

SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

CIO – charity no 1195164

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Council held on Saturday 13 January 2024 at 10 am, by zoom

PRESENT:-

President, Vice-Chairman and Kent Chairman	B Beaney S Ellison
Vice-Chairman and Bedfordshire	B Dunlop
Hon Treasurer / Secretary	C Fletcher-Campbell
SCAM Secretary	C Piper
Vice-President, Judges Liaison Officer, Trustee	K Lipscomb
Coaching Organiser	M Tamlyn
Coaching Finance Officer & Norfolk	D Sizeland
Disabled Liaison Officer and Essex	D Horn
Records Officer & Sussex	R Brown
In attendance:	
AGB Regional Development Officer	H Neville
AGB CEO	R Hall

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

Bedfordshire	
Berkshire	
Buckinghamshire	K Gray
Cambridgeshire	P Watson
Essex	A Purser
Hampshire	J Piper
Hertfordshire	
London	
Middlesex	G Pratt
Oxfordshire	
Surrey	L Bashford
Sussex	R Cater

24.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

SCAYT Organiser	M Barr
Website Manager	R Pilkington
Bedfordshire	
Berkshire	C Stocker
Buckinghamshire	
Cambridgeshire	
Hampshire	P Langton, P Turner
Kent	
Middlesex	J Denny
Surrey	

24.02 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

SE wished everyone a prosperous new year.

24.03 MINUTES of the meeting of 09 September 2023:

Minutes were approved

24.04 MATTERS ARISING:

Tournaments:

AP reported that the TO Handbook was 65% complete; version so far to be circulated with Minutes.

There are two queries regarding Juniors:

- Is there a need for tournaments/championships in both Metric and Imperial in addition to the Tour?
- Are Juniors to be included in Inter-Counties?

These points will be addressed under Reports.

24.05 ARCHERY ENGLAND – Proposal for new Regional fee structure

AE had this week sent out to Regions a proposal to change the financial contribution from Regions from the previous levy system to cover AE expenditure proportionate to number of members in each Region, to £1 per archer. This would effectively triple SCAS's levy threefold to c£15k.

This increase, across all Regions, is to fund new proposals for Home Nations tournaments and training serials, to provide more support for AE archers and to build up a contingency reserve in the event of, for example, archery being restored to the Commonwealth Games.

A discussion lasting an hour or so ensued. Principal points:

- Proposed new activities will cater only for elite archers. No benefit for most archers.
- Proposed increase is massive in one hit. Not all the proposed developments will be implemented immediately. Need to see disbursement of current funds. Introduce new projects gradually and request additional funding *pro rata*.
- Tournament and training participants will still have to pay fees, and may apply to SCAS for grants for travel etc, giving SCAS a double expenditure.
- Tournaments should aim to break even from entry fees, but in practice make a loss.
- Do we want AE to be doing all the proposed activities? Home Nations shoots in addition to AGB's UK events? The tournament calendar is already very crowded, as are other performance pathway opportunities.
- Training camps will be for the elite, rather than providing a link between Regional provision and AGB provision. No need for AE in Performance Pathway.
- Majority of GB archers from England; GB squad not eligible for AE.
- Proposed additional activities will add nothing of value to current provision.
- Chances of archery returning to Commonwealth Games are remote, even if CG survives.
- Most archers do not know what Archery England is or that SCAS helps to finance it. There are two AE events already of which few are aware. It will be difficult to justify any consequent increase in subscription to SCAS members unless AE makes a significant effort to improve its PR focus.
- AE document's comparison of AE funding to that of other Home Nations is not valid as other Home Nations have much greater responsibilities, equivalent to AGB's.
- Has AE approached any other bodies, eg Sport England, for financial support?

In summary, SE proposed that a levy of 50p/archer, approximately 60% increase, would be acceptable, given that the per-archer levy had increased little since 2011.

AE should seek to make championships self-financing. There may be a conversation to be had with AGB re national tournaments.

Meeting agreed to SE's proposal. The Region will be represented at the AE EGM (by zoom) at end of month by DS and SE who can exercise permitted 2 votes.

24.06 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & OFFICIALS

24.06.01 Secretary

No actions to report.

24.06.02 Treasurer

		Account summary for YTD ('22 comparables in ())			
<i>Income</i>				<i>Expenditure</i>	
Subscriptions	22592	(16177)	WRS/FITA	185	(170)
			Accountancy	48	(3036)
			AGM & Council meeting	1236	(1857)
BP	5747	(4794)	International Rep grants	4000	(4613)
			Academy grants		()
Loan repayment	1000	(500)	Club grants	500	(7258)
			Club loans		(4500)
Tournaments	1943	()	Judges		
			Coaching	6000	
			Tournaments	4379	(11724)
			Website	330	(331)
			EAF	4992	
			AGB RDO salary		(14000)
				<u>21670</u>	<u>(47689)</u>
		<u>31282</u>			<u>(21471)</u>
Co-Operative Bank balance (27 Dec)		£ 17329	Triodos Bank balance (30 Jun)		£52154
Latest valuation of Investment portfolio (Jul)		£78156			

Notes:

This time last year there had been several exceptional items of expenditure which have not been reproduced this year.

24.06.03: SCAM Secretary:

Re SCAM 2024 :

- RS approved for the meeting and a small number of entries are coming in.
- I have moved the meeting on another day, so that the Championship days are Fri 10th & Sat 11th with the aim to encourage more archers.
- Included are the Bristols rounds, open to all
- Emailed Tenzone to book bosses or if not, I can then hire from Waterside.
- 2 trophy boxes to make before May and a new engraving plate for another required.
- Current Barclay account balance £2195.62
- To review budget request for the AGM (£1k to 1.5k) to top up account?

Carla Piper - SCAM Organiser

CP raised the question of taking an advertisement in Archery UK to promote all SCAS tournaments. This met with general approval.

SE suggested re-instituting the appointment of a PRO at the AGM in addition to Website Manager. RH and HN will discuss more of a regional focus in AUK.

24.06.04 Indoor TO

- I have contacted a number of sports centres.
 - Woking and their sister sites would not allow archery in the sports hall
 - K2 the cost was high per hour @ £244.90 for 12 hrs would be £2938.80 plus set-up charges. Dates not available for suggested weekend.
 - Places of People (Eastleigh) was the cheapest @ £2925.00 for the day inc sat set-up or £4875 for sat & sun (setup fri)
 - Mountbatten Centre Portsmouth- having a roof refreshment and unable to guarantee sport hall will be open
 - Hampshire Court Hotel- Basingstoke, no joy in providing me with a fee or daily rates

Email from K2

Thank you for your enquiry regarding hall hire here at K2 Crawley. Apologies for the delayed reply in getting back to you - I have been on Annual Leave so just getting caught up!

We have many different events throughout the year here at K2 Crawley, and have state of the art facilities in order to host these. We can provide you with 808 seats on our fixed bleachers, along with 256 additional seats on our portable seating units. We also have 48 trestle tables available to use on site, along with 500 flat floor chairs if required. We can also provide you with acoustic curtains around the edge of the hall to enhance any sound played, and to give a more professional finish to the hall. If you require a stage, we have up to 30 staging units at a size of 8ft x 4ft each. I have attached our Event Brochure to this email which includes measurements of our hall and pictures from past events, so you can see what we can offer you.

We have 450 free car parking spaces here at K2, and on Event days at weekends, we can offer overflow car parks at Tilgate Business Park just up the road, and at Thomas Bennett School which is located directly behind us. There is an onsite cafe here which provides hot and cold refreshments, and can also provide any lunches / catering for officials and judges etc. If any of your competitors or staff need accommodation, we work with the local Crowne Plaza Hotel which is a 5 minute drive away, who offer special rates on anyone attending an Event here at our centre.

The cost to hire the hall is £244.90 per hour, and we would charge rigging / de-rigging hours to set up your requirements at £81.00 per hour, as long as these are done outside of our normal operating times. If you require set up time during our opening hours, these would be charged at the standard rate of hire. There would also be a car park steward charge of £38.50 per hour, if you are expecting over 100 attendees to your Event. These prices are correct up until 31st March 2024.

Unfortunately the Sunday of that requested weekend is already booked so are you flexible on your weekend at all?

Let me know if you have any more questions at all, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sarah Roberts | Events Manager
K2 Crawley

- I have not contacted venue in Kent.
- I enquire the venue at Stevenage, where the judge conference is held.
- Apart from the venue hire cost for boss hire, faces, judge & TO travel expenses possible accommodation , PDA hire.
- Accept that the event will make a loss
- Do we ask for this year, if we could bolt into another shoot?
- To request trophy holders to return them to myself, so that they are in 1 central place for safe keeping.

Carla Piper - Indoor Tournament Organiser

After discussion, it was agreed to use Eastleigh.

24.06.05 Inter-Counties TO

- Venue booked for 4th August at Andover Rugby Club
- Set of FOP on the sat 3rd August
- Hire bosses from Andover Archers
- RS application to be sent
- Judges to be confirmed
- Format- either a WA1440 or York/Hereford- thoughts from the meeting? >> Metric
- Teams- 1 m & 1 w for rec, comp, long & barebow. Max team of 8 >> agreed for this year
- Do we include the junior inter-counties? >> to be discussed with MT
- Price per archer & do I use SCAM account or another but not Sport80?
- Purchase faces
- sundries inc judge expenses

24.06.06 Safeguarding Lead

There are no matters to report

Chris Fletcher-Campbell - default Safeguarding Lead

24.06.07 Junior TO

No report (see 24.07)

- Junior Tournament Organiser

24.06.08 Junior Liaison & Development

There appeared to be no current need for this post, but it will be kept for the present.

24.06.09 Youth Tour Managers

Reports ('final' and accounts) attached separately.

24.06.10 Winter Postal League

No report

24.06.11 Clout TO

BD reported that Bedfordshire had found a new TO in Kieran Little, supported by Kestrels. Venue and date will remain unchanged.

24.06.12 Field Liaison / TO

SCAS 4 way Field Match (test event)

Following too many deliberations the event finally took place on Sunday 15th October. Four Counties were invited to participate, Essex, Hampshire, Kent and Sussex. The format was an adaptation of the 12 target and H2H county match devised by C Horan.

The aim was to expand team competitions to field archery as well as encouraging wider participation, to this end the teams were of mixed gender.

Unfortunately Essex were unable to field a team due to internal changes, so the three remaining counties competed for the spoils, Hampshire came out on top but I think Field archery was the winner. From the received feedback everyone enjoyed the event and would like the chance to repeat it in 2024.

As with the nature of a test event there are lessons that can be learnt and I would like to extend another event to six teams / Counties in 2024. A date of the 28th of July has been pencilled in with a venue to be arranged.

I am aware that AGB are monitoring the event and that NCAS are also trialling the format and once winners north and south are known then a bi-region match could be on the cards.

Bob Beaney Field Liaison

BB reported that a possible new Field venue has arisen: a farmer in Tring (close to Chiltern Archery) would like to offer his woodland for a field course. This will be investigated.

24.06.13 Judges' Liaison Officer:

Happy New Year to you all!

There have been a few changes to the Judges List since the last meeting. Unfortunately Mick Pearce from Essex has decided to retire after 20 years of judging. Also Arthur Scales from Hampshire has retired after 26 years of judging. They will both be greatly missed by their fellow Judges, organisers and archers alike. We have some new Candidates as well – Terence Williams from Buckinghamshire, Dawn Tolson from Essex, Paul Tolson from Essex and Phyllis Griffiths from Buckinghamshire.

We have also had some people pass their assessments. Many congratulations to Siobhan Tyson from Oxfordshire, Meera Shah from Middlesex and Erin Barkway from London who have all passed their County assessments.

Last weekend we had the SCAS Judge Conference. This was held in person at Stevenage Leisure Centre, it was lovely to see so many Judges, old and new, in attendance. As well as the normal AGM business we also conducted training on several issues including the AGB Field Rule updates, scoring and score alterations, safety, mentoring and cancelling an event. My thanks go to everyone who attended the Conference and particularly those who helped with the training presentations.

The Annual Returns for Judges have been collated, with 862 days were done by the 49 Judges who sent in their Returns out of 59 Judges.

At the Conference we elected Katy Lipscomb as Secretary/Judge Liaison Officer.

The list of Appointments for AGB National Tournaments has been published, with SCAS Judges being well represented, quite often as Chair of Judges or as Director of Shooting. SCAS Judges are also going to be busy at World Archery and World Archery Europe events in 2024, including at the Olympics, Paralympics, World Field Championships, World Cups, European Championships and European Para Championships.

The Regional Judges are currently in the middle of their reaccreditation process, I am confident that all of our Judges will pass.

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 2023 are below –

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance at 01/01/23			£2179.09
SCAS Budget	£6000.00		
Candidate Pack Income	£175.00		
AGM		£1174.85	
Assessments and Badges		£1060.01	
Stationary & Postage		£23.00	
Travel & Meetings		£4172.42	
Candidate Pack Costs		£300.70	
Balance at 31/12/23			£1623.11
Totals	<u>£6175.00</u>	<u>£6730.98</u>	

Amount held for Candidate Packs - £450

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

So, the account is looking healthy at the end of 2023

The projected Budget for 2024 is

SCAS Judge Conference	£1500	
Assessments	£500	(for cost of Assessors and Candidates Travel)
Badges	£80	(for Judges and SCAS Badge engraving)
Stationary	£50	(for Stationary and postage costs)

Travel	£200	(for travel to JLO Meetings, there will be one at the end of October)
Grant for Candidate Seminar	£1700	(we have 13 Candidates who have not attended and hope to get 4 more new Candidates in 2024)
Grant for Regional Seminar	£400	(we have 6 County Judges, hopefully 4 will attend the Seminar)
Grant for National Conference	£0	(The National Conference will be online in 2024)
Grant from Re-accreditation	£1100	(There is the Regional reaccreditation in 2024 and we have 11 National Judges)
Grant for new County Judges	£800	(we have 16 Candidates, hopefully 8 of them will take and pass their assessments)
Candidate Pack Costs	£500	(for items for Candidate Pack)
Projected Budget for 2024	£6,830	
Amount already in Account	£1600.00 (rounded)	
Total Budget requested	£5200.00 (rounded)	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the SCAS Judges for their support and work through the year.

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

Meeting approved budget request.

24.06.14 Chairman of Coaches:

Conference / Seminars: volunteer(s) needed to organise.
L2 Coach courses currently available at Sittingbourne and Oxford
Survey being conducted with HN on coaching needs through the Region.
Congratulations to Deb Horn, Paula Langton and Gary Carr on their appointments as Senior Coaches.

Marc Tamlyn - Regional Coaching Organiser

24.06.15 Coaching Finance Officer:

Funding is available for courses.

Derek Sizeland - Coaching Finance Officer

24.06.16 Website Manager:

Website continues to be operated efficiently.

24.06.17 Disabled Liaison Officer

Liaison with Counties to establish provision is in progress.

Deb Horn – Disability Liaison Officer

24.06.18 Regional Records Officer

45 Records by 21 Southern Counties Archers were ratified during the year.
The SCAS Website is up to date, including all ratified Records to 30 December 2023.
There were 2 Longbow Records, 5 Compound Records, 11 Recurve records and 27 Barebow

records.

There were a few claims in the new 'Master' age group, but none in the 'Cadet' / Young Adult group.

As is often the case, a large proportion of the claims were for Junior Rounds, so a number of new talents are responsible for several claims. But also several new Senior talents are evident, and some of these are also having an impact at the National level.

Record Breakers:

Cheryl King (1) Sue Mitchell (2) Russell Sams (1) David Ellis (1) Hannah Mitchell (1) Kaitlyn Mason (1) Halimah Yasmin (1) Barry Clark (1) Clive Ridgway (2) Rukhsana Latif (2) Imran Rehman (2) Lesley Brown (2) Sarah Hubbard (2) George Carpenter (2) Sarah Russell (3) Oliver Hicks (3) Sophie Roberts (3) Vicky Loader (3) Tony Gedalovitch (5) Sri Atri K Gopinath (7)

Rod Brown – Regional Records Officer

24.06.19 Archery England (EAF)

See 24.05 above.

24.06.20 AGB Development Officer

Introduction

The upcoming SCAS council meeting on the 13th of January will represent almost 10 months since I came into the role, 8 months when including 2 months lost to sick leave in the summer of 2023. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the role so far and have been privileged to enjoy a warm welcome from every county I have spoken to either face-to-face or online in that time. Therefore, may I start by saying thank you all very much for both such a great welcome into the role, and for all of your hard work across clubs, counties and the region. I do not take it for granted that within SCAS, I believe we are blessed with some real assets across the region in many different aspects of archery provision; from tournament organising to coaching, and talented archers themselves! It has been fantastic to see such great events such as clubs holding their first ever competitions, a really popular SCAS Youth Tour final, the SCAS field championships and many more, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to see these in person.

What we have done

Since coming into the role in March, I have spent most of the year trying to meet with as many individuals, clubs and attend as many events as possible to get to know the members as much as I can. This has led to averaging roughly a club/competition visit every two weeks since starting the job, and I have thoroughly valued everyone giving me their time and expressing their views on what is needed for their clubs to develop. We have supported clubs in looking at funding applications, looking for new venues, setting up Start Archery events, and linking up with external partners. Monday the 8th of January will see the second CCO/RCO meeting after the previous meeting in late 2023. This is indicative of trying to provide regular opportunities for clubs and volunteers to discuss their opinions, put forward any issues they may have and to seek advice. These meetings will be held every 3 months throughout the year, with any CCOs new in post or unavailable, then able to organise a catch up with me individually to keep up to speed on any developments.

What we will do

This year, I aim to continue the county meetings that I started with some of the counties shortly before I went off work for my leave and that subsequently lost momentum. I will aim to hold these also every 3 months, so that clubs have a regular chance to source any support they need, but also have adequate time in between meetings to action any developments from meetings. I hope this will help me to further understand each club/counties' challenges and opportunities further, and look at more tailored support such as workshops etc that may be available as well as still getting to know the members of each county further. For example, if it arose in a county meeting that clubs in one particular place were looking for welfare or safeguarding support, I would be able to action that by trying to organise a workshop or webinar on that particular issue.

Additionally, I will be looking to have a more in-depth analysis of the SCAS development plan which was started in the latter months of 2023 and conversations were had with some

liaisons/officers but these need to be continued. The plan will be looked at in more detail with the SCAS council and hopefully updated as per the discussions mentioned.

Off the back of the SCAS overview that I sent out in September of last year, I will be looking to put an updated version together and send this out towards the end of January as a marker of the statistics within SCAS at the start of 2024. I feel this will also help guide work on the SCAS development plan as this will show patterns and trends of where SCAS' biggest opportunities are and the most common areas for development.

After being privileged to spend two weeks in December travelling around the region to deliver recognition awards and meet with clubs/individuals and end the year on such a high, I am hugely excited by what can be done in the region this year. I am can't wait to start visiting clubs and competitions again this year, and try and get to the few counties that I have yet to visit. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries, and as always I will do my best to help. Here's to a successful 2024.

Harry Neville - AGB Regional Development Officer

24.07 Matters Arising from Reports

24.07.1 SCAYT – decisions to be taken:

A. What is the date/venue for the 2024 SCAS Junior Champs/SCAYT Final. Stuart Barber has offered Jobbers Wood but we need to check that is still available, and check Stuart or A.N. Other is prepared to act as TO.

B. Will the financial support for the tour on the same basis as 2023?

DH commented that the rebate system whereby finals fees were remitted for archers attending at least three Tour events supported many of her Sittingbourne archers. Meeting agreed to maintain.

C. Is the Council happy with the tour agenda/scoring system with my proposed change to give addition points for the Junior National Tour events?

After discussion, meeting felt that National events should be included in the Tour but not with enhanced points credit.

D. Is the Council happy to add a County Team championships on to the SCAS Junior Champs: each team in selected by the County, has four archers of any age/bow-type (with scores adjusted to recurve equivalent), with each team to include at least one male and one female member.

MT commented that there is no strong argument for pre-nominated County teams. Some counties need encouragement to support their own juniors to join in the Tour.

E. Marc Tamlyn has offered to write software to assist with tour scoring and allow a separate mini-website to be developed. He has quoted up to £500 for this task. Is Council prepared to fund this work?

Approved in principle, although it was felt that other counties/regions might already have established a compatible system; BB to liaise.

The question of whether the SCAYT Finals should double as the SCAS Junior Championships was raised; meeting agreed that it should. BB as President will write to Paul West and Rayleigh thanking them for many years' work organizing the Junior Metric and Championships. Meeting further agreed that a separate Imperial Junior shoot is not required.

SE observed that the event had been excellent in all respects, and expressed warm thanks to Malcolm Barr and his colleagues.

24.08 DATES and modes of NEXT MEETINGS:

27 Apr (AGM) if not coinciding with AGB AGM, at Brown's; 14 Sept.

24.09 Any Other Business

24.09.01 President's Medal:

BB asked whether there had been any nominations; CFC said he had completely forgotten to request such. It was agreed to do so when Minutes were sent out, with deadline of end February.

24.09.02 Attendance of AGB CEO:

SE asked HN to thank RH for her attendance and interest, which was greatly appreciated.

Meeting closed 13.10.

Minutes approved: signed: date:

Pending approval