**SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Council held by Zoom**

**on Saturday 04 September 2021 at 10 am.**

**PRESENT:-**

Chairman S Ellison

Hon Treasurer / Secretary C Fletcher-Campbell

SCAM Secretary C Piper

Coaching Finance Officer & Norfolk D Sizeland

Trustee & Essex A Purser

AGB Regional Development Officer T Andrews

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:**

Bedfordshire

Berkshire

Buckinghamshire K Gray

Cambridgeshire

Essex

Hampshire J Piper

Hertfordshire

London

Middlesex G Pratt, J Denny

Oxfordshire A Buchan

Surrey

**21.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

President P Watson

Life Vice-President and EAF Representative N Dimmock (internet issues)

Vice-President, Judges Liaison Officer, Trustee K Lipscomb (Paralympics)

Vice-President B Dunlop (internet issues)

Vice-Chairman & Kent B Beaney

Coaching Organiser T Ferguson

Junior TO & Safeguarding J Willson (internet issues)

Website Manager R Pilkington

Disabled Liaison Officer & Hertfordshire *vacant*

Berkshire C Stocker

Cambridgeshire T Clint

Hampshire P Turner (internet issues)

Middlesex J Denny

Indoor Postal League S Barber

**21.21 CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS**

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SE noted that this was the first meeting of Council under SCAS CIO auspices.

He was sorry that it was not ‘in person’.

**21.22 MINUTES** of the meeting of 17 April 2021:

Minutes were approved without amendment.

**21.23 MATTERS ARISING**:

None not separately on the agenda.

**21.24 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**21.24.01** Executive & Trustees met in July to discuss Development topics.

**Membership**:

Regional role is to facilitate recruitment/recovery by sharing good practice.

Further action will depend on the outcome of AGB decisions regarding membership mode.

**Communications**:

Website is now well-maintained and informative. Multiple messages to clubs have been sent indicating that all SCAS archers should go to the website for information, but the effectiveness of this depends on the efficiency of club secretaries in passing this on to members.

Facebook involvement would be beneficial; SE pointed out that there are already many archery-based Facebook accounts (clubs) which could be used for links to SCAS website. This would need an organiser.

Suggestion for Coaching Group: process of renewal of Coaching qualifications could be streamlined online, similar to Judges’ process. ***Action***: RCO

**Performance Pathway**:

It was felt that archers aiming at international competition (a) would probably achieve their goal regardless of the Performance Pathway, and (b) would have to take time out from education or work and so would need financial support from some source.

Within the Region, methods of talent identification need to be in place.

**21.24.02 Competitions**:

CP reported that she had had responses to her request for opinions on regional tournaments from only three counties.

It is clear from those and other conversations that the loss of the Inter-Counties for some years now is much regretted. [See item 21.31 below)

A survey of attendees at SCAM had indicated that

* changes to more ‘modern’ rounds on the second main day, and
* the timing of the two main days over a weekend rather than mid-week

would generally be supported.

CP felt that the fine SCAM trophies ought to be, but are currently not being, awarded to the top archers in the Region, since the top archers do not/are not able to attend the event.

CP mentioned that when she started in archery she anticipated that there would be a progression of tournaments, so that County championship winners would proceed to Regional championships, and the winners of those to the national championship. She had discovered that this is the typical pattern in Europe. Should the SCAM trophies be awarded to Regional champions on this scheme?

It was felt that there is a lengthy ‘history’ invested in the SCAM trophies, and in the often very ‘particular’ achievement for which they are awarded.

There should possibly be separate tournament(s) for high-achieving archers, with vouchers towards archery equipment as prizes rather than medals/trophies.

SE commented that there is some merit in ‘mixed-ability’ tournaments, since these give ‘middling’ archers the opportunity to mix with / observe high-performing archers.

It was agreed that a survey of individual archers’ preferences for tournaments might be carried out via Facebook posts. CP will draft a set of questions, pass them to SE who would consult Executive as necessary. ***Action***: SCAM Sec

**21.25 RANGE INSPECTION RENEWAL**

A number of clubs in the Region had experienced problems with a previously ‘hidden’ AGB insurance requirement for adequate barriers to be placed in situations where the overshoot safety area on their

range extends into neighbouring land and there is no signed agreement with the adjacent landowner.

Landowners are often reluctant to sign such a document, in case they might in some way become liable in the event of an incident.

This barrier needs to be of a height greater than the average wall, for instance; one club had quoted 3.5m required.

GP wondered whether the insurers had considered this requirement ‘in practice’; he could understand the need for a barrier directly behind the targets, but not at the 25m lateral boundary.

KL had taken this matter up with AGB, but had received a somewhat ‘side-stepping’ response referring to Rules of Shooting rather than insurance conditions. Council requested her to refer back to AGB;

TA will also make enquiries since this is an important Development issue: some clubs are threatened with closure as they cannot afford the barriers demanded.

Concern was expressed that clubs which have not experienced a range inspection recently may well not be aware of this condition, and, in the event of an accident, might find their insurance cover void through ignorance. SE commented that he had tried to find the details of the AGB insurance policy on the website, with no success. ***Action***: KL, TA

**21.26** **WINTER POSTAL LEAGUE**

Stuart Barber had submitted the following information:

The SCAS Indoor Intercounty postal league will be running again this coming indoor season although some archers may still have to shoot the round outside. This is totally acceptable, much the same as last year.

Submitted scores were down last year due to covid but we expect them to increase for the coming league.

It would be great if every county were to submit scores and take part.

All scores should be submitted viia county Managers / team captains , (whoever collates scores for the county) and forwarded on to the scores collator David Chudley ( Herts).

All other communication should go via the organiser - Stuart Barber - Chairman - Hertfordshire.

We look forward to another successful league and also look forward to new medals (design yet to be agreed) being awarded in March/April time.

**21.27 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & OFFICIALS**

**21.27.01 Secretary**

Charity Commission had confirmed CIO status for SCAS, after some negotiations. The approved Constitution is posted on website.

SE thanked the Secretary for his work on bringing the CIO application to a successful conclusion.

Trustees and Executive met in July; their discussions have been discussed under item 21.24.

An attempt to update list of Direct members has been attempted. 4 County Secretaries very helpfully furnished details from their latest records, but information on the others is lacking.

**21.27.02 Treasurer**

Account summary for YTD:

*Income Expenditure*

Subscriptions 7546 WRS/FITA 100

Accountancy 984

BP 1925 International Rep grants 1600

Academy grants 200

Loan repayment 1000 Club grants 1500

Club loans 1500

Tournaments Judges

Coaching

Tournaments 609

Website 165

Liability insurance

10471 6658

Co-Operative Bank balance £12,632 Triodos Bank balance (30 Jun) £66,615

Latest valuation of Investment portfolio (24 Jul) £82,894

It was noted that BP share income is significantly down for a half-year, but the Investment portfolio is holding up well.

The process of transferring the BP shares from D Lovell (surviving registered Trustee) to SCAS CIO had been initiated.

**21.27.03: SCAM Secretary**: [see also 21.24.02 above]]

The SCAM results are posted on the website.

**21.27.04 Indoor TO**

Entries are coming in

Trophy book & signing sheets received from Andy Caine, along with a couple of trophies

There seems to be a number of trophies lost many years ago. (CP to confirm which ones)

Do SCAS replace the above, ready for 2022.

**Carla Piper - Indoor Tournament Organiser** (via Hampshire)

**21.27.05 Inter-Counties TO** *post vacant*

**21.27.06 Safeguarding Lead**

**21.27.07 Junior TO**

Junior tournaments were recently held; results awaited. ***Action***: JW/PW

**21.27.08 Junior Liaison & Development**

**21.27.09 Clout TO**

**21.27.10 Field Liaison / TO**

**21.27.11 Judges’ Liaison Officer**:

Apologies for not being present in person at the moment, unfortunately I am currently away judging at the Paralympics in Tokyo

With the lifting of restrictions we are starting to see things returning to normal in judging including the return of assessments for Judges wanting to progress through the grades. With people coming back to competitions after such a long break our Judges will be doing all they can to assist archers and Organisers to make sure all the rules are being followed.

Huge congratulations to Hannah Brown who has recently returned from being Chair of Judges at the Olympics in Tokyo. She did an amazing job in very unusual circumstances. Graham Potts also joined Hannah in Tokyo as a member of the Jury of Appeal, a role where he luckily had nothing to do!

Just to highlight that Archery GB have now changed rules about spacing on the line back -

Archery GB Rule 301 (b) - spacing of boss centres - has now returned to the pre-Covid wording with immediate effect.

For reference the previous wording was

(b) Minimum spacing of target centres shall be:

      (i) Archers shooting singly or in pairs - 2.5m (8ft 2ins)

     (ii) Archers shooting in threes - 3.66m (12ft)

Archery GB Rule 402 (c) - spacing indoors - has now returned to the pre-Covid wording with immediate effect.

For reference the previous wording was

(c) Target centres shall be placed so as to allow archers to stand at a minimum of 80cm (2ft 8in) intervals while shooting

Unfortunately we have had quite a few Judges retire over the last year. Can I please ask all Counties to ask their members to contact me if they are interested in judging or would like any more information.

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**

The meeting added its congratulations to Hannah and Graham, and of course to Katy, for their selection as Olympics judges.

**21.27.12 Chairman of Coaches**:

Little activity so far this year.

**21.27.13 Coaching Finance Officer**:

An online coaching course is in process of planning.

The Senior Coach course had realised a financial surplus, so funds are currently adequate.

**21.27.14 Publicity**:

**21.27.15 Disabled Liaison Officer**

Post now vacant.

**21.27.16 Regional Records Officer**

RB had reported 5 new records duly recorded.

**21.27.17** **EAF**

**21.27.18 AGB Development Officer**

The Development Plan continues to be updated.

**21.28 MATTERS ARISING from Reports:**

21.28.01 **Indoor Tournament** – replacement of trophies:

CP reported that many of the Indoor trophies, particularly the Junior ones, had been missing for some years.

After discussion it was agreed:

* Trophies ‘to keep’ will be awarded, funded by SCAS.
* The ‘history’ of winners will be preserved by the website archive and (in most cases) the AGM Reports.
* Permanent trophies (*eg* large shield with mini-shields for inscription of names of annual champions) can be maintained and displayed at the event each year. ***Action***: CP. CF

21.28.02 Rayleigh Town AC - £4k loan:

Report from RTAC Treasurer on the costs of the enforced move of the club facilities:

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We have, since receiving the £4,000 loan from SCAS (in March 2019), spent approximately £3,841.25 on developments and, prior to receiving the loan, we had also spent £2,520 on transporting and purchasing doors for the new container system. So it is quite clear that the £4,000 loan has now been exhausted.

We are now in the unfortunate position of just not having the funds to connect a water supply or electricity to the new complex. >>

It was noted that the original SCAS grant had been earmarked for the provision of services.

Caution was expressed about issuing loans to clubs without a clear and affordable repayment plan.

A repayment plan had been agreed when the £4k loan was made but this plan seems threatened by the current financial situation.

DS indicated that the Grants Panel might look favourably on an application for a grant towards a specific unexpected cost, *eg* move of container.

Secretary will convey this to RTAC Treasurer, requesting inclusion of details of expenditure to date and anticipated, and the (possibly new) repayment plan of the loan. ***Action***: Secretary

21.24.03 Direct Members – maintenance of up-to-date register:

Secretary proposes to use current year’s information as a ‘baseline’, even without information from some counties, and to circulate this to County Secretaries in March of each year, requesting updates/additions in time for the AGM.

After some discussion, SE’s view, that, if SCAS Direct Members wished to be kept in touch with AGM and other details, they should take the initiative in completing a Direct Member’s form and sending it to the Secretary, was adopted

**21.29 SCAM Trophies**

Bill Terry, SCAS’s unofficial archivist, had expressed concern about the safeguarding of the SCAM trophies, and had suggested that these should be retained after awarding and stored centrally.

He also raised the question of insurance.

CP reported that this year’s SCAM attendees had expressed strong preference for trophy winners retaining them and returning the following year. It was noted that, despite a century of SCAMs, no trophy had yet been lost.

GP commented that his county had regularly won a large silver trophy which they had returned to an unlocked trophy in a social club. One year they thought it ought to be valued, and discovered it was worth £3k.

SCAM trophies may well be worth as much or more. For insurance purposes, they would each have to be valued, which in itself could be expensive, and insurers are likely to look askance at underwriting multiple trophies held in multiple addresses with differing security levels. Enquiries several years ago had indeed proved prohibitively expensive.

**21.30 DATES and modes of NEXT MEETINGS**:

15 January – online

09 April: Council & AGM: Brown’s, subject to a room of sufficient size being available.

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**21.31**  **Any Other Business**

21.31.01 Beddington Park Commemorative Shoot – Sat 18 September:

Plans are in hand. SCAS officers are to be invited.

21.31.02 **Inter-Counties**:

AP observed that Stuart Barber at Stortford Archers had opened up the traditional Middlesex- Hertfordshire match to all SCAS Counties this year, and there were representative teams from all counties. The club had a very large ground which could accommodate Junior I-C simultaneously.

It was decided to investigate whether SB would be willing to run SCAS I-C officially. This year he had to import a good deal of kit from other clubs; SCAS could perhaps assist with purchase of new bosses. **Action**: Secretary

Meeting closed at 12.25

Minutes approved: signed: date: