

# Lancashire Archery Association

**Minutes of the committee meeting held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 2.00pm**  
**Venue: Shevington Methodist Church, Gathurst Rd, Shevington, Wigan.**

Present: Joanne Proctor JP, TO, Blackpool bowmen; Jean Stretton JS, RCA; Roger Stretton RS, President, RCA; Geoff Tittensor GT, Chorley Bowmen; John Caswell JC, Clout TO, Blundellsands; Joshua Green JG, Junior Team Officer, Chorley Bowmen: David Kellet DK, P&S; Angela Kellet AK, Treasurer, P&S; Graham Burrows GB, Chair, High Elm Archers; Phil Morris PM, SPOC, P&S; Lorraine Morris LM, P&S; Andrew Taylor AT, RCA; Philip Taylor PT, RCA; Harlie Mason HM, Chorley Bowmen,

Minutes taken by Jude Lane, JL, LAA Secretary  
Meeting started at 2.05pm

1. Apologies for absence:

Simone Smith, Preston Grasshoppers; Jim Smith, Preston Grasshoppers; Mark Murphy MM, Mossley Hill; Rod Lyons RL, Mossley hill; Barry Marsden BM, Mossley Hill; Roy Samples RS, Burscough Archers; Simon Brown SB, Nethermoss; Mark Leach ML, Records Officer and Webmaster, Eccles AC; : Helen Brown HB, Senior Team Manager, P&S; Yvonne Stead, RDO, AGB; Jim Kavanagh, Blundellsands; Zara Longlands, Safeguarding Officer, Eccles AC.

2. Minutes:

All had received the minutes. No changes to be made

3. Matters arising:

Nil

4. Correspondence – to be dealt with under – No. 6

5. Officers Reports:

a. Chair –

Firstly I apologise for not being at the LAA Indoor. I had every intention of attending, but unfortunately on the day events kept me confined at home.

I had hoped to be able to report some progress regarding the coaching group, but our CCO has been uncontactable in recent weeks. However I am hoping that we will still be able to make progress with coaching in Lancashire. I believe a number of coaches have made comments regarding the lack of coaching support in Lancashire.

The NCAS Chairs and NCAS Chairs and Secretaries meetings have taken place. Everyone who has attended these meetings have been positive about the sessions and they are proving to be a useful forum for sharing ideas and updates regarding the new NCAS subgroups and what is happening in the wider NCAS area.

Graham Burrows  
**Chairman Lancashire Archery Association**

b. Treasurer – see attached

c. Secretary –

Very little to report since February, the other Officers will get you up to date on what is happening – I just pass the information on!

The main 'secretarial' job was to sort the text and photos for the article in The Lancastrian – this is further down the agenda.

It looks as if we will have 2 Officers posts vacant, again this will be discussed later.

Eccles are busy getting ready for the Novice shoot tomorrow – I want to discuss this shoot under any other business.

Thank you.

d. Tournament Organiser –

The LAA indoor was held on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at Preston College.

This was very successful. For the first time we used 10 Zone targets. They arrived Sat afternoon, set up and returned Sunday afternoon to take away the targets. All the bosses were good quality and it made field party so easy. We set up the lines for the targets and they were placed exactly as we wanted. It was fairly expensive at £696 but worth it.

I am intending to hold next years indoor on the same weekend at the same venue. The space was a bit tight so I will hire the extra hall to leave equipment in.

As planned we did not give out trophies this year, instead winners were photographed and the photos put onto the website. There were no complaints. I have collected and updated the engraving on all the current indoor trophies. I am now in the process of photographing and putting new descriptions of the trophies in the file. There is only one trophy missing now, the Ladies recurve trophy.

I have completed the financial summary for the tournament, we made a slight loss of £33.55 after all expenses were accounted for.

The Junior Championships will be at Eccles on 10<sup>th</sup> June

The LAA championships will be at Assheton on 11<sup>th</sup> June

The 1440 will be at P & S on September on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Entries are coming in for all these.

One question came from Phil Morris re the trophies.

Local trophies are always won by LAA archers. For the indoor trophies are now "local" or "visitor" so an LAA archer cannot win a visitor trophy and vice versa.

For the outdoor some of the trophies are “open” ie can be won by local or visitor archers. Can I change these trophies to “Visitor” only as it will mean that working out awards will be much easier? – all were in full agreement – **JP to action**

e. Clout Organiser –

We currently have 15 entries for the Lancs Clout, taking place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Please could Secretaries inform their members about this shoot, and direct them to the Blundellsands Archers website: [www.blundellsandsarchers.co.uk](http://www.blundellsandsarchers.co.uk) for info and entry forms.

We do currently have an issue with the website so are unable to make any edits currently, so at the moment it still says that Lorraine Morris will be our Head Judge, whereas it will be Colin Mudd.

Regarding field hire, which is something we’ve never had to charge for previously, our venue have decided to increase our field fees massively, and also can’t promise us that they won’t raise them again next year. Unfortunately this means that we will need to look at passing on some of these costs to anyone using the field.

After speaking to Jude last night, and her mentioning the honorarium payment is now £150, we will not be charging any field hire fees again for the shoot this year, but may need to look at doing so next year.

Jude asked JC to send the information to her and she will email to all LAA clubs etc. – **JC and JL to action**

f. Clout Officer – no report

g. Team Manager (juniors) – no report

h. Team Manager (seniors)

The final Lancs Squad training session took place in March and again was well attended, with a good atmosphere. The squad were able to train outdoors all day and had the assistance of two quality coaches in Vlada Priestman and Craig Hobin. Plans are being made for a summer training session where the focus will be on team match play.

The first county match of the year has had to be cancelled. The match, due to take place in Cheshire on May 7<sup>th</sup> clashed with the Barnsley stage of the National Tour and although we, Cheshire and Warwickshire all attempted to gather teams, we were unable to.

There is now a new method for archers to submit their scores to myself and the team selectors. Archers are asked to use an online form which is simple to fill in and

ensures all replies are standardised and collated for the selectors. The form will be made available via email, the LAA website and FB page.

The new county shirts have arrived and are being distributed to the archers. The shirts look great and I'm looking forward to seeing them on display on the podiums at the National County Teams competition in September, an event where Lancashire have historically enjoyed a lot of success.

I have a few up and coming archers I will be keeping an eye out for this year and I look forward to seeing how all county archers do in the coming season.

i. CCO – No report. JL - I received a txt this morning from Garry P – due to other commitments he will be stepping down as CCO.

j. Records/website Officer –

### **Web Master Report**

Little to report.

Various updates have been made to pages concerning: expenses, team selection, 50+ rounds/record claims, etc., usually after discussion at LAA meetings.

Usually, I have simply made the changes as requested. Mark Leach

### **LAA Records Officer Report**

After a flurry of claims at the end of the indoor season (from the usual suspects) it has been very quiet. A surge is expected as the outdoor season takes off.

It is intended to incorporate 50+ (Masters) records for the new season.

Phil Morris pointed out (thanks Phil!) that 50+ UK records (and therefore LAA records) are ONLY available for 'designated' 50+ rounds.

The men's 50+ 12 doz imperial round is the Hereford, therefore a men's 50+ LAA record can only be claimed for the Hereford, and not for the York.

For 50+ women, the 12 doz imperial round is the Bristol II, not the Hereford.

Likewise for the WA 720 70m & 60m: 50+ (Masters) are "expected" to shoot the 60m metric distance.

Thus, there is no 50+ UK or LAA record for 70m, only for 60m.

Yes, 50+ male archers can still shoot and claim county and national records for York & 70m rounds etc., but NOT at the 50+ age bracket.

The below are the only 50+ records available to be claimed:

**50+ Women**

WA 50m (Compound/Barebow) – single and double WA 60m (Recurve/Longbow) – single and double Metric II

Bristol II

WA18

WA25 Combined 18/25

**50+ Men**

WA 50m (Compound/Barebow) – single and double WA 60m (Recurve/Longbow) – single and double 1440 Ladies/Metric I

Bristol I

WA18

WA25 Combined 18/25

I was unaware of this at the last meeting and thought/assumed that 50+ (masters) claims could be made for all rounds. This info has been added to the LAA website.

k. Judges SPOC

It has a fairly quiet time so far for the Lancashire Judges, a shoot at Spinners Mill and the LAA indoor shoot that was held at the new venue (Preston College). It was unfortunate that Assheton have had to cancel their Early Bird Albion Shoot.

A few judges have also attended other shoots outside the area.

A number of our Judges have attended the National Judge Conference at Lilleshall and the Regional judge conferences held in Wetherby.

Phil and Lorraine Morris have been down at Lilleshall helping out at the European Grand Prix.

We currently have 1 National- 3 Regional- 3 County - 4 candidate judges. Juliet Spedding has passed her regional exam and is awaiting her practical assessment, similarly Christine Roberts has passed her County exam and awaits her practical assessment.

If any members of Lancashire Archery Association are interested in becoming Judges AGB have introduced a Judge taster session scheme to allow archers to shadow judges at events. This is something Lancashire judges have always encouraged and has now been formalised by AGB.

l. Safeguarding Officer –

Most clubs now have a welfare/safeguarding officer. However, we are still waiting on Bowmen of Skelmersdale to update their contact information and website - they are without a welfare officer as far as we know.

Southport Archers are in discussion to share a welfare officer as they are a small club. This is an option for smaller clubs going forwards, although we would still recommend that someone within the club does a safeguarding course.

There is a lack of understanding that safeguarding applies to adults as well as juniors.

In regards to competitions, we have added the AGB code of conduct to the Lancashire website. All entries should now have a box or line to confirm that the archer has read and understood the policy. This came about because of a complaint during a competition about the behaviour of an archer towards a judge.

I would also recommend that entry forms also include the necessity to include whether the archer is a novice (and junior) so that judges can do more frequent spot checks during scoring. Novice and junior archers are less likely to challenge others on their scoring, which could lead to incorrect calls. This should also be included in the judges initial speech, to be clear that all archers on the target are responsible for checking arrows, challenging calls if necessary and calling a judge if needed.

m. Field Officer – no report

n. NCAS and GNAS news –

From Yvonne stead RDO, AGB – please see attached report

6. The editor of The Lancastrian contacted JL and asked if LAA could write an article on Archery in Lancashire – JL and ML wrote an article based on the 'History of LAA' – this was ok'd by the executive committee and sent to the editor with photos. Once published JL will let all know where to obtain a copy. – **JL to action.**
7. JL asked if for profit organisations who want info sent via the LAA mailing list, should be charged, or do we look on some of it as promoting archery in Lancashire – all agreed that advertising coaching courses was a good thing and no fee to be charged.

## **AOB**

Congratulations to Haille Boulton who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the European Grand Prix held recently at Lillehall.

Committee vacancies.

CCO – as Garry P has recently stepped down, we need to find a way forward with the coaching group to recruit another CCO. It was mentioned that there has been little movement from the coaching group in recent months. It was suggested that Yvonne Stead could assist LAA in moving forward. **JL and Gb to action**

Clout Officer – the current CO has struggled to find time to fulfil the role – HM said she would take on the role – thank you. Discussion followed re – more training sessions, all felt that we need to focus on compound archers this year. Peter Gregory has offered to help with training. JL will put HM in touch with Peter, and then a field needs to be sourced. **HM to action**

AK asked about having LAA bars and badges engraved – this year the cost was rather a lot. JP said she knows an engraver who is a fraction of the cost. All agreed we need to go with a good engraver who is ‘cheap’ – **JP to pass info to AK to action**

Team mangers and SPOC need to keep AK informed of how many bars and badges are required.

AK asked JG if he had put together the toolbox for juniors – this is still ongoing – **JG to action**

Novice shoot – the novice competition to be run at EAC, will not only be a shoot for novices but will provide information on all aspects of entering a competition. JL proposed that the shoot become a regular LAA shoot – to promote information and education that many novices are unable to access elsewhere. – All fully agreed. JL and ML will write a template following the shoot and bring it to the next meeting. **JL to action.** GT will ask Chorley committee if the shoot can be held at Chorley Bowmen next year. **GT to action**

Trophies – if we don't give out trophies we have a storage problem. JL and PM have been looking at storage facilities, but they are rather expensive - £15 to £17 per week plus VAT. Could we purchase a small container and store it at a 'safe' club? GB suggested his club would be safe as it is on MoD owned and patrolled land – he will look into the possibility of some storage there. **GB to action**

Date and time of next meeting – Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> 14.00

Meeting closed at – 16.00