

**The Annual General Meeting of the Regional Shooting Committee was held in the Ellen Terry Suite at Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1LZ at 10am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

The Chairman, Hannah Brown, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking them for attending and for all their hard work through the year.

**20/01. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Gary Bellamy, Kieran Carr, Robert Clark, Mark Davis, Neil Dimmock, Sean Fox, Richard Hillier, Tommy Hodder, Debbie Horn, Rachael Hurle, Andrea Kehoe, Maggie Pearce, Graham Pink, Melissa Rocha, Lynsey Taylor, Martin Whiting, Jack Wilson

**20/02. Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (as circulated)**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

**20/03. Matters arising**

16/2 Point 6 – It was discussed on what to do if there was an unseen bouncer, as the AGB Rules of Shooting do not allow this to be claimed even if it is then verified by a Judge at the Target. It was proposed by the Meeting that one solution was to change the Rule to remove the word “seen”.

Update – Graham Potts said that the Rules Committee had not progressed this any further. It was agreed that the SCAS Judge Committee would formally contact the Rules Committee to ask them to look at it

Update 2018 – the Rules Committee have been contacted and it is now with them to look at when they can so can now be closed.

Update 2019 – Graham Potts confirmed that the Rules Committee had been contacted but had not had a chance to look at it yet.

Update 2020 – Graham Potts, as part of the Rules Committee said it was on the list of items to be looked at but they had not had a chance yet due to other more urgent issues.

**20/04. Correspondence**

All correspondence has been sent out during the year in the regular communications.

Hopefully you are all receiving the regular emails from Archery GB as well.

**20/05. Chairman's Remarks**

Well this has been my first year as Chair of this group and I can certainly say that Grahams boots are a big pair to fill – despite them being at least 4 sizes too big I managed not to trip up and make it through to talk to you here.

You'd have thought with all the time off recently I could have written lots but you'll be pleased to know I didn't.

To those who have joined us, welcome, I hope that the world of judging inspires you to stay and that you get as much out of it as so many of us have.

To those who have studied and worked for their upgrade, well done, this is no mean feat at the moment and you deserve to be proud of yourselves for what you have done.

We have a number of judges working at the top of the game, and they have all been rewarded for their hard work by appointments to World and European events. Katy as Deputy at the Paralympics, Graham as Chair at a World Cup leg, Lee at European 3D and the para ranking event, Gareth at the European Youth. These are all massive achievements and you too should be very proud of yourselves.

This year will see the introduction of new rules, the formal introduction of barebow to target archery, how many new archers will this bring us, how many field archers will come and shoot target-especially with World Records available, so it is important we understand the rules and make sure we are up to date.

This is a real key point with judging, the rules keep changing, sometimes by a lot, sometimes by a tweak but we have to be on top of it. Let's make sure we are on top of the changes, so we know the rules and don't have to make up our own personal interpretation of them, and don't get caught out by the archers – especially the barebow ones!

Today we will have a number of presentations and some will provide areas for discussion. It's important that you take part, don't just sit and listen, voice your thoughts, this is your chance to influence how the judging in the region moves forward, and being the biggest with the largest number, we have a real chance of influencing national process too.

So, before I hand over to the meeting, I'd like to pass on my thanks to Katy, who without all of her work, nudging, nagging, and organisational skills our region would not be in the position we are now. Katy, Thank you.

Hannah Brown  
Chairman, SCAS Regional Judge Committee.

Please note that the Chairman was too modest to mention with the International appointments that she has been appointed as Chair of Judges in Tokyo 2020, the first woman to be appointed to that position.

#### 20/06. **Secretary/Liaison Officers Report**

Please see attached document SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE 2020.pdf

Katy Lipscomb  
SCAS Judge Liaison Officer

#### 20/07. **Elections**

- a. Nominations Received. We have received seven nominations for Katy Lipscomb as Judge Liaison Officer

No nominations were offered from the floor so Katy Lipscomb was elected as Judge Liaison Officer for the period 2020 – 2022.

**20/08. Appointment or promotion of Judges**

- a. National Judge
  - i. Tony Harris
  - ii. Debbie Horn
- b. Regional Judge
  - i. Georgina Cutts
  - ii. Alex Purser
- d. County Judge
  - i. Warwick Drew
  - ii. Paul Jackson

**20/09. Discussion Meeting/Training****a. Update from Robert Potts – Judges Working Group**

Rob Potts read a statement from Arran Coggins about the changes to the Judges Working Group. The Archery GB Office were going to take over the running of the emails and some of the day to day administration. As well as raising the profile of Judging within Archery GB the move will free up the Working Group to concentrate on the more important and strategic things.

Richard Pilkington and Rob gave an update on the new uniform. The shirts from Errea are not available in ladies fit or large sizes (this was unknown when they decided on them). They have been able to find a supplier who have a shirt that matches nearly in colour, but there is a minimum order of 40 shirts at a time. Hopefully the order will be placed soon and the shirts will arrive a few weeks after that. All ordering for the shirts will continue to be through Archery GB. If you have any queries on the uniform or the status of your order then contact the Working Group at [judges@archerygb.org](mailto:judges@archerygb.org) where Katy Cummings from AGB is looking after the uniforms. There were several comments about the new shirts and requests were made for a long sleeve version or a version in a sports material or a base layer. The Working Group will look into this to see if it is possible.

*There was a break of about 15 minutes for refreshments with the Meeting resuming at 11:20*

**b. Judging 101 – Lee Miller**

Lee Miller gave the attached presentation “Judging 101 - Lee Miller.pdf”

He discussed various issues he has discovered as an archer and from talking to archers.

Honesty – don’t lie to archers, they often know the rules as well as Judges do and know when you are lying, so be honest. If you are not sure of the answer, tell the archer that you need to go and check and then go back to them with the answer and show them in the rule book if appropriate.

As Judges we are lucky, we have time to go away and check the Rule Books or speak to the other Judges, use that time, rather than make it up. For example if you are not sure how to deal with a scoring mistake – shot too many arrows/out of time – then write down all the scores on the back of the scoresheet and then go and speak to the other judges or consult the rules to work out the answer.

Integrity – Make sure that you are fair to all, regardless of personal feelings. One way to help with this is to not ask whose arrows you are judging when doing a line call. If you feel you are possibly compromised then ask another Judge if you can swap areas so you are away from that archer.

At all times you should act professionally, you are there as a Judge, not as an archer, a friend, a relative; personal opinion should never come into how you handle a situation.

Try to be transparent with how you deal with a situation, for example take the time to explain to the archers what you are doing and why particularly if it is a situation where their score is

affected. If you take a time to explain how you reached the score you did when someone shot too many arrows they will be more comfortable with your decision. Or explain how you judge a line cutter, this will help all the archers on that target determine whether the arrows are in or out in the future.

Integrity also extends to making sure there is a level playing field at all tournaments, so ensure that Record Status and World Record Status tournaments are run to the levels as detailed in the Rule Book. This way an archer competing for a record in Essex is shooting at the same quality of tournament as an archer in Yorkshire, as an archer in Italy.

Efficient – Holding up a tournament or breaking the rhythm of a tournament unnecessarily is a real bug bear of archers. They understand that target faces need to be changed, so if a face needs changing make that decision quickly, do not wait until all the archers have walked back and then start looking at the faces and deciding. And do all those that need doing in one go rather than doing one each end. If a target is not marking their arrow holes, speak to them next end rather than spending time marking them all. Try to walk back from the targets quickly, don't leave it until all the archers are back behind the line before starting to walk the 70m back. If you have a Judge who is struggling with walking or are feeling tired then try to put them on the shorter targets or ask them to head back when their patch is clear and wait on the 3m line. If there is a hold up then keep the archers informed and if possible let them know how long the delay will be.

Lee also discussed that one of the other issues is Judges not following the proper procedure for arrow values, the procedure is detailed in his presentation.

There was some discussion about additional tools that Judges might use, such as torches, mirrors or extendable magnifying mirrors. It is okay to use these, just make sure you practice with them and are comfortable using them properly.

c. Barebow – Hannah Brown

Hannah Brown gave the attached presentation “Barebow presentation 2020- Hannah Brown.pdf” World Archery are introducing Barebows to World Archery Target Events with the associated world records and target awards. This may lead to a lot of Barebow archers from World Archery Field coming to target events. These archers know the rules inside out so Hannah talked us through the rules and what to look out. The main difference between World Archery and Archery GB barebow rules is that World Archery Barebows have to be able to pass through a 12.2cm ring. The new rules are coming into effect from January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.

At Head to Head events the barebow round is shot over 50m on a 122cm face. They will shot in Sets the same as Recurves.

If Barebows want to shoot at a longer distance then they can and it is up to Organiser on how they handle awards and medals.

d. Update from Graham Potts – Rules Working Group

Graham Potts explained that Archery GB are looking to update the AGB barebow rules to match the World Archery barebow rules to make it easier to understand for the archers. For now at Archery GB events the barebow does not need to go through the 12.2cm ring, but at World Archery events it should. They are hoping to make this change as soon as possible.

They are also looking at amending the Recurve, Compound and Barebow equipment rules so instead of them being detailed in the Archery GB Rule Book the rules just reference the World Archery Rule Book and the equipment rules are referenced in an Appendix. This will mean that if World Archery changes the equipment rules the change will automatically in the AGB Rules. This should make things easier and less confusing for the archers. At the moment there is a time delay when something changes in World Archery before it is updated in Archery GB, for example the arrow wrap rules.

There will also be a clarification on the new Vegas 300 Round scoring to make it clearer. Recurves and Compounds both score the big 10 as a 10 and the inner 10 as an X. The Rules Working Group would also be going through some changes in the same way that Judges has so that a lot of the day to day administration will be done by Archery GB.

*There was a break of about 55 minutes for lunch with the Meeting resuming at 14:00*

e. Clout – Richard Pilkington

Richard Pilkington gave the attached presentation “Clout shooting 2020 - Richard Pilkington.pdf” He highlighted some of the different bits of equipment you see at Clout events and how the scoring works at Clouts.

f. Unusual Equipment – Paul Clark

Paul Clark gave a presentation about what to do when you come across equipment and you are not sure if it is legal or not. He presented the attached flow chart “Flowchart for unusual equipment - Paul Clark.pdf” which can be used to guide you through what to do when you are not sure about a piece of equipment.

There was some discussion afterwards about a database being introduced which contained all of these sorts of items and what the outcome was. This would be similar to the Interpretation system that World Archery use. Judges could reference this to see if the item or a similar item were listed on there. This would also be useful to archers when they develop their own equipment. This suggestion will be put to the Judges Working Group.

g. Continuous Learning – Geoff Barham

Geoff Barham gave the attached presentation “Continuous Learning 2020 - Geoff Barham.pdf” Geoff highlighted that whilst we have an excellent continuous learning procedure with the J05s and the re-accreditation process there were some gaps. The main ones being that Judges who do not want to progress do not need to have J05s filled out on them, this was custom and practice; the other was that National Judges do not have J05s filled out on them at all.

There was some positive discussion and the general opinion was that this was a positive step to avoid Judges falling into bad habits or not keeping up to date with the rules. Particularly for newly qualified National Judges it would help support them and give them reassurance that they were performing well.

There was some discussion on the best way to do the process. The main concern was asking juniors judges to complete a J05 on their Chair of Judges or National Judge could make the junior judges uncomfortable and put them in an awkward position where they are not comfortable criticizing senior Judges. Some suggestions where that J05s would only be completed when the National Judge is acting as COJ; National Judges on probation should have J05s at all shoots in that period; get Nationals to complete J05s on other Nationals; Nationals only have a J05 done at a selection of tournaments such as National Tournaments; the J05 is done by all Judges at the shoot so comments are anonymous; the reviews are done on line anonymously; the questions are written in a way so feed back is positive and not seen so much as criticizing the National Judge. The SCAS Judge Committee agreed to take away the proposals and review what we actually want to achieve from the process and come up with some ideas on how to proceed. The Committee would probably ask other Judges from all levels to be involved with moving this forward.

20/10. **Any Other Business**

None

**20/11. Date and Venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that the room at Stevenage would be booked again for the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Ellen Terry Room.

However, if anyone can recommend another venue in a suitable location then we could consider the meeting in 2021. The venue needs to be in a central location with good transport links and be able to hold approximately 65 people. The current venue costs £200 for the room and approximately £150 for the refreshments. **Any suggestions need to be sent to the Judge Liaison Officer by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.**

Many thanks to Robert Potts for bringing the AGB weights so that our bow scales could be checked during the day and to Andy Turner for helping with this. Also to the people that kindly did a presentation – Lee Miller, Robert Potts, Graham Potts, Hannah Brown, Richard Pilkington, Paul Clark and Geoff Barham. Their time and effort was much appreciated.

The Meeting closed at 16:30 pm.

**Activity in the Region 2019**

Type of Event		Designation of Round		Numbers of Judges					Events by Grade			
				Judges	2017	2018	2019	Change	2017	2018	2019	Change
Target	730	Archery GB	420									
Field	76	World Archery	492	International	6	6	5	-1	143	199	136	-63
Clout	45			Continental	0	1	2	1	0	11	48	37
Flight	0			National	13	11	12	1	352	278	334	56
Other	61			Regional	12	13	14	1	259	240	216	-24
				County	19	18	17	-1	228	209	153	-56
Total	912			Total	912	Candidate	7	10	7	-3	77	68
Status of Event		Level of Event										
World Record Status	417	International	76	Totals	57	59	57	-2	1059	1005	912	-93
Record Status	268	National	152	Returns From	54	54	52					
Non-Record Status	167	Regional	85	Average Days Per Judge	19.61	18.61	17.54					
Training	60	County	208									
		Club	391									
Total	912	Total	912									