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# SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

## Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Judge's Chambers, Brown's, Covent Garden

Saturday 20 April 2019 - 11 am

### Present:

Mr N Dimmock (Vice-President, SCAM Secretary, EAF Representative), Dr S Ellison (Chairman of Council), Mr C Fletcher-Campbell (Secretary & Treasurer), Mrs K Lipscomb (Judges Liaison Officer), Mr T Ferguson (Coaching Organiser), Mr D Sizeland (Coaching Finance Officer), Mr G Bellamy (Disabled Liaison Officer, Green Dragon), Mr E Armfield (Bromley), Mr E Barkway (2020), Mr L Bashford (Nonsuch), Ms J Denny (Spelthorne), Mr K Gray (S Bucks), Mr J Horner (Beds), Ms P Langton (Peacock), Mr D Leader (Aim4Sport), Mr S Nicolson (Crowthorne), Mr G Potts (Pinner), Mr R Press (Andover), Mrs C Stocker (Windsor Forest), Mr P Turner (Overton), Mr P Watson (Peacock).

### AGM19.01 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Mr J Willson (President, Junior Liaison and Championship Organiser, Rayleigh Town), Mrs Louise Belbin (Lady Vice President), Mr R Beaney (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Attrill (Clout TO), Mr R Brown (Records Officer, Arundown AC), Mr A Purser (Trustee, Essex), Mr R Pilkington (Website Manager), Ms A Baily, Ms M Blumbergs, Mr J Gorman, Mr S Keenan, Mr D Saville, Mrs M Saville, Bognor Regis AC, Worthing AC.

### AGM19.02 President's Remarks:

In the absence of the President, the Chairman welcomed attendees, noting with relief that the meeting was just quorate.

He invited the meeting to stand for a short period of silence to remember those members of the Society who had passed on during the year.

The SCAS President's Medal was awarded to Mr Alex Purser, in his unavoidable absence.

Having attended the AGB AGM a week before, the Chairman noted that SCAS members had been well represented in the awards: Layla Annison – Young Archer of the Year; Peter Hill – Hartwell Trophy; Mark Davis, the Secretary and himself – AGB Silver Awards for services to archery.

### AGM19.03 MINUTES of last AGM:

The Minutes of the AGM on 05 April 2018 were approved as a true record.

### AGM19.04 Secretary's Report

As in the Annual Report.

### AGM19.05 Treasurer's Report

As in the Annual Report. The published accounts, as prepared by the inspecting accountant, were approved *nem con*.

### AGM19.06 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS:

#### AGM19.06.01 SCAM Secretary

As per the Annual Report.

The SCAM Secretary noted that the 2018 SCAM had been the first at the new venue (Winchester Rugby Club), and a further report would follow.

#### AGM19.06.02 Inter-Counties TO

No event in 2018

#### AGM19.06.03 Field Tournament Organiser

As per the Annual Report.

#### AGM19.06.04 Clout Tournament Organiser

As per the Annual Report.

#### AGM19.06.05 Indoor Tournament Organiser

As per the Annual Report.

#### AGM19.06.06 Junior Target Tournament Organiser

As per the Annual Report.

#### AGM19.06.07 Field Archery Liaison Officer

As per the Annual Report.

**AGM19.06.08 Judges Liaison** As per the Annual Report.

**AGM19.06.09 Juniors Liaison Officer** As per the Annual Report.

**AGM19.06.10 Chairman of Coaching**

The Senior Coach course had now finished, with 4 successful candidates of whom 3 are from SCAS, and 3 still to complete. A County Coach course is planned. Level 1 & 2 courses have been run throughout the Region. The Conference was postponed to the autumn due to difficulties fixing suitable speakers.

**AGM19.06.11 Coaches Finance** As per the Annual Report.

**AGM19.06.12 Public Relations Officer**

Now that the website is fully functional, news content from clubs is welcomed.

**AGM19.06.13 Disability Liaison Officer** As per the Annual Report.

**AGM19.06.14 Regional Records Officer:** As per the Annual Report

**AGM19.06.15 EAF Representative** As per the Annual Report.

The Chairman thanked all officers and officials for their work over the year.

**AGM19.07 ELECTION of OFFICERS for 2019-20:**

**19.07.01 Lady Vice President:**

Mrs K Lipscomb, having been duly nominated, was elected unopposed.

**19.07.02 Chairman:** Dr S. Ellison

**19.07.03 Honorary General Secretary** Mr C Fletcher-Campbell

**19.07.04 Honorary Treasurer** Mr C. Fletcher-Campbell

There being no other nominations for the above three posts, current holders were re-elected.

**19.07.05 SCAM Secretary** Mrs C Piper, having been duly nominated, was elected unopposed, with the approval of the outgoing Secretary Mr N Dimmock, who was thanked for his very many years in office.

**19.07.06 Field Tournament Organiser** post currently vacant with no nominations

**AGM19.08 Subscriptions for the membership year 2018-19:**

The proposal to retain subscriptions at £2 Senior, £1 Junior/Young Adult was agreed *nem con*. Junior and University Club *en bloc* subscriptions remain unchanged at £6 and £11 respectively. The direct member subscription remains at £4; life membership is available at 10 times the direct subscription, subject to conditions published in the Annual Directory.

**AGM19.09 Appointment of Inspecting Accountants:**

The proposal that the SCAS inspecting accountants for the financial year ending December 31st 2019 shall be Messrs Nockels Gee of 5 The Chambers, Vineyard, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3PX was agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

**AGM19.10 Any Other Business:** none

The meeting closed at 11.40 pm and was followed by an open discussion on the subject of membership issues under the proposed new CIO constitution.

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**OPEN DISCUSSION on the Chairman's paper on future SCAS membership structure for CIO**

SE explained that the survey of opinion of clubs on future membership structure of SCAS under proposed CIO format, via googledoc questionnaire, will remain open until the end of May.

The purpose of this discussion was to ascertain any questions or issues which he had not addressed in his comprehensive paper on the three membership options (Individual, Club, County), as well as to invite opinions of those present. The outcomes of the discussion and of the online survey will be discussed by Executive and Trustees during the summer and a honed version brought to September Council meeting to inform further discussion.

The intention is to present the new CIO Constitution and associated Rules to next year's AGM.

The Constitution will follow the Charity Commission's template, which provides a fairly broad outline of operation, as far as possible. Greater detail for the future management of the Society, in particular the responsibilities devolved to Council by the Trustees, will be entrusted to the Rules, which can subsequently be changed at an AGM without recourse to the Charity Commission (CC).

**Topic 1 – Trustees:**

CC template Constitution (CCTC) provides for one-third of the Trustees to stand down each year, by rotation, so 6 seemed the minimum workable number.

The question of procedure in the event of equal votes on a motion was raised. Secretary confirmed from CCTC that chairman has a casting in addition to an elective vote.

There was support for the suggestion that there should be 9 Trustees. However, RP observed that the Society already struggles to find volunteers for several roles and that it might prove difficult to find 9.

CCTC provides for principal officers to be trustees *ex officio*; this may be a matter for consideration.

The question of whether the principal officers should also be limited to three-year terms was raised.

This could ensure that rein was given to fresh ideas and enthusiasms; on the other hand expertise and experience might be unnecessarily lost.

ND observed that non-archers with particular expertise (eg financial) might be recruited. EA pointed out that AGB Board at one time had little archery-specific expertise amongst its members.

RP stated that currently AGB Board can raise subscriptions without reference to the AGM; a provision against this possibility will be necessary for SCAS.

One member proposed that the promotion of *all* forms of archery by the Society should be enshrined in the Constitution.

**Topic 2: Council membership**

It was agreed with little discussion that the current arrangement of Counties appointing representatives to serve on Council was the most effective method of ensuring regular two-way communication between counties and Region.

**Topic 3: Devolved responsibilities of Council**

As outlined in the preamble, the CCTC provision that the Trustees may devolve responsibilities to committee(s) will be retained as a generality. The detail of such devolvement will be committed to the Rules, which can be changed at General Meetings without recourse to seeking CC approval.

The following duties/tasks were agreed to remain with Council:

- Appointment of all TOs (including SCAM); it was felt there is no need for these to be ratified at a GM
- Operational policies
- Financial policies – discussion, passed to Trustees for ratification
- Tournament arrangements
- Grants, via elected sub-committee as at present

Discipline/Complaints: consideration will be given to whether Trustees can devolve this area to Council; one suggestion was that initial panels might be drawn from Council (or other) members, with Trustees acting as an appeal body.

#### Topic 4: **Membership Structure**

**Individual:** every member of a SCAS club has voting rights at GMs:

This is the most transparently 'democratic' structure, but would have considerable administrative implications regarding communication – collecting and updating electronic/post addresses for 16,000 members – and meetings, which would have to be conducted in some electronic fashion.

**County:** GM voting rights assigned to County representatives, with some weighting for number of clubs/members, and make own arrangements for collecting views of its club members.

This is the simplest structure with the least administrative burden, but would lay much onus on county secretaries / committees to disseminate minutes/motions/issues to clubs and collect their opinions.

**Club:** each SCAS club has voting rights at GMs, weighted according to size (1 vote per 10 members?)

This model is (*pace* Constitution details) what was effectively put in place back in the days when SCAS members other than Council used to attend AGMs and there were issues which caused sufficient controversy as to demand a formal vote: club representatives would be allocated voting slips according to club size (hence the historical need for tellers).

The general feeling of the meeting was that the Club structure is preferable, but account will be taken of further responses to the googleform survey before this matter is taken further.