

Lancashire Archery Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Saturday 12th August 2024 at 2.00pm
Venue: Shevington Methodist Church, Gathurst Rd, Shevington, Wigan.

Present: Mark Leach ML, Webmaster/records, Eccles AC ; Joanne Proctor JP, TO, Blackpool B; John Caswell JC, TO Clout, Blundellsands; Colin Mudd CM, Bowbearers of Wyresdale; Roger Stretton RS, President, Rochdale C of A; Jean Stretton JS, Rochdale C of A; Phil Morris PM, SPOC, P&S; Lorraine Morris LM, P&S, Graham Burrows GB, Chair, High Elm A; Barry Marsden BM, Field Officer, Mossley Hill; Rod Lyons RL, Mossley hill; Yvonne Stead YS, RDO, AGB; Gaynor Moorhouse GM, CCO, Eccles AC; David Kellet, P&S; Angela Kellet AK, Treasurer, P&S.

Minutes taken by: Jude Lane (JL), LAA Secretary, Eccles AC
Meeting started at 14.00

1. Apologies for absence: Sheila Jaeger, Eccles AC; Roy Samples, Burscough A; Zara Longlands, Eccles AC; Helen Brown, P&S; Joshua Green, Chorley B; Harley Mason, Chorley B; Paul Tittensor, Eccles AC; Andrew Taylor, RAC, Philip Taylor, RAC; Mark Murphy, Mossley Hill; John Woollam, Mossley hill.
2. Minutes: All had received and read the minutes. No changes to be made. Minutes accepted as a true record – proposed JS, seconded LM – all in agreement.
3. Matters arising: Nil
4. Correspondence – Nil
5. Officers Reports

a. Chair –

Since our last meeting both the Lancashire and the Lancashire Clout Championships have taken place, but I will let others update the meeting about these events. It was a great pleasure to present the Dillon award to Barbara and Gregg Grogan at the Lancashire Championships, thanks to Jude for the little bit of subterfuge to get them there.

On the evening of 30th May a meeting was held with representatives from the LAA, the LACG and the AGB NCAS development officer to discuss the future of coaching in Lancashire.

Everyone present was in agreement that there has been a lack of support and communication for / with the county's coaches in recent times and that this needs to change sooner rather than later. There were discussions around finance, communications and GDPR.

The meeting discussed two possible options, which were; to remain as an independent organisation or to join the LAA, however a final decision would need to be made by a full meeting of the LACG. The outcome of the meeting was that the LACG invited all Lancashire coaches to attend an EGM which was held on the 25th July, at which a new CCO was appointed (Gaynor Moorhouse of EAC) to fill the recently vacated position. Also discussed were the options for the future. It is my understanding that the meeting agreed that the way forward for coaching in Lancashire is for the LACG to join the LAA.

There are a several things that will need to happen before the transition can be completed and I look forward to working with our new CCO as we move forward, but we appear to have the beginnings of a way forward to get coaching in Lancashire moving and getting the coaches of Lancashire the support, they duly deserve.

In July we started a review of the LAA's policies and procedures documentation. In the main it is felt that the association should formally adopt the AGB policies and procedures for Safeguarding, Codes of Conduct, Online and social media, Anti Bullying, Disciplinary, etc. and links to these documents be added to the LAA website. Two documents that do need updating are the LAA constitution, to bring it in line with current AGB and legal requirements and a GDPR statement, with the AGB Data Protection policy being adopted. Work has commenced on updating the constitution.

The NCAS Chairs and Secretary's groups continue meet regularly and are proving very useful.

Graham Burrows, LAA Chair.

b. Treasurer –

We currently have 1016 Senior members, 69 Disabled members and 192 Junior members plus 4 Honorary members. NCAS Fees have been paid up to date. Since the last meeting, we have had the income of £708.80 which has been affiliation fees.

There has been Expenditures of £1881.13, which has been NCAS affiliation fees, Judges expenses and entry fees for teams to the National County Team Championships.

**LAA Detailed Account from 1st
October 22 to 10.08.23**

Balance Brought Forward: 28,341.76

	Income	Expenditure
Affiliation Fees Receipts	7,001.20	0
NCAS Affiliation Fees Paid		(2,040.00)
5 Counties Match - Seniors	70.00	99.00
5 Counties Match - Juniors		0.00
Archers Bursary		0.00
NCAS Indoor	1,319.62	(5.00)
LAA Indoor/Outdoor	4,171.60	(2,480.00)
Administration / Licences		(173.74)
Judges Expenses		(278.05)
Hall Hire		(90.00)
Committee Expenses		(190.41)
National County Team Event		(1,516.74)
Coaching		(34.30)
Novice Shoot		(415.00)
Cheshire/Warwicks County Match		0.00
Junior Squad		(200.00)
Senior Squad		(378.59)
Trophies & Engraving		(417.85)
LAA Medals		(909.70)
Clout	0.00	0.00
Chronotir		(55.39)
Totals	12,562.42	(9,085.77)

Coach Travel Expenses

Current Account Balance is: 31,749.12
includes petty cash (£19.71)

Thanks Angela Kellet

c. Secretary –

LAA mourned the loss of an outstanding archer – Ron Bishop. He represented the UK in 7 World Championships, 2 European Championships and the 1972 Olympic games. He was Lancashire champion 15 times.

Also mourned is Peter Fell, an archer who could turn his hand to any bow type, and who particularly loved clout – indeed helped to resurrect the LAA Clout champs at Maghull.

A very successful Novice shoot was held at Eccles AC – the format was – a talk by judges about what to expect at competitions, the use of the lighting system, Q & A. Two former judges were also on hand to help with shooting etiquette and scoring etc. Experienced archers were also on hand to help out.

The rounds shot were Warwicks, and archers could shoot either morning or afternoon or both. This shoot is now an ‘official’ LAA shoot and will be held each year. Format for the day is available. Chorley Bowmen are hosting the shoot in 2024.

LAA and our coaching group the LACG have met and an EGM of the LACG will be held on July 25th to vote in a new CCO and plan a way forward.

The Lancastrian, a county local magazine, published an article on LAA in their Spring issue. A further small article will go into the Autumn issue, outlining the successes of Lancashire archers.

Lancashire are now taking time to update policies and procedures and the LAA Constitution.

As well as the annual Fred Dillon award for outstanding contribution to archery in Lancashire, we now have a separate award (the Jean and Roger Stretton award) for a club member who has made an outstanding contribution to their own club. This will also be presented annually.

This years recipients are –

Fred Dillon – Barbara and Greg Grogan

Jean and Roger Stretton – Mark Murphy.

Jude Lane

d. Tournament Organiser –
Junior Championships

This was held at Eccles on the 10 th June. Many thanks to all who helped on the day. The day was hot and sunny for once. Sadly there were very few entries this year. This may have been due to the date, exams etc.

The date could be changed but the calendar is quite full I propose we go to the 1 st Saturday in Sept. This is the NCAS clout weekend, but few juniors go there anyway. It is also the day before the Cheshire Junior champs and the weekend before the Junior Masters. Q. Do we keep it as Y/H/B or change it to metrics or even a 720? – *All agreed that it should stay as an Imperial round. All agreed on the date change.*

Income £210

Expenses £556

Loss £346 – *all felt that we shouldn't increase fees, as we want to support our junior archers as much as possible.*

Senior champs

Took place at Assheton Bowmen on the 11 th June. Many thanks to Assheton for the field party and food which were excellent.

The day started well, it was hot and sunny, unfortunately the ground was very hard and arrows skidded all over. Finding them slowed the longest distance somewhat. After lunch the weather changed and we called off the shoot at 9 doz arrows because of thunder, lightning and very heavy rain.

Q. Should we have paused the shoot until the weather passed? By the time we went home it was calm again, but then it would have been a late finish. – *All agreed the decision will continue to be taken on the day, as so many factors need to be taken into consideration.*

Income £905

Expenses £878

Profit so far £27 but still have the engraving to pay for.

Next year possibly looking at LAA weekend as we used to do. Assheton are happy to do both days. Are there any other clubs who would like to host the weekend?

Could we move around the county? – *all agreed it could be hosted by different clubs, TO to consider increasing the entry fee slightly – JP to action.*

WA1440 due to be at P&S on 10th Sept. Entries are coming in, should be ok.

Indoor Championships will be February 25th at Preston College again.

Joanne Proctor

e. Clout Organiser –

This year's Lancashire Clout Championships had 37 archers taking part, lower than last year's attendance, which was partly due to two other shoots this weekend, and bad weather putting some archers off attending.

We had a total of 49 entries by the week before the shoot. Two of whom notified that they would not be able to attend and were given refunds, another two who were offered refunds but asked to donate these instead. The remaining 8 entries did not attend and did not get in touch.

As with last year's shoot, around half of the entries were received in the four weeks before the shoot.

Here's a breakdown of the archers who attended:

- Lancashire Seniors – 21

- Visitor Seniors – 13

- Lancashire Juniors – 2

- Visitor Juniors - 1

The boost in Lancashire archers seems to mostly be down to Burscough Archers who brought several members along.

There were no UK Record claims, but 2 Tassels were claimed, and 30 LAA medals awarded.

All day there was very light rain, though this unfortunately got heavier towards the end of the shoot and through the awards. Mark suggested that next year we use waterproof paper, as the scoresheets got pretty wet. Another suggestion by Mark Leach was that we consider making next year's shoot a Metric, so I'll look into getting some metric ropes.

Roxanne Prime was again our Lady Paramount, at short notice, as David Nash was unable to make it. I'd asked Dave along as he had recently tried to organise another UK Record Status clout at Wigan & Orrell, which ended up being cancelled due to low numbers, with a Clout Beginners shoot taking place instead.

All results / reports etc were sent over to ArcheryGB, Andrew Neal (for Tassel Award), and results emailed to ML to be placed on the Lancashire website.

Financial breakdown:

All adult entries along with two archers who declined refunds - £352.00.

Total expenditure (gratuity fee, UKRS, Tassel, line marking, judges / LP gifts, ribbons for medals, and six brand new Clout Flags) totalled £318.96.

The remainder of £33.04 will be paid to Lancashire Archery Association.
 From this, judges travel expenses (£90.45) and medals awarded (£72.00) leaves
 the total at – **£129.41**.

Lancashire Archery Association		Double One-Way GNAS Clout 2023			
	Item	Description	Item Cost	Amount	Total
Income					
	Entry Fees	42 adult entries (34 who attended, 8 who didn't turn up or contact)	8.00	42	336.00
		3 junior entries - no fees.	0.00	0	0.00
		Donations (archers who couldn't make it, but declined a refund)	8.00	2	16.00
	TOTAL INCOME				352.00
Expenditure					
	UK Record Status Fee	Paid to Archery GB	25.00	1	25.00
	Field Hire	No charge for this.	0.00		0.00
	Gratuuity Fee	To host club Blundellsands Archers	150.00	1	150.00
	Tassel Award Fee	Paid to Andrew Neal (50p per entry) - 34 adults, 3 juniors	0.50	37	18.50
	Groundsman / Line Marking Fees	White lining spray from Screwfix - Some left over for next year	20.97	1	20.97
	Judges / Lady Paramount Food	N/A	0.00		0.00
	Judges / Lady Paramount Presents	6x £10 Amazon vouchers (Lady Paramount and 5x Judges)	60.00	1	60.00
	Stationery Costs	No charge for this.	0.00		0.00
	Postage for AGB / Tassel Paperwork	AGB and Tassel paperwork didn't need to be posted	0.00		0.00
	Postage of Medals	No charge for this.	0.00		0.00
	Other expenses	Ribbons for medals	12.99	1	12.99
	Replacement Clout Flags	6x new flags as old ones were in bad state	31.50	1	31.50
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE				318.96
	TOTAL DUE TO LAA				33.04
	Judges Travel Expenses	Andrew Jones - £5.95, Colin Mudd - £39, Christine Roberts - £11.20, Angela Kellet - £34.30, Juliet Spedding - £0.00	90.45	1	90.45
	LAA Medals	£2.40 per medal	2.40	30	72.00
	TOTAL PROFIT FOR LAA				-129.41

A big thank you as always goes to the Judges who once again did a great job. Next year's shoot is booked in for Sunday 28th July 2024.
 John Caswell

f. Clout Officer –

Currently not achieved much. The initial communications email sent out for clubs in Lancashire with adequate clout facilities yielded a total of 3 responses. Thank you to those clubs that responded. One of the responses was from Wigan and Orrell about there upcoming clout shoot, however sadly got cancelled due to lack of entries. I was not deterred and scoured every LAA club website to see which advertised clout at there facilities. That yielded a total of 1 new club that hadn't responded previously. However, after a bit of back and forth about organisation, the idea of hosting a have a go was rejected by the committee. However, there is some hope in hosting a have a go soon, possibly at Wigan and Orrell, Eccles AC and possibly Chorley after all the fanfare of the opening of the new pavilion has finished.

Harley Mason

g. Team Manager (Juniors) – No report provided

h. Team Manager (Seniors) –

Lancashire archers are busy submitting their scores to be part of the team for the National County Teams Championship in September and the NCAS Intercounties in October. The deadline is 21st Aug and teams will be announced shortly after that. I am optimistic that we will have archers of all disciplines in the events this year. A few new names have submitted scores this year, its encouraging to see the development in these archers.

So far teams have been entered into the NCTC for Barebow men and women, Recurve men and women, Compound women, Longbow men. It is very likely we will have a Compound men's team too. We have one individual who is happy to enter as a longbow lady for the county which would allow us to have a LB mixed team on the Sunday of the event.

There is a summer Squad session planned for 3rd Sept at Eccles. The aim of this is to concentrate on Team H2H / match play for those entering NCTC.

Senior Squad members across the disciplines have had regional, national and international success over the past few weeks, notably (and off the top of my head!!):

- Helen Taylor (Rec)– European Masters Gold
- Paul Tittensor (Rec) - European Masters Gold
- Mike Aubrey (Comp) - European Masters Gold
- Wendy Aubrey (Rec) - European Masters Silver
- Mel Bebbington-Trengove (Rec) - Archery GB 50+ Championships Gold
- Ann Elliott (Comp) - Archery GB 50+ Championships Silver
- Kim Doherty (BB) – Archery GB 50+ Championships Bronze
- Zara Longlands (Rec) – NCAS GNAM Gold
- Tim Smith (Rec) – NCAS GNAM Gold
- Hamish Freeman (LB) – NCAS GNAM Gold
- Daniel Kilgallon (BB) – AGB National Tour Stage 5 Silver
- Hallie Boulton (Comp) – AGB National Tour Stage 5 Silver, Youth Festival Mixed Team Gold, Youth Festival Women's Team Bronze
- Charlotte Hemsall (Rec) – Youth Festival Mixed Team Gold, Youth Festival Women's Team Gold
- Evie Finnegan (BB) - Youth Festival Individual Gold, Youth Festival Women's Team Gold, Youth Festival Mixed Team Bronze

i. CCO –

Chair GB welcomed Gaynor to the meeting and the meeting voted to co-opt her onto the LAA committee.

A very short report as I was only elected on Tuesday 25th July 2023.

- I have contacted Jude Lane and Yvonne Stead to inform them of my appointment.

- I have also informed Danny Cameron NCAS Regional Coaching Officer. I've been invited to a zoom meeting on the 25th September 2023 with Danny Cameron and the other Northern county coaches organisers
- I've arranged a meeting with Yvonne Stead.
- I've contacted Sport80 support so I may access the list of Lancashire coaches.
- During the next few days I intend to contact Lancashire coaches by email to introduce myself. Reinstating communications with coaches.
- My main concern is the coaches who have not renewed their coaches licence. I will attach the AGB renewal form to the first email, with a link to AGB coaches safeguarding course and information on who to contact re applying for their DBS.
- My other concern is the lack of further training for coaches and providing coaching for all archers.
- Finding out what the coaches in the county need, require.
- The members of the coaching sub-committee are Di Clarke, Joanne Proctor, Simon Steptoe and myself. I intend to meet soon to put together an action plan.

Gaynor Moorhouse

Additional information given at the meeting by GM – It is proposed that the LACG will become a sub-group of LAA - A proposal for how this will work will be sent to LAA for comments. Once both parties agree on how the group will run – GM will take the proposal to the AGM. The AGM will firstly decide if they want a dissolution of the LACG. – **GM to action.**

j. Records/website Officer –

There have been 37 county records claimed since the last meeting. These are mainly in the 50+ age group, across: recurve, barebow, longbow & compound.

I had one Men's 50+ claim for Metric 1 and the corresponding Long & Short Metrics and 4 distance claims. I checked the AGB website and only the Metric 1 record is showing.

I have written to AGB asking for conformation that this will remain policy.

Warning to TOs:-

I sent hard copies of the EAC WRS Double 720 Weekend to AGB using registered mail, address to: "Tournament Results, including UK Record Claims". AGB deny ever receiving the package.

Unfortunately, I discarded the tracking data after a couple of weeks so I cannot prove delivery (but the Post Office would have got back to me if there had been a problem).

LAA Website Little to report. A couple of death/funeral notices were on the LAA home page, but these have now been moved to the news section. Various policy and invoice documents have been added or updated upon request. The tournament page continues to get a fair bit of traffic (visitors).

Mark Leach

k. Judges SPOC

We have officiated at a number of successful shoots over the past couple of months:

- LAA Annual Novice Shoot at Eccles
- Assheton Bowmen's Novice Shoot
- Eccles Double 720 Weekend
- Wigan & Orrell Archers Double 1-Way Clout was unfortunately cancelled.
- LAA Junior Champs at Eccles
- LAA Championships at Assheton
- LAA Clout Champs at Blundellsands

A number of our judges have also attended other shoots outside the area locally and nationally.

Our congratulations go to Juliet Spedding, passing her recent assessment to become a Regional Judge and similarly Christine Roberts, becoming a County Judge.

We have also gained a new Candidate Judge Philip Taylor.

We therefore currently have 1 National- 4 Regional- 3 County – and 4 candidate judges.

We have a current a regional Judge who is retiring this year.

I will reiterate the plea in last month's report **Lancashire need more judges** in the pipeline to maintain the ability to host shoots in Lancashire.

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 encourage and has now been formalised by AGB. Please see the process on the AGB website.

Phil Morris

l. Safeguarding Officer – Nothing to report

m. Field Officer –

At the start of this year a NCAS field subgroup was put together by Yvonne Stead, who I'm sure is at the side of the room there at the meeting and will be able to clarify any points raised.

The group has met several times, I have been representing LAA at these meetings. The aim of the group is to promote and drive forward field archery within NCAS.

One of the main ways we aim to do this is by introducing existing target archers to field (and 3D). To do so we are trying to put together taster sessions in each county.

I put an appeal out earlier in the year to ask if any LAA clubs had an existing course of any type on land which could be used for a taster, unfortunately there was no response.

However, I am on good terms with the organiser of the Mouldsworth field course in Cheshire and will be running at least one taster session there, possibly 2 in Feb and/or March next year - more info closer to the time. Invitations will go to all LAA clubs, though space will be limited.

Another idea we are working on (though very much in its infancy so far) is the possibility of introducing an NCAS inter county field match next year. Again more info later as the date, format, venue etc are very much undecided but hopefully it will happen.

That's all for now.

Paul Tittensor

n. NCAS and GNAS news –

NCAS Report – Zoom meeting for county secretaries – Jude Lane

Clout – there have been some issues around sighters/no sighters after lunch break at Clout Comps – Andrew Neal has written to AGB for clarification.

County Chairs will now receive copies of notes from all the subgroup meetings.

Safeguarding subgroup – have asked for topic specific meetings. “Time to listen” courses to be run in each county. Attendees will get £5 from NCAS towards the cost – for further information please contact the LA Safeguarding Officer.

Field and Flight – taster sessions are to be advertised. The first will be in York.

Young ambassadors are to be invited to the Youth sub group

2024 coaching conference – January 21st in Barnsley.

We need to have a Coach Developer Post in Lancs – **Gaynor is aware of this**

Some possible issues around the AGB rule that was all under 18s are juniors. But now all under 21s are juniors as in line with world Archery. Can under 21s now claim junior records? – *see AOB*

What do we do about county fees?

Cheshire reported that they no longer hold “Squad” training sessions, but that they hold open ‘archer training sessions’ for any archer. – could LAA offer the same? – *Needs discussion with HB and GM – JL to contact both.*

Peter Gregory has now posted an ‘Ask Mr Clout’ page on the NCAS website

Some counties have a (quarterly?) County Newsletter – any thoughts for LAA? – *It was generally felt that as most LAA information is emailed to all clubs and we have a Facebook page and Website, a newsletter was not needed.*

o. RDO report – see attachment

6. Purchase of a printer – JP asked if LAA could purchase a printer for the TO to use for/at competitions – approx. price £200. – *All agreed, but the printer had to be available for any other LAA business. – JP. To consult with PM re a suitable Laser printer.*
7. Format for Novice shoot – JL has written out the format for the LAA Novice shoots, to ensure the shoot runs along the same lines – it has been read by ML, LM, PM, JS and RS – minor changes made – *all agreed that it can go onto the website for all clubs who host the event, to use. It is noted that changes to it will inevitably occur.*
8. LAA badges – AK made the reasonable comment that the badges given to LAA team archers and Judges are the same as the ones we sell to the general archery population. She proposed that the Team and Judges badges should be different to the ‘normal’ ones. Angela has sourced a price of less than £2 per badge. – *All were in full agreement with this proposal, the ‘new’ badges will be the same as the logo on the website. – ML to send the high res logo to AK, AK to source the badges.*

A further discussion on LAA badges took place – Chairs of LAA get a Vice president bar and badge when they finish their term, however when the President term is over, nothing signifies this. *It was agreed that retiring Presidents would receive a bar with ‘President + year’ on it plus the LAA badge. All past presidents will receive this bar and badge. – RS to send a list of Presidents and years to JL. AK will source the bars/engraving.*

9. Winners of annual awards – JL wanted to congratulate the winners – Barbara and Greg Grogan (Fred Dillon) and Mark Murphy (Jean and Roger Stretton). Mark was presented

with his award by BM, at a small ceremony – he was delighted.

10. Beginners courses – Zara Longlands asked the following –

I think it would be useful to have a list of all courses running within Lancs in a year at which clubs. Then if someone applies to a club where the waiting list is long, they can be referred to the Lancs site and get booked on another course. Might also help to get numbers up for some clubs.

So a section on “Get into archery” for example with details about archery, kit, clothing etc.

I know it would rely on clubs sending the info in, but think it could be a benefit for Lancs. The links for courses could then go back to the relevant club websites.

If the county coaching group are willing to take it on it's a good shout. Otherwise we can find a volunteer to update it - can think of a couple of people, for example, Neil at Wigan builds websites and is very detail-orientated so he could do this.

They go on the AGB website, one of the issues is how far in advance people register them.

So if someone made an enquiry at a club and was put on a waiting list, if they checked AGB they would not necessarily see clubs near them.

Ideally the website would list all clubs and whether they run courses, have a long waiting list, waiting list is closed or courses are available. Then a list of courses by calendar date that could be filtered by location.

Zara

A discussion followed with useful input from YS – AGB website have a Start Archery section – there is a link to this from the LAA website. CMS has info on clubs beginners courses and hopefully the CCO will have access at some point, so they can see which clubs are offering courses. The information available relies on clubs inputting the data. *A complex issue and difficult to answer – it remains ongoing. – YS and GM will update as and when information becomes available.*

11. Entry forms – ZL sent the following –

Yorkshire AA have all of their entry forms and payments online now...I don't know the cost, but if we split that amongst clubs and Lancs, it could be well worth it. So you enter online, pay straight away and then get an email notification. Seems like that's something we should be moving towards instead of sticking with PDFs. It's a pain to either print or edit a PDF and it might put people off entering (novices) - whereas quick and easy entry online might have an impact...long shot but worth exploring.

The following info was given at the meeting – It is only the YAA county shoots that have this system, not club shoots. JP said most of her entries are via email, and payment is via

BACs. JC said the clout is done via Google, but some people still opt for paper! – ML will look at whether Square Space can offer this facility.

12. LAA Classifications – to be discussed at a future meeting.

13. Changes to Expenses protocol – JL and LM said we need to revisit the protocol – one omission is payment for hire of toilets. Also, the current position of LAA paying entry fees, travel and £50 accommodation for National county shoot needs re-looking at. *All agreed that the original group will reconvene and update the protocol. – JL to arrange.*

14. AOB –

- JL asked if non AGB folk could attend the meetings – *All agreed no.* Any non-shooters can be registered with AGB as volunteers, and thus attend as they will be registered with AGB. (one club have a secretary who is a volunteer)
- JL said that LAA have 3 Young Ambassadors and that Joshua Green is the Youth lead on the NCAS Youth subgroup. *It was felt we needed more information on this – GB to contact Joshua G.* JL asked if we should invite the Young Ambassadors to a meeting to tell us about the role – *All agreed this was a good idea. – JL to action.* YS informed us that NCAS are working on connecting juniors and improving communication etc – *ongoing through NCAS.*
- JL asked for confirmation that the LAA minutes would be posted on the LAA website – *all agreed that they should – ML to action.*
- Ak put forward the following proposal to increase fees by 10%

AFFILIATION FEES - INCREASE

Below is a table outlining the income and expenditure for the last 5 years.

Year	Income	Expenditure	Profit	Loss
2022-23	£12,579.22	£9,306.57	£3,272.65	
2021-22	£10,233.21	£8,252.95	£1,980.26	
2020-21 COVID19	£6,012.04	£2,875.39	£3,136.65	
2019-20	£8,517.81	£6,240.04	£2,277.77	
2018-19	£10,691.84	£11,406.05		£714.21

I would like to suggest our affiliation fees are increased slightly by 10%,

So Seniors would go from £4 to £4.40, Juniors from £2 to £2.20 and Disable from £4 to £4.40. The increase would need to include Universities who currently pay £20, increase to £22.00.

This is to cover the rising cost of everything and the fees have not been increased for quite some time. I did look back on the records available to me.

- after a short discussion and looking at the finances – *the group voted against a fee increase proposal going forward to the AGM – fees to stay the same for the next year.*

- AK informed the group that at Lilleshall shoots (and other clubs around the country) PDAs are used for scoring. She proposed that LAA buy 20/30 of these for use in Lancashire. *All agreed that more information was required – PM and AK to action.*
- Junior/youth age groups – this is information from AGB via YS –

I (YS) have raised the query about U18's and age competitions - it has been confirmed that changes have been made to fit inline with World Archery ruling for age groups, with the aim to prevent any misunderstandings:

An athlete may participate in a Under 18 Class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of his 17th birthday.

WA Book 2, 4.2.3

I have also been advised that it is up to the athlete as to how they would like to compete - so they can choose to compete either as an U21 or as an Adult. However, it is important to note that they would need to shoot the correct ranking round to gain points.

ML will look at the possible impact on LAA records etc.

- RS - Morecambe Bay Archers ran a successful Postal league over the winter months – they have agreed that Rochdale C of A will now take this on.

15. Date and time of next meeting – AGM followed by General meeting – Saturday 4th November 2023. 2.00pm prompt start.

Meeting closed at – 16.20