committee that we agreed to discuss 2024 /2025 budget at todays meeting. Gaynor agreed to make the change to the minutes.*
* *Gaynor said she would correct the spelling of John* Davnall name. The spelling of treasurer on the Lancashire report.
1. **Correspondence.**

Gaynor Moorhouse informed the meeting that there had an email from Terry Finnegan.

Dear Chairman

Just recently, David Crow, and later Elaine, kindly stepped forward and updated the NCAS Junior records, including several outstanding records for Evie Finnegan – on behalf of Evie and myself I wish to thank David and Elaine for their time and input in ratifying the claims and clearing up the back log of long outstanding junior claims, appreciated.

There are a few outstanding indoor record claims that I mentioned to Elaine and Elaine has since replied with the following information, "as Evie moved up to the U21 age group in January 24 that she is no longer classed as a junior". I queried the policy and Elaine stated that she would kindly raise the issue at the next NCAS committee meeting.

To encourage more record submissions from U21 archers, I would like to propose to the Committee that NCAS follow the age group policy of AGB (as detailed below) and include U21 junior archers record claims based upon the following.

* In 2022, to comply with World Archery, AGB issued details of the forthcoming new age groups. As set out in AGB Rules of Shooting. Chapter 3 page 12.

Imperial Rounds, U21 archers are classed as Junior Men or Junior Women.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         WA Metric Rounds, U21 archers are classed as Junior Men or Junior Women.

* As most rounds, both metric and imperial, are age related then U21 junior archers have very limited options which will not impact the younger age groups. - The only issues being none age related indoor and outdoor rounds.

* LAA have updated their Records File to include U21 junior archers.

* NCAS are currently requesting U21 junior scores for the indoor postal competition.

*It was agreed that this was a valid question. Terry wants NCAS to fall in line with Archery GB.*

*After some discussion it was agreed that the NCAS definition of a junior would be Under 21. Therefore, junior records are for boys and girls under 21’s.*

* **Officers Reports.**

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| * 1. Chairman’s Report. Andrew Neal.
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| The chairman’s report was presented at the AGM.* *Andrew Neal informed the meeting that he had received an email regarding financial support for international archers.*
* *This email appealed against the committee decision to refuse payment because of the late application. They apologised and said they didn’t realise there was a time limit.*
* *Dave Phillips informed the meeting that it had been NCAS policy since 2019 to apply for a grant within 4 weeks of the tournament.*
* *Andrew informed the meeting that we had refused two extremely talented archers, and it was our job to encourage young archers.*
* *It was agreed that we pay the grant to the archers by an ex-gratia payment of £600.*
* *It was agreed that we change the claim form to say that claims must be submitted by the end of the affiliation which would be 31st October. It was also agreed that if they do not attend the shoot, they must refund the money. Dave Phillips and Peter Gregory agreed to look at redoing the form.*
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| Presidents Report. Peter Gregory |
| The president’s report is in the AGM minutes.Chris Battersby handed over the Presidents medal to Peter.Peter said he would endeavour to do the best he can. |
| AGB Yvonne Stead |
| Yvonne report is in the AGM minutes.* *Yvonne informed the meeting that there is a start archery week in May.*
* *Aim for Paris.*
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| Vice Chairman’s Report. Chris Battersby |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM. |
| Treasurers Report. Derek Pearson |
| Last years budget had a deficit of £23 therefore it was agreed that we roll forward last years budget for 2024 / 2025. All in favour of doing this.*Andrew Neal informed the meeting that he was expecting the medals shortly.* |
| Secretary Report Gaynor Moorhouse  |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM. |
| Coaching Report Danny Cameron |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM. |
|  Judges Report. Sharon Tideswell |
| Sharon informed the meeting that Scotland lost their JLO. Sharon has been working with and mentoring a judge who is now the temporary JLO.* *Andrew Neal informed the committee that Yorkshire County Association had agreed to support their judges had agreed that any Yorkshire judge that officiates at a Yorkshire shoot would be awarded £5. Shoots cannot take place without a judge. This has been put in place to support judges in their role. Andrew proposed that NCAS should do something similar.*
* *Jude Lane informed the meeting that Lancashire give their judges a £5 Amazon voucher for each shoot.*
* *Sharon informed the committee that DNAA had agreed to cover their AGB fees if DNAA officiate at shoots for 8 days. They do have to produce a report. Sharon informed the meeting that judges can log their shoots on Sports80.*
* *Andrew asked the committee if which should go along the same route as DNAA? Sharon said the 8 days fits in with their accreditation.*
* *Dave Phillips said how are we going to administer it? We need to set a criterion.*
* *Andrew Neal proposed that we give £25 expenses for 5 shooting days.*
* *The committee was all in favour with one abstention.*
* *Sharon agreed to devise a form.*
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| P.R.O. Webmaster Elaine Jobson |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM.* *Yvonne Stead asked that the job description for the NCAS Youth Rep should be put on our website?*
* *Gaynor also agreed to send it out to all the committee members and that the county secretaries to send it out to the archery clubs.*
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| Junior Representative. Vacancy  |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM. |
| Flight Representative Tony Bakes |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM. |
| Clout Representative Andrew Neal |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM.* *Peter Gregory informed the committee that he had demonstrated a measure for the judges on the committee. He offered to provide one for anyone who wanted one.*
* *Peter Gregory pointed out in the Clout newsletter that Andrew pointed out that archers are not claiming MB’s and GMB’s. You can only claim it once. Jude Lane said this was the same in target archery. Peter proposed that they should be given a further badge with a pin for bars, Andrew Neal said that they did not have a problem in keeping the archers who are at the top of their sport. He is not taking on anymore admin as it is a massive commitment already. It was agreed no further award would be given to those archers attaining MB/GMB status following the initial issue of the relevant badge.*
* *Peter informed the meeting that the civil service archery association had approached him regarding joining the Cheshire clout shoot.*
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| Field Representative Tony Tideswell |
| I have been liaising with representatives from DNAA in order to visit their region to assess a potential two venues. It is hoped they will then be able to re-introduce a tournament later in this year and that this will incorporate the northern counties championships. We are also hoping to then introduce taster sessions, and so expand the idea of taster sessions in all counties. For the short term we have been delayed due to the continuous wet weather, but hopefully should be able to progress this soon.At my club of Kendal in Cumbria, I did get a 3D practice course completed, and had intended also creating a target course, with both designed to be used at any time and independently of any tournament courses, but again bad weather and winter has created delays so I am hoping to start again soon.Both Lancashire and Cheshire are further ahead, with each using neighbouring counties venues to run their sessions, which I understand to have been well attended.  |
| EAF Archery England  |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM. |
| Safeguarding Carol Bladen |
| Nothing to add to the report presented at the AGM.* *It was agreed that Gaynor send out an email requesting a NCAS deputy safeguarding officer.*
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| 1. **COUNTY NEWS**
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| Cheshire Carol Bladen |
| Report from Cheshire for AGM March 2024Greetings from Cheshire to everyone in NCAS, we hope you are all well.We had our AGM on Sun Feb 25th followed by the Cheshire Senior Indoor Championship with 65 archers shooting a Portsmouth round.During the meeting we elected the following new officers:* Chair Derek Whittingham
* CCO Edd Gough
* Safeguarding Brenda Timperley
* NCAS rep Steve Kelley

We also appointed Paul Davis to be a disability officer, acting as adviser and liaison to clubs in the county about all matters pertaining to disability, access and including disabled archers.We welcome all of our new committee members and look forward to our first meeting on 19th March.The Senior Indoor champions were:* Lady Recurve Alex Currums
* Gent Recurve Kevin Barrett
* Lady Compound Emma Mooney
* Gent Compound Daerron Meredith
* Lady Barebow Elizabeth Sexton
* Gent Barebow Stuart Walsh
* Lady longbow Julie Sharkey
* Gent Longbow Steve Watts

The Cumston Trophy for the novice (1st year) archer went to Courtney Chadwick and the Jack and Jill prize to Laura Brooksbank and Craig Lulek.We will be holding a squad session outdoors at North Cheshire Bowmen in March, for both juniors and seniors. This will allow the archers to check sight marks and shoot outdoors for the first time this year. The county trials shoot will be on the 7th April and will be a WRS WA double 720. This is a closed shoot, open to Cheshire archers only.Other shoots in the county for the outdoor season include:* Cheshire W/A clout May 6th
* Cheshire Weekend 3rd/4th August
* Cheshire Junior outdoors 1st September

Club shoots:* Goldcrest Open Novice shoot 4th May
* Bebington Western 5th May
* Chester WRS WA double 720 14th July

All entry forms are on the Cheshire Website: <https://www.cheshirearcheryassoc.org>The English Target champs will be held as part of the Cheshire Weekend and the English Clout champs as part of the Tri-clout tournament later this year.* *Session coach training has started in Cheshire.*
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| Cumbria Bev Love |
| Cumbria Report * Cumbria has had a very successful 2023/2024 and we have seen a number.

 of new archers starting to make their mark in the region. We're hoping this continues to grow throughout 2024 and beyond. * Cumbria initially had issues with lack of attendance at events leading to cancellation of a few events. With that in mind, a change of location and change of rounds to suit the AGB rankings formats.
* This year is our turn to host NCAS regional competitions. These are now up on our county website including dates and entry forms, so we ask that regional archers join us to compete in these events. Please share our events with your local clubs and promote archery across our region.
* Cumbria is fortunate that it can host all 4 archery disciplines in the County, but these need your help to keep them running and growing. Bev Love is about to take over from myself as County Secretary and I hope you will support her in this role going forward.
* Andrew Neal introduced Bev Love who is the new Cumbrian County secretary.
* Bev Love informed the meeting that they have foam bosses.
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| D.N.A.A. Sharon Tideswell |
| March 2024We are in the process of a complete overhaul of our constitution which is taking some time and effort by a subcommittee. Hopefully the changes will be discussed at our next County Meeting (which is due to take place following submission of this report but prior to the NCAS AGM) for the proposed changes to be put to the members at the AGM in May. The County are to host on 24 March, with the assistance of Mark Hayes a Clout Workshop in the hope we can promote the discipline to archers within the County.We sadly lost the venue at which we were to host the Indoor County Championships on 17 March. Although a few clubs came forward to assist, some were cost prohibitive, others couldn’t provide the amenities required. Again, at the time of writing, no decision has been made as to whether the event will take place at an alternative venue, or whether it is to be postponed to October.* *Sharon informed the meeting that the indoor county champs start next weekend had been changed to reflect a last minute change in venue.*
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| Lancashire Jude Lane. |
| LAA Secretary report –A summary of the last 12 months:A busy year, but a very successful one in many ways – * LAA archers across the disciplines have had Regional, National, and international success.
* The introduction to Competitions shoot was very well attended and fulfilled its promise – it is now a regular fixture on our calendar.
* The Lancashire Coaching Group are now part of LAA and continue their work as a sub-group.
* Policies, procedures, protocols, and our Constitution are now up to date, and will be ‘tweaked’ as necessary.
* Field Archery is now moving forward in Lancs, the first Introductory session has been held, and was oversubscribed within hours – more are to be planned.
* 2 of our ambassadors gave a brilliant talk at our last meeting, and LAA have pledged to assist wherever possible.
* The website is continuing updated and has masses of info including a new expenses protocol and a new page for the Coaching Group.
* The LAA senior Champs are back to their usual spot in June, the Junior champs will be in September.

I would like to give a ‘big thank’ you to all who have worked so hard over the last year. Jude Lane * *Jude informed the meeting that 2 youth ambassadors gave an excellent presentation to the Lancashire committee.*
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| Yorkshire Yvonne Dyal |
| The Yorkshire AGM was held on Saturday 9th March in Barnsley. A number of officers stood down at this meeting. We are still looking for a new clout officer after Mark Hayes retired having held the post for 15 years. Yvonne Dyal was elected as the new Yorkshire Secretary and Jeanine Williams took over from Sarah Dickinson as Teams Coordinator. Therefore, this will be my last report as Yorkshire Secretary having held the post for 14 years. We also elected a number of others on to the committee. The County reps to NCAS are unchanged other than Yvonne. |
| Isle of Man  |
| No report. |
| * Any Other Business.
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| * Andy Wilkinson informed the meeting that Yorkshire are planning to organise a. ‘introduction to tournaments’ for archers.

Jude said that Lancashire have a template on their website.DNAA do an indoor and outdoor novice shoot which also includes candidate judges. Their criteria for a novice archer is one year. It differs in each county. In Cheshire it’s 2 years. Jude said the shoot they do is for all archers who haven’t shot in a competition.  |

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| MEETING DATES. |
| DATE | TIME | VENUE |
| Committee Meeting15th July 2024 | 7.00 pm | Zoom |
| Committee Meeting9th November 2024 | 11.00 am | Lantern Room.Boston Spa Village Hall199 High St.Boston SpaLS23 6AA |
| Committee Meeting13th January 2025 | 7.00 pm | Zoom |
| NCAS AGMFollowed byCommittee Meeting.Saturday 15th March 2025 | 11.00 am | Lantern Room.Boston Spa Village Hall199 High St.Boston SpaLS23 6AA |

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| NCAS COMMITTEE ACTIONS. March 2024. |  |
| ACTIONS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DATE | COMPLETED |
| Gaynor to contact Terry Finnegan to inform him that it was agreed that the NCAS definition of a junior would be Under 21. Therefore, junior records are for boys and girls under 21’s. | Gaynor Moorhouse | March 2024 | Yes |
| Derek to pay the archers who were too late with their applications for grantsIt was agreed that we pay the grant to the archers by an ex-gratia payment of £600. | Derek Pearson | March 2024 |  |
| Dave Phillips and Peter Gregory to devise a new claims form for claiming grants. | Dave PhilipsPeter Gregory | March 2024 | Yes |
| Sharon to devise a form for judges to claim their £5 expenses for officiating at NCAS shoots. | Sharon Tideswell | March 2024 |  |
| Yvonne Stead asked that the job description for the NCAS Youth Rep should be put on our website.Gaynor also agreed to send it out to all the committee members and that the county secretaries to send it out to the archery clubs. | Elaine JobsonGaynor Moorhouse | March 2024 | YesYes |
| It was agreed that Gaynor send out an email requesting volunteers for a NCAS deputy safeguarding officer. | Gaynor Moorhouse | March 2024 |  |

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