

## Meeting of Archery Coaches of Somerset held at the Walnut Tree, North Petherton on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2004

In attendance:

Mr	John	Beadman	Mr	Allen	Shepherd
Mr	Graham	Bunting	Mrs	April	Thornton
Mr	Hilary	Collins	Mrs	Pauline	Tyrrell
Miss	Claire	Davy	Mr	Dave	Ward
Mr	Richard	Hill	Mrs	Barbara	Ward
Mr	Doug	Human	Mr	Jim	Wiles
Mr	Damien	Le Gresley	Mrs	Pauline	Wiles
Mr	Gordon	Lindley	Mr	Paul	Wilkins
Mr	Andy	Rees	Mr	Peter	Wiltshire
Mr	Roger	Sedgbeer			

Doug Human opened the meeting at 7.30.pm and asked Coaches to introduce themselves. Apologies had been received from Royette Chapman. April Thornton took the Minutes.

There are 17 Clubs in Somerset. The Coach split is:  
1 County Coach, 4 Coaches at Bowmen of Danesfield, 2 at West Somerset Company of Archers, 2 at Bath Archers and 2 at Puriton, (leaving 5 Coaches to cover 12 Clubs?)

Doug had spoken to all the Coaches of whom he was aware regarding the formation of a "Guild of Archery Coaches". Other counties have just such in place and the benefits are numerous. A strong coaching team would secure a brighter and better future for archery. SCAA is committed to placing money into a coaching account to enable coaches to buy equipment, for coaching aids to use around the County and support more coaching courses. The GNAS have offered to fund this evenings meeting. The support is there to recruit new coaches for the future.

Graham Bunting gave a précis of the Conference he and Doug attended at Lilleshall at the end of April, which they had found stimulating.

Friday: Shown the new proposals for changing the coaching system, in line with the National Coaching Certificate, new coaching grades and how GNAS could benefit from outside bodies. Reviewed the training and assessment of county coaches and received explanation of the new system based on distance learning and on the job training.

Saturday: Talk by Staffordshire Sports Partnership and CDO Shropshire on what is available from local governments for sport in your area. Next subject was the Community Sports Scheme, which allows Schools, colleges, sports, centres to employ full and part-time coaches. This was followed by Level 1 Course Managers responsibilities and how the handbook could be put into effect. The National Coaching Certificate was presented and discussed and finally GNAS contacts, Child Protection presentations, Archery GCSE and A level qualifications, Junior Assistant Coach scheme and Excessive paperwork and form filling.

Sunday: Proposal for the Coaching Licence Renewal Process using local panels instead of one person. Bill Mackay introduced himself as the new National Coach Education Office and outlined his vision for the future.

It was made clear that these changes would not be made overnight. Level 1 is almost complete and Level 2 is about to begin.

Before continuing the meeting, Doug read and then distributed copies of the GNAS "Mission Statement", with emphasis on the child protection policy.

The word "Licence" instead of "Certificate" was queried. In the very near future Coaches will be Licensed rather than certificated. "Assistant Coach" now classed as Level 1 Coach (1 to 5), this enables coaching in any sport of choice (bowls, netball, etc) in line with national coaching certificates.

Those wishing to take photographs during a shoot must sign a register.

### **Coach – Level 1**

Assessors and Mentors half-day course in the autumn. A Course Managers pack will be arriving in the post for all present. A letter has been sent to Club Secretaries regarding the Level 1 course to be held in Redruth. There are 300 Leaders in Somerset, ideal candidates for Level 1. To save on long drives, a "Mentor" at the trainees own club should be on hand. The Course can be completed within 6 months, but as no courses will be held in the summer months, allow one year. Club Mentors and Assessors should relieve the pressure on the County Coach and be on line for 2007.

### **Coach – Level 2**

Please advise Doug if you wish to be on the course also intended for this autumn This grade to be ready for 2005.

### **County Coach – Level 3**

There is a desperate need for coaches at this level across the UK. Doug has a copy of the proposed Draft and a course at Plymouth starts in the autumn and will take approximately one year. Possibly 4 visits to Plymouth.

### **Junior Sports Leader**

Training is modular, ie Level 1 then straight to Level 2 with no gap. Similar to a Level 1 Coach, which leads on to GCSEs. This is aimed at 14 years and above. Support from GNAS for those wishing to do the training, and under direct supervision of Mentors and Assessors as before. At age 16 will become automatic Level 1 Coach. Need for external Assessors. If we consider a Somerset Guild, then Coaches from other Clubs will be the Assessors. A copy of the GCSE paper to be forwarded to all Coaches

### **Renewal of Coaching Licences**

The ideal is a panel of coaches rather than 1 person. A points system for renewal was distributed for discussion. Keep a coaching log. Some coaches said they would prefer just to coach.

## Starting a Guild of Coaches

Doug read his report made to the SCAA on the 19<sup>th</sup> May regarding the formation of such a group. He was advised of £2000 in a Coaching Account and equipment (camera, video and monitor) available for training purposes. The aim is to get a coach into every club, support struggling clubs, financial support for new coaches and those wishing to go further.

Doug recommended that each club carry out a Club Health Check. Those requiring paperwork, contact Doug.

Following discussion, the meeting was not keen on the term "Guild". Considered Mentors could be from the home club but Assessors should come from outside the home club. Obvious that many Coaches were overloaded and a sharing might be in order.

A vote was taken as follows:

	FOR	
Never meet again	0	
Non-formal Group	9	
Formal Group	6	There were 3 non-voters present

It was agreed that meetings should be held approximately every 4 months at differing ends of the County. It should be borne in mind that a non-formalised group will find it impossible to apply for any outside funding.

### Next Meeting

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Venue: Taunton Civil Service Club  
Time: 10.30.am

**TO BE CONFIRMED**

### Coaching Website

Damien Le Gresley said he would set up a Coaching Website for Somerset and would forward information by E-mail. This was unanimously accepted even though a few members do not have E-mail and will receive the information by normal post.