

SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

Pre-Meeting Reports for the Regional Council held at Brown's, Covent Garden, London, on Saturday 18 January 2020 at 10 am

20.06 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & OFFICIALS

20.06.01 Secretary

Executive/Trustees meeting:

The Executive and Trustees met in August and December to discuss various matters, and in particular to agree a 'final' version of the CIO Constitution and Rules for presentation to the AGM.

BP shares were discussed. Current market value of these is in the region of £135k. Trustees expressed concern about having such a large investment in a single company, especially with the prospect of dwindling profitability of carbon-based fuels in the longer-term future, and the ethics of holding investment in an environmentally-hostile company. The problem is that any attempt to sell the shares will invoke substantial CGT. Investigations will be made with the Society's accountant to see whether this can be mitigated, for example by selling only a small quantity of shares each year.

AGB Regional meeting:

The Vice-Chairman (in absence of the Chairman abroad on business) and Secretary attended a meeting for Regional chairs and secretaries convened by AGB at Lilleshall.

The morning business was principally directed to the future **structure** of AGB, with various proposals presented and discussed. While little unanimity emerged, AGB intends to implement some structural 'modernisation' in line with Sport England and other controlling bodies' requirements. It is likely that there will be one rather than two administrative levels between AGB and clubs, possibly based on areas rather than current regions.

AGB officers present undertook to ensure full consultation and to avoid the hostile reception generated by what seemed to many archers a unilateral imposition of changes in 2010, from which AGB relationships are still suffering.

The discussion inevitably produced the 'what does AGB do for the grass-roots archer?' grudging enquiry, from one regional secretary in particular, which was met with a robust (and credible) response.

There were also some interesting presentations on AGB programmes to extend the **membership** base, focusing on youth, via the 'Ambassador' scheme, and diversity. An analysis of AGB membership in terms of expectation and application in four 'segments' generated a probably predictable distribution: 'Experts' 5%, 'Eager Club' 15%, 'Enthusiasts' 52%, 'Casual Shooter' 28%.

All AGB organisations are encouraged to ensure they meet tier 1 of the Mandatory Requirements for proper **governance**; Executive/Trustees will measure SCAS current practice against this code.

The issue of a club seeking membership outside its own county is still ongoing, but measures have been taken to ensure that the club members are not disadvantaged in applications for tournaments etc. The matter was raised with AGB officers by Vice-Chair/Secretary at above meeting.

20.06.02 Treasurer

Account Summary end of '19 accounting year (equivalent '18 figures in ())

<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Subscription	17817 (24228)	Council travel	1451 (3126)
		Council room hire	1559
		WRS/FITA*	350 (228)
BP	8231 (7868)	Accountancy	108 (882)
		International rep grants	6576 (6083)
Loan repay	167 (167)	Club grants	1130 (2200)
		Club loans	500 (1000)
Tournaments	296 (376)	Judges	6100 (4200)
		Coaching	2139 ()
		Tournaments	841 (771)
Bank int		Report/Directory	(1294)
Website	64	Website	482 (755)
		EAF	4992 ()
		EAF travel	233 (950)
		Liability Insurance	249 (249)
Total	26575 (32639)		26710 (21738)

Cooperative Bank balance: £17,627 (£15,481) Triodos Bank balance: £71,293 (£71,152)
Fidelity investment: £77,425 (£75,767) Total £ 166,345 (£162,400)

On Grants Panel recommendation, grants have been awarded (since April meeting) to:
Sargeant £400; Thomas-Prause £400; Annison £400; Woodgate £400; Pipers £1600; I Taylor £400; Kingstone £176 (for arrows); Meehan £800.

Club grants: BAGC £500; Silver Arrow £500; Ebbsfleet (for minibus driver course £130)

Club loan: Silver Arrow £500.

Trustees have met representative of Fidelity investment company and received a report on the early part of 2019 having been very challenging for all investments; however, the market picked up late in the year. On Fidelity recommendations, some minor changes were made to the investment portfolio.

20.06.03 SCAM Secretary

See attached prospectus

20.06.04 Indoor Tournament Organiser

20.06.05 Inter-Counties Tournament Organiser

20.06.06 Junior Tournament Organiser & Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding: There were no incidents to report

Junior Championships:

This event has now been applied for Saturday 29th August, all the arrangements as previous years are in hand. As last year's report this is a real area for concern. We therefore proposed that we will combine the event with a Senior York, Hereford to include adults, also looking at the need for a double weekend event, combining it with the Runwell tournament on the Sunday. With the changes in the Adult calendar it gave the Adults an opportunity to gain extra points

and classification award they might need at the end of the season, but more important STOP the deficit we have suffered this year. We hoped this would encourage more junior archers to attend. Both tournaments. This year we put up 24 targets and the results are very encouraging to see. So we will keep with the same format for this year.

John Willson - Junior Tournament Organiser and Safeguarding Lead

20.06.07 Junior Liaison Officer

Dave Leader - Junior Liaison Officer

20.06.08 Clout Tournament Organiser

Bob Attrill - Tournament Organiser

20.06.09 Field Tournament Organiser

- Field Tournament Organiser

20.06.10 Field Liaison Officer

20.06.11 Judges Liaison Officer

Happy New Year to you all. Since the last Council Meeting we have had some changes to the SCAS Judging list. I will start with the good news. Many congratulations to Debbie Horn from Essex and Tony Harris from Kent who both passed their National Judge assessments. We also have two new Candidates, John Gorman from Cambridgeshire and Lynsey Taylor from Hampshire. It is not all good news, Martyn Gore, Paul Birch and Meera Shah have resigned from Judging. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them well for the future.

We had the SCAS Judge Conference on the 11th January at Stevenage. It was well attended with a great number of Judges coming from all parts of the Region and of all grades, including many of our new candidates. We discussed the changes that came into force in 2019 and looked forward to 2019. There was also presentation on Judging 101, Clout Archery, the new Barebow changes and profession development. The Annual Returns for Judges have been collated and in 2019 there were 912 days were done by the 52 Judges who sent in their Returns out of 57 Judges. This is down on previous years, but reflects that a lot of shoots were cancelled in the year for varying reasons.

Looking forward to 2020 we have the Regional re-accreditation process which has just ended and we are waiting for the results. Each grade is re-accredited every 4 years, this consists of an open book exam as well as attending a certain number of tournaments and Conferences in the 4 years period. I have every confidence that all of the SCAS Regional Judges who take the exam will pass. We also have the National Judge Conference which is being held near Taunton at the beginning of March. There are also some changes to the rules on Barebow as World Archery introduce Barebow to Target events, along with all the associated world records and target awards. We are still waiting for official confirmation on what will happen to the AGB Barebow as the rules for this are different to the World Archery rules.

The list of Appointments for the National Tournaments has been published, with SCAS Judges, once again, being well represented, quite often as Chair of Judges or as Director of Shooting. Internationally the SCAS Judges have another busy year ahead which includes appointments as the Chair of Judges at the Olympics in Tokyo, Deputy Chair of the Paralympics in Tokyo, Chair of a World Cup and various European Championships. We also have quite a few upgrade assessments planned for next year already, including one Judge going for National, and I am sure more will be arranged as we go through the year.

As it is January I'm afraid it is time to look at our budget for the coming year.
A brief summary of the accounts for 2019 are below –

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance at 01/01/19			£3351.59
SCAS Budget	£6100.00		
Candidate Pack Income	£356.00		
AGM		£1785.24	
Assessments and Badges		£484.40	
Stationary & Postage		£30.76	
Travel & Meetings		£2588.88	
Candidate Pack Costs		£539.42	
Uniform Grant		£340.00	
Balance at 31/12/19			£4038.89
Totals	<u>£6456.00</u>	<u>£5768.70</u>	

Amount held for Candidate Armbands - £0
Amount held for Candidate Packs - £300
We need to maintain enough money in the account to cover these.

So, the account is looking very healthy at the end of 2019.
Because the Judge Conference occurs at the beginning of the year a large chunk of money has already been paid out. The account balance at 12/01/2018 stands at £xxxxxx (amount to be confirmed at SCAS Council Meeting)

The projected Budget for 2020 is		
SCAS Judge Conference	£2000	(based on increase in attendants and room costs)
Assessments	£600	(for cost of Assessors and Candidates Travel)
Badges	£80	(for Judges and SCAS Badges)
Stationary	£50	(for Stationary and postage costs)
Travel	£0	(for travel to JLO Meetings, there are none planned at present for 2020)
Grant for Candidate Seminar	£600	(we have 4 Candidates who have not attended and hope to get 2 more new Candidates in 2020)
Grant for Regional Seminar	£400	(we have 17 County Judges, hopefully 4 will attend the Seminar)
Grant for National Conference	£1000	(16 National Judges have not claimed in their period (which started again in 2019 and 14 Regional Judges have not claimed in their period which started in 2020, hopefully 10 will attend)
Grant from Re-accreditation		£1400 (The Regional Judges are to be re-accredited in January 2020, there are currently 14 Judges and hopefully they will all pass. Please note the County Judges are up for re-accreditation in 2021)
Grant for new County Judges	£500	(we have 7 Candidates, hopefully 5 of them will take and pass their assessments)
Candidate Pack Costs	£500	(for items for Candidate Pack)
Projected Budget for 2020	£7130	
Amount already in Account Meeting)	£xxx.xx	(amount to be confirmed at SCAS Council Meeting)
Total Budget requested	£xxx.xx	(rounded down) (amount to be confirmed at SCAS Council Meeting)

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

20.06.12 Chairman of Coaches

Tony Ferguson - Regional Coaching Organiser

20.06.13 Coaching Finance Officer

Derek Sizeland - Coaching Finance Officer

20.07.14 Website

Richard Pilkington - webmaster@scasarchery.org.uk

20.06.15 Disabled Archery Liaison Officer

2019 has been and gone as a liaison officer I have no comments from the scas membership to note, just to remember the loss of 2 great coaches within the disability and able body community, Bob Smith and Helen George, both will be missed.

Gary Bellamy - DLO

20.06.16 Regional Record Officer

The Target and Clout record tables are up to date apart from two pending claims that require further information from a Tournament Organiser.

I have been very busy recently, so some claims have taken up to eight weeks to be checked and ratified, although on average three or four weeks is more typical.

A recent claim, which was ratified, was made for a score that was placed third in group at the qualifying tournament, and the two archers with higher scores were both SCAS members.

This shows that people with high scores at tournaments are not automatically thinking of checking the Regional Records. Maybe something should be done now to raise the visibility for the regional records, in all disciplines.

Rod Brown – Regional Records Officer

20.06.17 EAF Representative

Notes from the AGM:

The Chairman began by expressing his disappointment with regard to the non-inclusion of Archery in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham 2022, emphasising the quality of the presentation and document printed, these are stored at AGB and will be distributed at the Regions Meeting (3rd December) at AGB. Further explanation is contained within the report to committee.

Ladies cricket at Edgbaston is a huge crowd puller and the festival atmosphere of beach volleyball is well..... anyway, it won over the OC! We shall try again for 2026 but it still hurts as a missed opportunity, not to have our sport represented at our own home games.

We continue to make ground on our progression into a more visible 'Archery England' following our agreement to do so on the back of our Birmingham bid. The hub of Archery England is the web page and whilst we are making progress, we must dedicate more time to pushing this forward. We have an excellent web designer. The platform is built, and the structure is there to receive the content and it's this that we need to add next. Some of it is useable but old and some needs re-writing. We are searching for volunteers.

One thing is that Archery England continues to work alongside and across so many other archery organisations and increasingly each know who we are, what we do and represent. Not just Archery GB, but World Archery and the Commonwealth Archery Associations, Commonwealth Games England, our own Home Nations, the Archery Foundation, the Royal Tox and now even the Worshipful Company of Bowyers. We must never forget that probably 70% of AGBs success comes from English clubs and on that note, we must acknowledge the archers that secured the 6 qualifying places for The Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020 at the World Championships in the Netherlands this year.

Many thanks to Maxine Palmer who is standing down for health reasons. Jane Burnham is also standing down.

Election of officers.

There was no nomination for secretary. To remain within our Constitution a proposition was approved that Lynne Evans be invited to continue for one more year. This was agreed. All other officers are either still within their periods of office or re-elected.

A discussion over selection considered the reasons for and against the numbers of archers submitting scores for selection. And at times the Team Manager was required to 'select' on the day at tournaments where the England Team was competing. Hilda Gibson suggested that a liaison with the AGB National Development Programme would be another avenue to encourage archers to submit scores as part of their personal development.

The accounts show a very healthy state, with an increase in the overall balance due mainly to not having to fund the Euro Nations / Commonwealth Championships Europe tournament as hosts or to send a team.

Squad Weekend 21st – 23rd February 2020: The preparations for the 2020 squad are under way, with the invitation to be sent to those archers who submitted scores for selection during 2019.

To enhance the squad and include a 'meet & greet' with the Archery England Committee and Officers, a provisional programme was considered. With a Team Managers Workshop to be held on Saturday, as well as the 1st of the 2020 Committee Meetings.

As part of the ongoing promotion of Archery England, a role of Ambassador could be considered alongside the promotion of clubs that wished to be accredited with the status of Home of Archery England.

Barebow Category: At the World Archery Congress in June this year the category of Barebow was approved, this has been recognised in Field Archery for many years but is now to be recognised in Target events. It was agreed that Archery England should take the lead on inclusion; whilst there might still be a limited number of participants for Home Nation Matches the Mixed Team Event could well be considered.

Regional Competitions - Member Regions were asked to consider sending a team to the 2020 event. The 2020 event will be held by Oxford Archers on the August Bank Holiday Weekend. EAF Target Championships –. The successful applicant is Lincoln Archers who can accommodate 50 or 60 Bosses

Home Nations Matches which are incorporated into the National Tournaments, British Target Senior Outdoor, Junior Outdoor, National Indoor Junior and Senior. Discussion over selection of archers highlighted the current registration (tournament entry system) on Sport 80, where places for Home Nation and other Teams such as the Services need to be factored into the Sport 80 System prior to going live for entries.

Commonwealth Championships Europe incorporating the Euro Nations – Host: Wales July? 2020

Commonwealth Championships 2020 Youth Euro Nations the prospectus is to be released in January 2020.

Neil Dimmock, Derek Sizeland – EAF Representatives

Note from Treasurer:

In view of the marked reduction in last year's EAF expenditure, leading to a surplus of £6724, and corresponding increase in financial reserves, the payment of the levy to EAF has been delayed for the meeting to approve. AE Treasurer has supplied the following justifying information:

ARCHERY ENGLAND - NOMINAL BUDGET INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020

ITEM	ACTUAL COSTS FOR 2018-2019 (£)	PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2019-2020 (£)	NOTES
EURONATIONS	0	6000	Includes Entry fees and accommodation
WINTER TRAINING	1600	2000	Increased costs of venue and coaches' expenses
SQUAD CLOTHING	0	500	
COMPETITION ENTRIES	1050	1200	To include all entry fees except Euronations as above
NEW WEBSITE COSTS	0	2000	To include all set up costs
REBRANDING COSTS	0	2000	Including new logo design, new dyes for medals, trophies and clothing if needed
EQUIPMENT	0	1000	Including new projector for delivering presentations at training and meetings
EXECUTIVE EXPENSES	450	1000	Travel to meetings (there were less meetings in 2019)
WEBSITE	158	200	Running costs
AGB AFFILIATION/WRS FEES	150	200	Fee likely to increase
POSTAGE	100	250	Includes stationery costs
MISCELLANEOUS	73	100	
TOTALS	3581	16 450	

- There was a reduction in expenditure in 2018-2019 mainly due to the Euronations not being held (it is held every 2 years now)
- Initially we had hoped that archery would be included within the Commonwealth Games which would have incurred increased costs for the EAF
- This is now not occurring but it is likely a new tournament will happen following the Games but no details are available. Although this will be hosted by AGB we anticipate some entry fee costs for the EAF
- We are currently rebranding and will incur costs though these are not yet finalised
- No increase in fees is proposed for this year and for the foreseeable future but as can be seen the budgeted figures for this coming year are more than our expected income (of £10 770 from our subscriptions)

20.06.18 AGB Development Officer

Counties – Only London left to meet. I have been working closely with Surrey and Bucks County who have both been working on their development plans. I believe Surrey have now completed their 3-year plan and Bucks, whilst still in their 2nd Draft, have already started making changes and working on the topics that have been put forward to go in their plan.

Counties I have met since last meeting	County I have not met	Counties with Development Plans
Oxfordshire & Hampshire	London	Bucks – 2 nd DRAFT. Surrey – Completed and in use to 2022.

Clubs – At the last meeting it was requested that I would write a short description of my job role and forward to the SCAS Secretary to send out to all clubs in the region. Only 5 responded.

Met 12 new clubs (The Green Dragon Bowmen, Rayleigh Town AC, Gravesend Archers, Sevenoaks, Newham Archers, Vets Support Group, Sway Bowmen, Southend & District AC, CEDAK, Baughurst Bowmen and Griffin Archers).

Ontarget clubs signed up/renewed – 8 Clubs (Ramsey Ravens AC, The Green Dragon Bowmen, Meridian Archery, OS Archers, Southampton University, Harefield Archers, Peacock Archers and Black Stag).

3 New Specialisms (Peacock Archers – Young People, The Green Dragon Bowmen & Southend & District AC – Performance)

Funding – Sway Bowmen successfully obtained Sport England grant. Still have some finances to make up before receiving that grant.

Workshops – Club Development Workshop confirmed for 7th March 2020 at Guildford Archers. If well attended there will be another Club Development workshop in the east of the region later in the year.

lanseo workshop to be held in Hampshire in February - TBC

Judges Conference at Lilleshall 1/3/20.

Other - School Space Partnership – Developed a partnership with School Space which offers a 10% discount to new Archery clubs who use their service. School Space work with schools across London, Oxfordshire and Berkshire to utilise sports facilities which aren't being used. They are aware of the minimum requirements for archery clubs to shoot.

Learning Curve fully up to date with Club Development topics – available to ontarget clubs, judges and coaches.

Conferences attended – Why Sports, Clubmatters and Disability Archery Adaption Workshop.

Targets moving forward:

- Aid Bucks in completing their development plans and encourage other counties to start thinking about the process
- Continue to work towards priorities
- Confirmation of lanseo workshop
- Big Weekend Promotion
- Attend/Support SCAS Events

Toby Andrews – AGB Development Officer

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20.07 **SCAS PRESIDENT'S MEDAL**

The following nominations have been received (alphabetical order):

Geoff Barham, Bob Beaney, Dave Morris, Steve Nicolson.

Citations in attached document.

20.08 **DATES of NEXT MEETINGS:** AGM 04 April, 05 September

20.09 **Any Other Business**

Meeting closed

Minutes approved:

signed:

date:

pending approval