



# Lincolnshire County Archery Society

Minutes Annual General Meeting held Monday 28th November 2022,  
Washingborough, Lincoln & Skype Virtual

**Present:** Sam Newton (Chair) (Silver Spoon), Lynn Fisher (Silver Spoon), John Fisher, (Silver Spoon), Barry Molsom (Silver Spoon), Steve Eales (Secretary & CCO) (Grantham), Helen Faulkner (Treasurer & Senior Team Man), (Lincoln), Derek Warriner (EMAS Rep), Ian Macrae (Silver Spoon), Mick Curran (Records Officer), Rick Smith (Louth), Susan Newton (Silver Spoon), Ted Tricker (Membership Secretary), Dave Inglis (Silver Spoon), Ian Prescott (Lincoln), Mike Croft (Lincoln), Derek Burnham (Louth), Nikki Edwards (Sleaford Maltsters)

1. **Apologies:** Dan Poulson, Margaret Marsh, Ian Clayton, Roger Sale

2. **Officers Reports**  
**Chairman (Sam Newton)**

As always, I need to pay tribute to all those members of LCAS who hold committee positions and actively contribute to the county meetings and the development meetings. I appreciate that you give up a lot of time over the year, especially those that are on more than one committee or do more than one job.

It remains a source of frustration for me that the same people do so much and so many do nothing to help the smooth running of the county. I urge more people to get involved because we need fresh ideas and fresh enthusiasm to drive the county forward and do things such as improving communication between clubs, between clubs and the county and to encourage people to attend shoots and be more than just social archers if that is what they want. In this regard I was encouraged with the increased participation for the county teams, but I know this will be discussed later.

There have been challenges for the county over the past twelve months with both Lincoln and Silver Spoon losing indoor venues that had been beneficial to county events. Hopefully we can find ways around this, and I wish to thank Friskney bowmen in advance for agreeing to take on the County indoor champs and I look forward to working with Michelle to make sure the shoot is a success.

On a personal note, it has been suggested to me that it appears that I don't care about the state of LCAS, and I would like to apologise to the membership if this is how it appears. I can assure you that this is very much not the case and I hope the fact that I'm Chair, Development officer, Junior team manager and also organising the winter training as well as sharing responsibility for the County Facebook page would be evidence enough that this is not the case. I admit that I do get frustrated by the lack of support from the wider membership and, like everybody else on the committee, I do this all in my own time, free of charge, something I think is often forgotten. I do however want to improve how things are going and want to work with all clubs to improve communication as mentioned earlier. As such, I plan to visit all clubs in the New Year to discuss how things are going and how things can be improved and will be in contact with the club chairs in the next few weeks to arrange a meeting.

I hope the next 12 months are better than the last and that the county can work together and grow to be something everyone can be proud to be part of.

**Secretary (Steve Eales)**

I would like to start off by saying thank you to all the club secretaries for their help in spreading any correspondence sent out around their clubs. I did put a poll out on Facebook asking if members would be interested in a WhatsApp group for the county, just an idea to try and get more people involved in meetings and the county, there was a good response with people saying yes, so this is something I will look at doing.

The online meetings have been going well and after the last meeting I could not attend it was asked if I could send the link out earlier than that day. Usually, the links are the same for the purpose of the meeting,

for example a general county meeting will be the same link as before, but I will start sending the link out the day before for people.

I have had communication from Helen Smedley:

I feel quite out of touch with Lincolnshire as a County. I meet every month with some counties- others once a quarter, which enables me to build a strong relationship with all the clubs in that area and offer support. But this is missing for Lincolnshire, and it feels I could be offering more support to the area because of this lack of contact.

Plus, I am keen to see the Lincolnshire clubs link better to each other as on my contact with clubs, there does not seem to be very strong inter-club links. I know from when we have talked before that you might feel people do not engage with the County, even though they have the opportunity. I feel regular meetings would be helpful here, and I will do my best to try to encourage engagement as well.

### **Treasurer (Helen Faulkner)**

The last year has been a more normal year as the effects of Covid have reduced. The numbers of members are still reduced from pre covid levels but there appears to be a steady flow of new members attracted to the sport. The county accounts are still at a healthy level (£34395.65)

Income (inclusive of grants)	£8304.55
Expenditure	£6746.22
Net profit	£1558.33

The following points have been noted:

1. 16/05/22 received £2100 - this is an EMAS development grant applied for in 2021 to be spent and accounted for in Sept 22-23 which needs to be match funded by other means breakdown as follows: £1000 Emas Development Grant, £300 Safeguarding, £300 CPD for Coaches, £500 Junior Squad - LCAS Development squad to provide supporting documentation to support in due course.
2. In accounts of 2020/21 £1000 grant was received for safeguarding of which £250 has been spent (2021/22) and accounted for leaving a remainder of £750 (being 3 years credits)
3. 1/09/22 £300 safeguarding grant received from EMAS for 2020-21 - this has been spent and accounted for.
4. Membership secretary has indicated the income for 2021/22 should be £2792.50 which does not agree with receipts being a shortfall of £572.50 - The membership secretary is in the process of reconciling and collecting any shortfalls
5. One off expense this year for Team shirts £1932.00
6. One off expense this year for trophies for repeat annual presentation £344.09
7. There are no significant creditors / debtors outstanding.

As treasurer I am of the mind that as we still have a healthy balance and recorded a profit for the reported year, the levels of membership fees should be held at their current level. I recommend that this continues to be reviewed on an annual basis as the cost-of-living increases, as this will impact on the county's expenses in the future.

The accounts haven't been audited in a few years.

### **Membership (Ted Tricker)**

**Only a summary was given at the meeting as Ted had the wrong glasses with him. Helen strongly disputes the accusations made with the report.**

As you most likely know I took on the post of County membership secretary at the last county AGM. This gave me the opportunity to get to know in name if not in person many of the brilliant archers and volunteers

that make the world of archery in Lincolnshire such a great sport to be associated with. Those that I have meet I have had great pleasure in discussing the finer points of archery in our fantastic county. Back to business, as I came into post two months into the new archery year it took some time to get a handle on the Lincolnshire system. Although saying that I had been the membership secretary for my previous county. This appears to be my shortfall in that what I thought I had as the county membership records was not what was needed to complete a full year ratification of paid-up membership. This appeared when the county treasurer gave me the deposited membership fee figures for the year which did not reflect the numbers I had on the system. Somewhere the excel sheet figures had become corrupted, the names and categories did not match the numbers I had. As luck would have it EMAS suspended their fees for the 2021-2022 archery year, so we are only dealing with LCAS fees. As far as I am aware there was no cash transactions at any time involved, and therefore we are talking about BAC transfers and Cheques paid into the county account only.

I now have had access to the treasurer's statement of accounts and studied them in detail. I have only a small criticism in that I found two payments recorded under the wrong heading, I was also able to find one transaction I was not aware of. Another stumbling block was that I was unable to breakdown to individual clubs under the heading **Various County fees**.

I do not believe that any miss representation has taken place but if I attempt to give the committee any hard figures it would be miss leading. I therefor ratify the county treasurers reporting of accounts with reference to membership fees.

At the beginning of the 2022/2023 season, I proposed and implemented a modified system of submitting the club fees both EMAS and LCAS. At this point I would like to thank all those that have submitted their club fees using the 2 simple forms that were sent out. It has made life a lot easier to record actual numbers of names, categories and exact fees paid. I am sure that the procedure can be improved on but that will be for someone else to work on as I intend to stand down from the county committee to concentrate on other archery projects. Please find attached a copy of the current membership (2022/2023) as of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### **CCO (Steven Eales)**

Coaching numbers run off today (AGB are behind at updating)

There are 23 Level 1 coaches, 10 Sessions Coach, 10 Level 2, 1 Development Coach, 2 County Coaches & 1 Senior Coach. No renewals pending 47 total coaches

There have been 2 coaches' meetings this year, a child protection course held here at the end of April and a first aid course held at Grantham.

Next year I plan to hold more CPD sessions and Barry is helping plan a EMAS Coaching Conference/Day.

### **Records (Mick Curran)**

#### **Awarded Records 2021**

Hamish Turner - Bare Bow 6 Records

Portsmouth

Double Portsmouth

WA25

Imperial Double Clout 120yds

Bristol 2

Roger Sale - Long Bow 8 Records

New National

Double new national

WA1440

Double Long National

Double York  
Bray 1  
Double Bray 1  
WA Combined

Ian Macrae - Bare Bow 7 Records

Metric 1

Worcester

WA18

Western

WA25

Imperial Single Clout 180yds

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Dave Inglis- Recurve 4 Records

Metric Single Clout (then beat his own record 2 months later)

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Derek Warriner - Long Bow 2 Records

Imperial Double 1 way Clout

Metric Double 1 way Clout

TOTAL. 27

NEW COUNTY RECORDS. 14

SUPERCEDED RECORDS. 13

### **Senior Team Manager (Helen Faulkner & Ian Macrae)**

Despite This has been a successful year for the LCAS Senior Team. Thoresby Trophy A nearly full team was entered for the Thoresby Trophy. 16 LCAS Archers Results Compound 1st Recurve 3rd Barebow 3rd Longbow 4th Inter counties Clout A full team was entered. 12 LCAS Archers Results Longbow 2nd Recurve 3rd Compound 3rd Barebow 4th National County Team Championships 4 teams were entered. A total of 9 LCAS archers. As far as I aware this is first time LCAS has been represented at this competition. Recurve Gents Compounds Gents Mixed Recurve Mixed Compound the Compound Gents coming 3rd at this national event. I hope that LCAS continues to support the Senior in the positive way it was supported in 2022. The new team shirts have proved to popular, well done to Sam and Helen. Future Development Team training events for which LCAS will need to put money aside. I believe money has been claimed from EMAS for this purpose. The team selection this year was, in honestly, based on archer availability. In 2023 LCAS would benefit from visiting each club looking for archers who would do well at County level. For this to be successful LCAS funding would be required to cover the travel costs. Selection shoots are required in 2023, not only to build the teams but also promote the team.

### **Junior Team Manager (Sam Newton)**

In early September Lincolnshire took a team of 2 compound archers, 1 bare bow and 3 recurve archers to Nottinghamshire for this year's Sydney Bond shoot. Hamish Turner won the bare bow team and individual awards, Kiaron Smith and Amber Shepard won the compound team, and both won their individual sections and Sam Bellamy, Izzy Birkett and George Grassam-Billard came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the recurve section. I believe there were county records shot and most importantly, everyone tried their hardest and enjoyed the day, which for me is the biggest marker for success.

### **Tournament (Vacant)**

Nothing to report

## EMAS Rep (Derek Warriner)

I have been attending the meetings this year and reporting back, and went well

## Development (Sam Newton)

There have been 3-4 meetings this year, we have been having a conversation around coaching and winter training. We are planning on putting on a coaching/CPD/Seminar Day. We hope its going to make it appeal to as many people as possible. We feel the money must stop being focused on coaching and putting it into other areas of the county

We are looking at getting 2 dates in Grimsby, 2 dates in Grantham and 1 day in Lincoln for the winter training, so I will be getting in touch with coaches to ask for help. The next meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### 3. Election of Officers

#### Chair

Proposed Mike Croft

**Sam Newton**

Seconded Derek Burnham

#### Secretary

Proposed Rick Smith

**Steven Eales**

Seconded Ian Macrae

#### Treasurer

Proposed Sam Newton

**Helen Faulkner**

Seconded Dave Inglis

#### Records Officer

Proposed Sam Newton

**Mick Curran**

Seconded Sue Newton

#### Senior Team Manager

Proposed Steve Eales

**Helen Faulkner & Dave Inglis**

Seconded Rick Smith

#### Junior Team Manager

Proposed Steve Eales

**Sam Newton**

Seconded Mick Curran

#### Tournament Advisor

#### EMAS rep

Proposed Sam Newton

**Vacant**

**Mike Croft**

Seconded Sue Newton

#### Development Officer

#### Membership Officer

Proposed Ian Prescott

**Sam Newton happy to stay on**

**Mike Croft**

Seconded Mick Curran

### 4. Safeguarding Officer

Sam is going to check to see if Isobel Gouldsbra is happy to go ahead

### 5. Membership Fees

A Discussion was had and there were 2 proposals, 1 to keep them the same or 2 - discount them. After a vote of hands, it was decided to drop them 10% for 2023/2024. It was also discussed about the fees for school affiliations to the county. The current rate in the constitution is 3 x the amount for a senior. It was agreed to discuss it at a later date.

### 6. County Tournaments

Indoor Champs

2nd April 2023 Friskney (Peter Paine)

Windsor

Friskney to confirm 21<sup>st</sup> May

Outdoor Champs

11<sup>th</sup> June

WA 1440

26/27 August Lincoln to confirm

Sydney Bond

Silver Spoon have offered depends on entries

Clout

Pilgrim to confirm

7. **Tournament fees**

It was discussed that tournament fees are kept as they were

8. **Constitution**

We have updated it at a development meeting but we have not sent it out so it cannot be agreed and brought in. We will do this at a later date/EGM. We have reworded it for the present-day terms.

9. **AOB**

Dave Inglis - This reporting period, Lincolnshire entered a few teams into the National Teams competition held at Lilleshall. Our representation was successful, where we actually collected medals in various categories. Each team consisted of 3 archers at a cost of £145. Due to the lack of archers who volunteered for selection, some teams only consisted of 2. The total cost was approximately £450 which can be confirmed by Team Manager/Treasurer.

When I raised the idea for Lincolnshire to be represented at this year competition to the Team Manager, I got the feeling the Committee were not 100% behind the idea, before approval was finally given. To enable Lincolnshire Archers to gain a wider experience shooting against national level competition, I would like to formally raise the following proposal for discussion:

Proposal:

- Team Manager (or Deputy) selects and enters an appropriate number of teams into the annual AGB National Teams competition held at Lilleshall
- The cost to enter the Lincolnshire Teams are entered as an ongoing annual financial commitment into the annual LCAS budget plan.

It was agreed that we will support them for the following year, it will be discussed at a development meeting or general meetings on how exactly we will support them.

Mick Curran also brought up that there maybe some GDPR issues with using personal email addresses for county contact information. It was agreed we will look into this.

Meeting closed 9:35 pm

Signed..... Chair

Signed..... Secretary

Date.....