

SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

CIO – charity no 1195164

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Council held on Saturday 14 September 2024 at 10.00 in Ruby Room, Premier Inn, Euston

PRESENT:-

President, Vice-Chairman and Kent	B Beaney
Vice-President and Bedfordshire	B Dunlop
Chairman	S Ellison
Hon Treasurer / Secretary	C Fletcher-Campbell
SCAM Secretary	C Piper
Vice-President, Judges Liaison Officer, Trustee	K Lipscomb
Coaching Finance Officer & Norfolk	D Sizeland
Records Officer & Sussex	R Brown (by Zoom)

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

Bedfordshire	G Beeby
Berkshire	C Stocker (by Zoom)
Buckinghamshire	M Blumbergs
Cambridgeshire	P Langton, P Watson
Essex	A Purser
Hampshire	D Faulkner, R Press
Hertfordshire	
Kent	A Baily
London	
Middlesex	G Pratt; J Denny (by Zoom)
Oxfordshire	
Surrey	
Sussex	M Bruguier

Meeting commenced at 10.15 after technical issues with Zoom had been sorted out.

24.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

SCAYT Organiser	M Barr
Website Manager	R Pilkington
Bedfordshire	
Berkshire	T Clint
Buckinghamshire	K Gray
Cambridgeshire	
Hampshire	
Kent	
Middlesex	
Oxford	M Dapra
Surrey	L Bashford
Sussex	M Bruguier
AGB Regional Development Officer	H Neville

24.20 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS none

24.21 MINUTES of the meeting of 27 April 2024:

Minutes were approved, with one name correction and addition of Judges' report.

24.22 MATTERS ARISING:

- 24.17 BB reported that he intended to make the presentation to ND at a forthcoming meeting of West Kent Archers.
- 24.18 SCAS Tournament Guidelines: AP reported that the update had been completed, and was awaiting Chair's approval before being published.

24.23 AGB Membership Reorganisation

This proved to provide the bulk of the meeting's material; discussion lasted an hour.

Initially the following principles were agreed to answer the several enquiries from member clubs:

- SCAS subscriptions remain as agreed at the AGM: £2 for seniors, £1 for under-25s.
- Counties are requested to continue to collect SCAS subscriptions as best they are able under the new AGB arrangements.
- Bulk payments based on previous year's membership figures remain entirely acceptable.

Summary of main points raised:

- Considerable regret was expressed about the lack of notice of these changes. One County chair reported that he had received notice of the changes just 24 hours before they came into effect.
- AGB claims to have consulted the membership, but no-one present at the meeting was aware of any such consultation.
- In particular, no consultation had been held with those who are burdened with operating the membership scheme within counties and regions.
- A corollary suggestion that this was because AGB really wishes to dispose of the county and regional organisations was negated by SE, who commented that there was no indication of this in recent consultations on the structure of AGB.
AP observed that AGB has neither the structure nor the personnel to handle 'local' complaints and other issues.
KL reported that she had heard that AGB is running a trial with West Midlands trying to collect the regional subscription alongside the AGB membership fee.
SE reported that there is a proposal for AGB to collect £1/archer with AGB membership fee to fund AE in future years.
- With archers enabled to join AGB individually on random dates rather than 'in bulk' via clubs, it will be increasingly difficult to keep track of membership for county and region purposes.
One County treasurer commented that the new system would undoubtedly lead to loss of AGB membership, as well as making county and club secretaries' jobs far more burdensome. Some membership secretaries were known to be resigning. Clubs/counties will have no control over membership.
If members refuse to pay county and regional fees, it will be difficult to enforce these.
- Insurance:
As insurance is the only benefit of AGB membership for the majority of archers not interested in competition, many clubs are seeking insurance elsewhere.
Two county representatives reported that the largest clubs in their counties, in one case forming half the total county membership, are intending to opt out of AGB membership with external insurance. One of the smaller counties, with only 7 clubs, expects to become less than viable, and may have to consider amalgamating with a neighbour, on Essex/Suffolk lines.
GP raised the question of insurance for archers who choose not to join AGB but wish to keep shooting.
- This is very likely to generate hybrid clubs, embracing some AGB members who wish to shoot competitively and some who shoot only recreationally.
Care will need to be taken in future over the awarding of grants, coaching and judging to such clubs.
- CP raised the question of judges checking field registration etc.
KL responded that that, and checking AGB membership for competitors, is the TO's job; PW observed that that will become increasingly demanding as a result of the membership system with unique AGB affiliation dates.

- RB again queried the value of AGB membership to the non-competitive archer. PW commented that 'in-person' training modules had greatly reduced because AGB pays only necessary expenses directly incurred by the organisers, so there is no incentive.
- In conclusion, it was emphasised that all SCAS events, including WPL, must include only archers in membership of AGB and Region. (It was noted that electronic membership cards do not include county and regional membership information.)
- It was agreed to re-circulate the last electronic 'green book' list of clubs by counties and ask County secretaries to update to current situation, in order to try to maintain some hold on membership losses and changes.

Meeting took a break from 11.15 to 11.30

24.24 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & OFFICIALS

24.24.01 Secretary

No business to report since last meeting

24.24.02 Treasurer

Account summary for YTD as at 12/08/24 ('23 comparables in ())

<i>Income</i>			<i>Expenditure</i>		
Subscriptions	9366	(12850)	WRS/FITA		(80)
			Accountancy	1170	(48)
BP	2795	(2192)	AGM & Council meeting	941	(816)
			International Rep grants	2000	(3600)
Loan repayment	1000	(500)	Academy grants		(0)
			Club grants	500	(500)
Tournaments – SCAYT		(1381)	Club loans		()
Clout		(192)	Judges	5200	(4000)
			Coaching		
			Tournaments	4100	(2552)
			Website	325	(238)
			Tax	133	
			AGB RDO salary		
	<u>13161</u>	(18218)		<u>14369</u>	(11834)

Co-Operative Bank balance £ 15368

Triodos Bank balance (30 Jun) £53192 (£51650)

Latest valuation of Investment portfolio (06/24) £86130 (£78353)

This year, grants have been approved by Grants Panel as follows:

International representative competition @£400: McGuire, van Cleef, Cheung, Robertson, Roberts
Clubs: Mersham £500

24.24.03 SCAM

The meeting was held at Waterside Archers, Exbury, Hampshire. Numbers were similar to last year. The traditional longbow was very hot, and Harry came along to speak to the archers. There were just under 50 archers shooting the Double York, Hereford including on day 1, two Junior women. This was the first year that Bristol rounds were included and catered for the 50+ age group. The Long National on Sunday, lacked participates, however those that shot and stayed for the presentation, thank you.

9 Archery GB Rose Awards were claimed along with a 6 Gold End. Congratulations to those archers. On the flip side there were insufficient number of to award all the trophies and the Longbow Day, most archers had a medal(unrewarded) which is the past with a large field of archers made sense but now I feel this is somewhat has lost its purpose.

I did manage to ask a number of archers if they could speak to their clubs, with the potential to host the meeting next year 2025 or in 2026. From the initial maybe sadly both of the clubs have declined. So, I am still looking, for clubs to come forward, ideally one in the East, North, West and South of the region. For more information on the meetings requirements email secretary.scam@scasarchery.org.uk (Small work party required, judges gazebo, couple of tables, refreshments and access to a power source for the scoring laptop & printer) I spend a lot of time polishing the trophies, so anyone would like help buff a few bases, let me know.

Dates for next year setup on 7th May and shooting on 8th -11th May inclusive.
A venue is still being sought; offers welcome.

Carla Piper SCAM Secretary

24.24.04 SCAS Regional Indoors

PR push, SCAS Regional Indoors 24th Nov at Places Leisure, Eastleigh. Look on Ianseo, SCAS website for more information. It is on Facebook but if you can pass it on, please do. This year I can have the FOP across the length of the hall, shooting from the entry doors to the outer wall. This will provide space for more bosses and safer to manage the door entry next to the glass window. The bosses are being hired by Tenzone Targets.

I have a number of archers already submitted their entry forms, along with 2 clubs block en masse of 10 archers.

There again if there are any club that have a spacious venue that could accommodate the event in 2025, please let me know, so that it can be viewed and booked in plenty of time.

I would like to thank "VIVO Defence" in advance for sponsoring the faces.

Carla Piper

24.24.05 SCAS Inter-Counties

Weather, warm, sunny light breeze

Round up of the day: Those archers and teams that took part had a great day. The event was about team comradery, along with a chance to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

The scores mattered but they weren't the most important thing on the day. A senior 6 gold end and 2 WA Stars were claimed. Well done to all.

Due to no show for the Hampshire recurve team, meant a last-minute substitute. A borrowed bow, arrows and chest guard gave Aisha a different view of the FOP, instead of watching daughter Rumasya.

There was a lot of smiles and laughter on the field, which shows in the photos taken.

Mrs Helen Press was our Lady Paramount and was able to chat to archers that she had not seen for over 20 years.

The judges had a relaxing day and enjoyed the afternoon tea, while I compiled the results.

Thank you to Andover Archers for providing the work party and refreshments, the judges and especially the archers & Counties that put in a team. Those that took part had early starts in the morning and long drive home.

If there any previous winners of "Inter Counties" trophies, please could I have them back. SCAS only has the Junior Compound Trophy, so it was not presented.

Dates, format and venue, for this event will be published early 25If you have a new Team manager, please provide their contact details and push other Counties to enter at least 1 team.

If you club would like to host the event, please contact me directly, so that I can plan for next year. The date would be set-up on 2nd and competition on the 3rd of Aug 25. If needed and given plenty of notice, I can hire the form bosses from Tenzone Targets. I would need a small work party, judge's gazebo, couple of tables and refreshments. Timing system (can be borrowed/hired) and access to a power source for the scoring laptop & printer.

Carla Piper

A discussion on the format for next year ensued, and indeed its viability.

It was agreed to publish details now to enable maximum planning time.

H2H format was agreed.

On AP's suggestion and after some discussion, team format will be 'doubles' rather than 'mixed', due to lack of female participants.

24.24.09 **Junior Tour Manager**

RB reported on MB's behalf that 88 entries had been received so far. The final will be in Hertfordshire.

Malcolm Barr SCAYT Organiser

24.24.10 **Clout TO**

Unfortunately Bedfordshire had not managed to find another organiser.

24.24.11 **Field Liaison**

The SCAS County Team Field Tournament took place on the 28th July 24 and was enjoyed and welcomed by those who took part. There were 16 teams that took part from 6 different counties.

The results have been published on the SCAS website with Hampshire and Norfolk winning the classes.

Following on from the test event last year I broke down the team requirements into bow styles therefore allowing what I hoped to be wider participation, this worked to a degree but highlighted the lack of female field archers that could be called upon to represent the counties. That said I think the team of one male and one female is correct but we need to work on expanding the pool of archers rather than splitting it into a male team and a female team, as the event has limited space and could be filled with all male teams.

The Counties that entered were Hampshire, Kent, Sussex, Oxford, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, Berkshire entered a team but had to withdraw as they lost a team member.

Considering the distance that some of the teams travelled I think it shows that an event of this type is wanted and the general feedback I received is that even though it's a one day event it was worth the drive. The Team managers also commented that it gave some archers that would not normally make the team an opportunity to earn their county shirt.

To sum up, the event was enjoyed by those who shot but we need to do more work on expanding the pool of archers, especially the ladies to make it viable. I would suggest that the counties undertake matches between themselves in this format to achieve this.

My thanks go to the following, Tony Harris as the H2H would not have happened without him and for all the groundwork, Erin Barkway and Chris Morrell my additional Judges, The High Weald AC for the use of their range and Ashford Archers for the support and facilities, both who donated their services at no cost.

Balance Sheet Income		Expenditure		
Team fees	£15 x 16	255	Booking fees	8.84
Mileage		117.46		
Food		38.85		
Awards		36		
Toilet Hire		20		
Faces		17.50		
240		238.65		
Surplus		£1.35		

Bob Beaney - Field Liaison Officer

BB reported that next year's Field Championships will be held at Ashford Archers on 28 July. Record status had been applied for.

BB raised the possibility of acquiring a set of 3D targets for SCAS. He reported that 3D format is in high demand at present, with long waiting lists for all 3D tournaments. A set would cost c£7k. He was asked to prepare a bid for the Grants committee, who would then make a recommendation to the next Council meeting.

Congratulations to Bella Braguier, currently en route to World Field Championships in Canada, in company with Ollie Hicks, Sophie Meering and Imogen Sullivan-Bell from Berkshire.

24.24.12 **Winter Postal League**

No communication from the organizer has been received, so the future of WPL may be in doubt.

24.24.13 **Judges' Liaison Officer**

There have been a few changes to the Judges List since the last meeting. Many congratulations to Helen Piper and Ben Hastings who have passed their County Assessment and Aislinn O'Connell who has passed her Regional Assessment. Thank you to everyone who has helped out with these assessments. We also have a new Candidate – Mark Robinson from Hampshire.

The Olympic Games and Paralympic Games have now finished in Paris. Many congratulations to Hannah Brown who was a Judge at the Olympic Games, Katy Lipscomb who was Chair of Judges at the Paralympic Games and Robert Potts who was Director of Shooting at the Paralympic Games.

There has been some confusion recently about the sort of tops that can be worn at Record Status/ World Record Status events in the UK. The rule is 307 (c)
Members of Archery GB shooting and officiating at tournaments granted UK or World Record Status by Archery GB are required to wear clothing that is appropriate, clean, in good condition (ie not frayed or worn, either deliberately or by use) and conventional in style and appearance. In particular:

(i) Tops or shirts must cover the front and back of the body (including the midriff when at full draw), they must not be strapless and, for gentlemen, must include sleeves.

(ii) Any colour garments may be worn with the exception of blue denim, olive drab and camouflage pattern.

(iii) Badges, Logos and Wording.

a. Clothing manufacturers' trademarks are allowed. The wearer's name is allowed.

b. Individuals, and members of clubs and other archery organisations that are commercially sponsored may wear sponsors' logos and names during the sponsorship period only.

c. Other wording or badges on clothing must represent archery organisations.

(iv) Members of Archery GB who are officiating as the Chairman of Judges, Judge or Director of Shooting at a UK or World Record Status tournament shall wear Archery GB recognised Judges official dress.

(v) A member of Archery GB who has represented Great Britain (GBR) as an archer at an international tournament may wear their international shooting uniform for the remainder of that season and the following one.

Tops should be plain; club tops or represent archery organisations. So tops with pictures on them are not allowed, neither are band t-shirts, football shirts etc

As always, if anyone has any questions on Judging or the Rules or there is anything else we can assist with, please don't hesitate to ask me, Hannah or Richard.

Katy Lipscomb

Judges' Liaison Officer

24.24.14 **Chairman of Coaches**

No report

24.24.15 **Coaching Finance Officer**

DS and PP reported that it is proposed to run a Conference for the first time in many years, at a potential deficit of £1.5k. Meeting agreed that this could be borne in view of lengthy gap.

Derek Sizeland

Coaching Finance Officer

24.24.16 **Public Relations Officer**

Richard Pilkington was again thanked for keeping website so efficient.

24.24.17 Disabled Archery Liaison Officer

No report

24.24.18 Records Officer

All the claims up to this month have been ratified. There were numerous over-50 claims for the indoor season, but none for the outdoor season so far.

Rod Brown Records Officer

24.24.19 EAF Representatives

No report.
SE is the 2nd representative until the next AGM.

24.24.20 AGB Regional Development Officer

By the time of this meeting, we will be a few weeks past the culmination of the Olympic and Paralympic games. This summer, therefore has been a busy one across the SCAS region. We have seen over 20 'Aim for Paris' events delivered, from have a go's to fanzones and everything in between. Not to mention multiple Start Archery Week events across the region, including clubs leading events for the very first time. From a development perspective, it is fantastic to see so many opportunities for people to pick up a bow for the first time. Both the fanzones in Southampton and London were huge successes, and I would like to give a massive thank you to all volunteers involved to make such events possible.

I have also been travelling around the counties, and can't thank everyone enough for such a friendly welcome. It has been great to take in competitions in Cambridge, Kent and Oxfordshire as well as visiting Overton for the British Field Championships to help setup and attend the SCAM for the first time. I really enjoyed visits to two fantastic SAW events in Sussex and Hertfordshire too.

We have also just seen the first (hopefully of many!) reverse integration disability archery events in Hampshire. This was led in conjunction with an experienced, proactive archer in the county and proved to be a huge success. I implore anyone in the region who has a passion within archery and wants to share it in some way to bring it to me and we will support in absolutely any way we can- you have more experience and knowledge than I do and it is invaluable to tap into this.

Additionally, you will likely have seen by now communication of changes to AGB membership. I know this has been met with a huge variety of opinions, and I completely appreciate where people's concerns come from. I understand that whether you are an archer, a club chair, a TO or anything in between, then these will have an affect on you and you will hold an opinion as to whether these are appropriate. Much of my time since this announcement has been spent speaking to individuals and clubs for further clarification, further information or simply for people to air their view. This is a big part of my role as RDO, and so I thank people for taking the time to share their thoughts. SCAS is full of proactive, forward thinking people who do an incredible amount for the sport and therefore I ask that you bear with us and converse with me to ensure you are supported through these changes. Unfortunately, due to a family bereavement I will not be at the meeting but my email and phone number are on the SCAS website so please do reach out.

Have a great weekend, and I am really excited and looking forward to what the end of 2024 will bring in SCAS.

24.25 DATES and modes of NEXT MEETINGS:

11 Jan (zoom); AGM & Council provisionally 12 April, in Royal Overseas League (near Green Park), by kind recommendation of KL – AGM in morning, followed by lunch for Council.

