

SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Council held by Zoom
on Saturday 05 September 2020 at 12 noon.

PRESENT:-

President	P Watson
Chairman	S Ellison
Vice-Chairman & Kent	B Beaney
Hon Treasurer / Secretary	C Fletcher-Campbell
SCAM Secretary	C Piper
Coaching Organiser	T Ferguson
Coaching Finance Officer & Norfolk	D Sizeland
Vice-President, Judges Liaison Officer, Trustee	K Lipscomb
Disabled Liaison Officer & Hertfordshire	G Bellamy
Trustee & Essex	A Purser

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

Bedfordshire	
Berkshire	C Stocker
Buckinghamshire	K Gray
Essex	
Hampshire	J Piper
Hertfordshire	
London	
Middlesex	J Denny, G Pratt
Oxfordshire	M Dapra
Surrey	L Bashford

20.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Junior TO & Safeguarding Records Officer & Sussex Website Manager	J Willson
Cambridgeshire	R Brown
Hampshire	R Pilkington
	J Gorman, P Langton
	P Turner

20.12 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

SE reiterated President's thanks for attendance at AGM.

20.13 MINUTES of the meeting of 18 January 2020:

Minutes were approved without amendment.

20.14 MATTERS ARISING:

20.05.02 Runwell AC Loan:
Instalment of £600 had been paid. Treasurer to contact JW re progress of project.

20.08 Equality in team selection:

Some clubs had responded to the January circulation of the AGB recommendation that all teams should include at least one female archer, indicating that this penalised clubs/counties with few or no female archers participating in competitive shooting. Comments had been passed to Toby Andrews (AGB Development Officer) for comment; he referred them to Arran Coggan (AGB), but no further response had been received, presumably due to staff furloughing during pandemic.

MD commented that Oxon has separate team competitions for male/female/junior. Hants Indoor is junior-specific; Outdoor selects club teams purely on scores. SE pointed out that different rounds attract different score ranges. Kent simply specifies teams of 4 archers. Oxon was invited to make a proposal for recommended team selection criteria for consideration at the next meeting. AP noted that in the past the county/club hosting a regional event had been free to decide format for the event, but some counties simply could not raise sufficient competitive female archers. TA's proposal at last meeting had resulted from the promotion of female archery being part of the AGB Development Plan.

20.15 CIO Constitution: Complementary Rules:

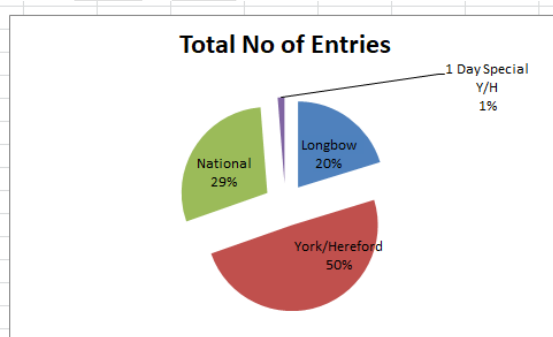
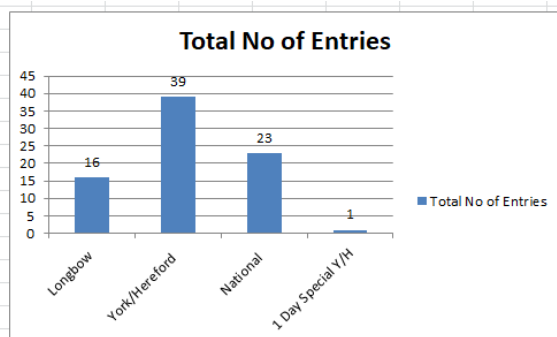
These had already been approved with Constitution at AGM
It was agreed to send flowers as token of thanks to solicitor who had reviewed.

20.16 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & OFFICIALS

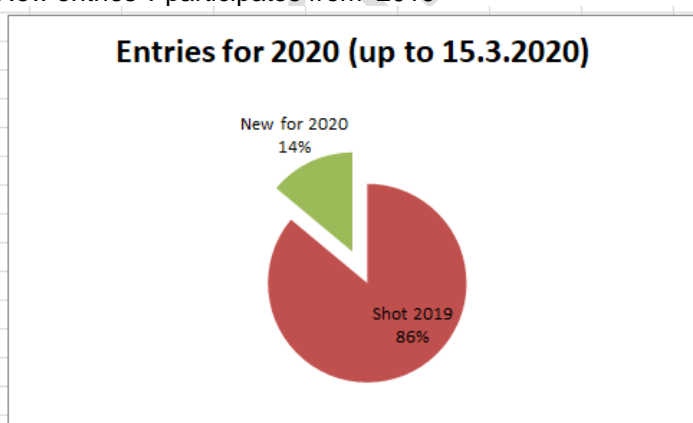
Officers and Officials had nothing to add to AGM reports, due to lack of activity over past several months, except:

20.16.03: SCAM Secretary:

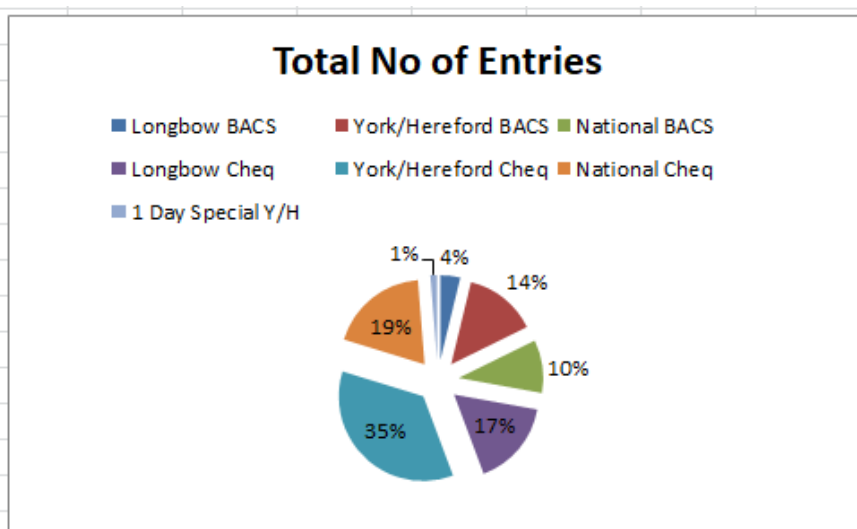
This year:
Total number of entries = 79 up to 15.03.2020



New entries v participates from 2019



The uptake in BACS entry fees for the York/Hereford was just under half.



Entry fees had been repaid to all.

Plans for 2021 are in hand, but could be a challenge; it was uncertain whether the Winchester field will be made available.

Carla Piper – SCAS Secretary

20.16.04 Indoor TO:

CP understood that A Caine may not be willing to host the event again next year. Hants may be willing to incorporate the SCAS shoot into its County indoor shoot, assuming that the relevant facilities will be available/practicable; limits on numbers due to social distancing requirements could easily lead to a substantial financial loss. It was agreed to submit a WRS application on the presumption that the event can go ahead.

20.16.11 Judges' Liaison Officer:

I think we can all agree that it has been a very strange year and it looks like this will continue for a while.

Whilst not much has happened since January physically, apart from a very successful National Judges Conference in Taunton, Somerset which was well attended by SCAS, the SCAS Judge Committee has done what it can to keep the Judges informed of news. This has been mainly through several emails keeping them up to date with Rule Interpretations and Judge changes. We have also made sure that Judges are aware of the new guidance for Judges now competitions are returning. However there is no compulsion for any Judge to attend a competition if they do not want to and there will be no adverse effects if they do not want to return to Judging at present.

Archery GB have also organised a quiz night for Judges and have been working hard to put the Judge Annual Return Forms online to make things easier for Judges. This will be unveiled in a month through a webinar. My thanks go to AGB for communicating with me as JLO through the pandemic and ensuring all JLOs were kept informed and were able to comment on the guidance for Judges at competitions.

We also have some new Judges. Richard Custance who is a National Judge has moved from EMAS to Kent. We also have a number of new candidates – John Owen from Essex, Jackie Lee from Berkshire, Nick Lee from Berkshire and Helen Piper from Surrey.

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 – Judge Liaison Officer

20.16.12 Chairman of Coaches:

Conference had to be cancelled, but sessions on Zoom are in progress and had proved popular; video recordings are available on the website. There will be a Zoom coaches meeting at the end of the month.

Tony Ferguson – Chairman of Coaches

20.16.13 Coaching Finance Officer:

Deficit on cancellation of facilities booking for conference was £500.

A County course is shortly to start, requiring £1800 support, with other expenses in pipeline. It was agreed that the £2k agreed at the last meeting should now be paid, and any further funding required will be allowed for in the 2021 budget submission at January meeting.

Derek Sizeland – Coaching Finance Officer

20.16.14 Publicity:

CS observed that Hants had recently authorised a deputy host for the website, in event of the website manager being unavailable for any reason. SE suggested that secretary and or chair should have deputy access; RP will be asked for relevant passwords/access details.

BB commented again on the great improvement in the management and content of the website, which was a significant benefit for the Society. RP was thanked for all his work.

20.16.15

GB reported that John Cavanagh (Royal Richmond) had received a Silver award for his services.

20.16.17 EAF – next meeting, including AGM, in November.

20.17 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS:

Secretary proposed 16 Jan, 17 April (to include AGM) and 04 Sept.

A reserve date of 17 July was added in case warranted by sufficient business.

SE suggested that January meeting will also have to be on Zoom, but he hoped April can be in person.

20.10 Any Other Business

SE reminded meeting that Officials had also been re-elected *nem con* back in April, alongside the Officers.

SE invited County representatives to report on the current situation in their counties.

Most reported two common elements: somewhere between two-thirds and three-quarters of clubs are now back in operation to some extent, and there is a deficit of approximately one-third of members renewing membership (which was not unusual for some in normal circumstances).

Guildford's bank holiday tournament, run with social distancing, was featured on BBCtv South news.

Another common theme is the difficulty experienced in re-admission to school facilities. This is understandable in view of additional sanitizing requirements, but is a severe disadvantage.

DS offered to circulate a risk assessment for school use which had subsequently been adopted by AGB for similar situations.

Indoor shooting is likely to be variable: some facilities are expensive at best of times, and with correspondingly fewer participants dictated by social distancing might well prove unaffordable.

An issue with AGB communication was raised: AGB often communicates new strategies direct to individual members (known to be its preferred method for the future) without giving any advance warning to county and club secretaries who will be involved in their implementation. It is also often difficult to find relevant material on the AGB website.

It was agreed to contact AGB on this latter matter, and also urge AGB to write to the Minister for Sport requesting schools to be encouraged to be more flexible in their approach to lending their facilities, especially when they must be starved of income from lettings.

Meeting closed at 13.25

Minutes approved:

signed:

date:

pending approval