

SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Council held by Zoom on Saturday 16 January 2021 at 10 am.

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
Records Officer & Sussex	R Brown
Website Manager	R Pilkington
Trustee & Essex	A Purser
AGB Regional Development Officer	T Andrews

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

Bedfordshire	
Berkshire	C Stocker
Buckinghamshire	K Gray
Cambridgeshire	J Gorman, P Langton, R Custance
Essex	
Hampshire	J Piper, P Turner
Hertfordshire	
London	R Radosz
Middlesex	J Denny, G Pratt, I Lawrence
Oxfordshire	
Surrey	L Bashford

21.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Hon Vice-President, EAF Representative	N Dimmock
Junior TO & Safeguarding	J Willson
Field Representative	S Duggan

21.02 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

SE requested a brief period of silence to respect the memory of Chris Carroll, who had been an outstanding SCAS Treasurer and one-time member of GNAS Council.

21.03 MINUTES of the meeting of 05 September 2020:

Minutes were approved without amendment.

21.04 MATTERS ARISING:

20.08: Equality in Team Selection:

No further developments in terms of precise AGB wording for team composition.

SE observed that main issue is the need to improve inclusivity of under-represented sectors.

20.16.04: Indoor Tournament

CP had offered to host SCAS event in conjunction with Hampshire championships. In view of Covid lockdown, this had been moved from usual February date to early October.

20.18: Admission to school facilities:

DS reported that AGB had accepted Norfolk's risk assessment for use of indoor facilities in schools during Covid 'tiering'. CS reported that schools currently offer very varied responses.

21.05a Indoor League - Badges:

Stuart Barber presented proposed designs for the Indoor League, based on the Field medals. He indicated that a larger size of medal would make engraving easier.

The new design could also be used for the Indoor Championships and other medals.

SB was asked to refine design in view of various comments made. This can be handled by a correspondence poll and/or further consideration at next meeting.

21.05b SCAM

Bill Terry had suggested, in support of ND's former arrangements, that the 'traditional' field at the Cricket Club might be available if the event was scheduled for end of cricket season. It was observed that ND had reported extensively to Council on problems with the cricket club committee regarding field layout and other administrative issues. It would in any case be difficult to set up the field there to comply with current AGB safety regulations.

CP reported that Waterside Archers is willing to host the event if the rugby club proves unavailable at the Covid-postponed date in September. Waterside was known to be an excellent venue, even if a little further south in the region.

It was agreed that the SCAM Secretary should be left to continue the excellent arrangements she was already making in the face of uncertainties.

21.06 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Executive had been discussing a Development Plan with TA.

Areas identified for development: Facilities; membership; Performance development; Communications & Infrastructure; Competitions; Safeguarding & Discipline/Sanctions.

21.06.01 Membership:

On SE's initiative, attendees were split into 'breakout rooms' for 15-minute discussions.

There was agreement among the groups on the main issue –

Retention:

a. former members who had lapsed due to forced inactivity, and in particular lack of social contact, from Covid restrictions;

b. new members: several clubs reported considerable interest in beginner' courses from potential new members, but, from AGB research, the commonest time for new members to leave the sport is in the first two years after the end of beginners' course.

PW's group suggested designing an 'Archery Journey', covering the ideal experience from the initial expression of interest to eventual retirement from the sport. This could provide a toolkit for retention, and embrace progress through participation, coaching and judging.

It was noted that other sports have similar plans, and that this would be parallel to the FITA Beginners' Guide/ The idea was commended.

Associated retention issues:

Coaching: patchiness of provision

Volunteers: AGB had signalled a good response to its appeal for volunteers, but in reality many reported the difficulty in finding replacements for club officials who had in many cases served for years.

21.06.02 Future topics for discussion:

There was no clear preference in a poll for order of discussion of other topics, although Competitions, Safeguarding and Communications were slightly favoured.

It was decided:

- a. to refer Competitions for discussion at next meeting. CP would produce proposals, and County TOs would be involved in the discussion.
- b. Exec would decide order of future topics.

21.07 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & OFFICIALS

21.07.01 Secretary

The Executive has met by Zoom on two occasions, principally to initiate a Regional Development Plan.

CIO: The initial application was returned as it lacked official sanction of the "sensitive" word 'Society'. This sanction was subsequently obtained from Companies' House, and the 30-page online form completed for the second time as the system does not retain returned applications. There is a predicted waiting time of many weeks for a response.

21.07.02 Treasurer

Account Summary end of '20 accounting year (equivalent '19 figures in ())

<i>Income</i>			<i>Expenditure</i>		
Subscription	18912	(17817)	Council travel	520	(1451)
			Council room hire	1230	(1559)
			WRS/FITA*	375	(350)
BP	6295	(8231)	Accountancy	1146	(108)
			International rep grants	600	(6576)
Loan repay	525	(167)	Club grants	5255	(1130)
			Club loans	7200	(500)
Tournaments		(296)	Judges	4147	(6100)
			Coaching	5500	(2139)
Bank int			Tournaments	4841	(841)
Website	(64)		Report/Directory post	23	
			Website	257	(482)
			EAF 2 years	8736	(4992)
			EAF travel	140	(233)
			AGB travel	187	
			Liability Insurance	249	(249)
			AGM venue deposit	600	**
			AGB Development Offr1	1000	
Total	25732	(26575)		52006	(26710)

Cooperative Bank balance: £7,400 (£17,627) Triodos Bank balance: £66563 (£71,293)
 [Fidelity investment @ 07/20 £74128 (£77,425)] *** Total £ 148,091 (£166,345)

Coaching: includes subsidy for Conference.

Tournaments: includes new SCAM account set-up 'float' £2k.

** AGM deposit should be recoverable with any new booking.

*** The pandemic onset triggered a substantial fall in stock market. When the portfolio manager contacted the trustees to confirm investment intentions in October, he reported that the value had crept back up to around £77k again, but the discovery of the new virus mutation has triggered a further fall. A new formal valuation is expected this month.

Since April meeting, the Grants Panel has agreed grants and loans as follows:

Academy grants @ £100: Newby and 2 x Annison

Marshland Archers: £1k grant, £1.2k loan

Hawks AC: £500 grant
Mayflower Archers: £2k grant, £2k loan.
Contribution to SCAS clubs' applications to AGB 'Rebuild Activity' funding @ 50% of AGB - £1250

Loan to Oxford Archers (2013) – £1k - repayment imminent
Loan to Rayleigh Town AC re arrows damaged by boss blowover at SCAS Junior
Tournament: £1250: after much negotiation by the club, insurers exceptionally agreed to pay £525 towards costs; Executive agreed to write off the remainder of the loan as it occurred at a SCAS event.
Other loan repayments are on schedule.

21.07.03: SCAM Secretary: [see main agenda item above]

I will be applying for RS in the very near future, via Sport80. The venue and dates currently are Winchester Rugby Club, 12th -15th May; however this maybe change to Waterside AC and later in the year. I have already asked the Waterside AC committee and they are happy to host SCAM if needed.

Carla Piper

21.07.04 Indoor TO *TO tbd*

21.07.05 Inter-Counties TO *post vacant*

21.07.06 Safeguarding Lead

No incidents to report.

John Willson

21.07.07 Junior TO

No activity, and future planning uncertain.

John Willson

21.07.08 Junior Liaison & Development

Dave Leader

21.07.09 Clout TO

Bob Attrill

21.07.10 Field Liaison / TO

BB suggested that Lizzie Reeves might be approached to provide liaison with the Field world.

21.07.11 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. Sue Houlihan who is a County Judge has moved from EMAS to Hampshire. Alex Purser and his wife Laura welcomed their baby son Rowan in November – many congratulations. Sadly Roger McMullen from Sussex, who was a SCAS Judge Emeritus having retired in 2014 passed away in December, our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Jackie and Nick Lee from Berkshire have resigned from judging, we wish them well for the future. Also Neil Dimmock has retired from the end of 2020. Neil has been a Judge for 46 years raising through the ranks until he became an International Judge in 1993, a position he held until the age limit made him retire as an International Judge in 2008 and he was awarded the title of WA Judge Emeritus, he continued as a Continental Judge till 2011. Neil has made an enormous contribution to

archery and to judging during his long and distinguished career. There are too many things to mention them all but some highlights are being Chairman of the SCAS Judges Committee, DOS at the Paralympics in Beijing, working closely to progress para-archery and training judges in the UK and all round the world. His amazing knowledge and memory will be missed by us all. Derrick Lovell MBE has also announced his retirement. Derrick started judging in 1976 and has been a Judge for 45 years. He rose through the ranks to become an International Judge in 1993, a position he held until 2009 he had to retire due to the World Archery age limit. Some highlights of his International career were being Chairman of Judges at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, Chairman of Judges at the 2009 World Games as well as many Target, Field and 3D events around the world. Derrick was the SCAS JLO for many years and served on the AGB Judge Committee for nearly 30 years. He also served on the World Archery Field and 3D Committee and still serves on the World Archery Rules Committee. We owe Derrick a huge debt for all he has done for Judges and Judging and for all he has done and still does for Archery.

At the SCAS Judges AGM which was held on 9th January it was agreed to award Bill Kinsella, Maggie Woolf, Neil Dimmock and Derrick Lovell MBE the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus to show our appreciation for all the work they have done over the years.

We had the SCAS Judge AGM on the 9th January online. Due to the current circumstances we were unable to hold our normal training but if there is a need then webinars can be held through the year. AGB are planning to hold the National Judge Conference and training webinars online through 2021. The Annual Returns for Judges have been collated and are obviously greatly reduced in 2020 with 211 days were done by the 50 Judges who sent in their Returns out of 57 Judges. [xx = numbers to be confirmed at the meeting] At the SCAS Judges AGM Hannah Brown was re-appointed as Chairman and Richard Pilkington was re-appointed as Vice-Chairman, I would like to thank them for all their help and support

We are currently part way through the County re-accreditation process and the results are due in February/March. 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 County Judges who take the exam will pass.

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. Last years International events were unable to go ahead, but 2021 will hopefully be a busy year 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 2021 as the ones for 2020 were carried forward, including two Judges going for National, and I am sure more will be arranged as we go through the year (circumstances allowing).

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 2020 are below –

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance at 01/01/20			£4038.89
SCAS Budget	£4147.00		
Candidate Pack Income	£66.00		
AGM		£1056.54	
Assessments and Badges		£0.00	
Stationary & Postage		£-5.37	
Travel & Meetings		£1891.80	
Candidate Pack Costs		£104.48	
Uniform Grant		£0.00	
Balance at 31/12/20			£5204.44
Totals	<u>£4213.00</u>	<u>£3047.45</u>	

Amount held for Candidate Packs - £300

We need to maintain enough money in the account to cover this.

So, the account is looking very healthy at the end of 2020 due to lack of expenditure in 2020.

The projected Budget for 2021 is

SCAS Judge Conference	£0	(for 2021 it was online)
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)

Grant for Candidate Seminar	£800	at present for 2021) (we have 6 Candidates who have not attended and hope to get 2 more new Candidates in 2021)
Grant for Regional Seminar	£400	(we have 23 County Judges, hopefully 4 will attend the Seminar)
Grant for National Conference	£0	(The National Conference will be on-line in 2021)
Grant from Re-accreditation	£1600	(The County Judges are to be re-accredited in January 2020, there are currently 16 Judges and hopefully they will all pass.)
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 2021	£4530.00	
Amount already in Account	£5204.44	
Total Budget requested	£0.00	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the SCAS Judges for their support and work through the year. Whilst there has not been much actual judging they have still been supporting shoots where they can and helping the tournaments that have been held to go ahead.

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

IL asked to place on record her appreciation of judge Debbie Hall at a recent Indoor event, for interpreting the judges' instructions in sign language when it became clear that some archers were finding it difficult to pick up the spoken word.

21.07.12 Chairman of Coaches:

It is hoped to organise another online Conference this year.
The remaining videos of the last conference sessions will shortly be uploaded to the website.

Tony Ferguson

21.07.13 Coaching Finance Officer:

One course organiser had requested funding, when courses are permitted again.

Derek Sizeland

21.07.14 Publicity:

21.07.15 Disabled Liaison Officer

Nothing to report, due to virus restrictions for much of year.

Gary Bellamy

21.07.16 Regional Records Officer

As of 2nd January 2021 all Regional Records Claims received to date have been processed and are up to date on the website.

During the 2020 calendar year a total of 22 Claims were received, but none between 14th March and 12th September.

The records now include the World Archery Barebow 50 metre Round introduced during the year although this does not appear yet in the published Archery GB lists, but is bound to in due course.

Rod Brown

21.07.17 EAF

Attention is now focused on preparation for Commonwealth Games. Selection shoots will be arranged when permitted.

Neil Dimmock & Derek Sizeland

21.07.18 AGB Development Officer

Covered under 21.06.

Toby Andrews

21.08 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS:

17 April (to include AGM), 17 July (if required), 04 Sept.

There is almost no chance of the AGM being held 'live', with current Covid levels.

JD suggested that it seemed advantageous to hold most meetings by Zoom, and, in this case, to change time to evening as most archers wish to be out shooting on a Saturday morning. There was some lack of enthusiasm for holding evening meetings, but opinions of other Council members will be sought.

An alternative would be to hold more but shorter meetings, dealing with a single discussion topic, in the evenings. This was felt to be worth exploring.

21.09 Any Other Business

Meeting closed at 12.25

Minutes approved:

signed:

date: