

The Annual General Meeting of the SCAS Regional Judge Committee was held online starting at 10am on Saturday 9th January 2021.

Richard Pilkington talked us through how the online meeting including how to “raise our hands” and how to use the chat.

The Chairman, Hannah Brown, opened the meeting by welcoming us.

“Good morning everyone, its so nice to “see” people. This is the first Zoom meeting we have had so bear with us if not go too plan.

We will start today remembering those who have passed:

Tommy Hodder and Roger McMullen

Both were long serving judges and they will be missed on the field. Please take a moment to remember.”

A minute silence was observed.

21/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mark Davis and Brian Dunlop

21/02. Minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2020 (as circulated)

The minutes were agreed (by online poll) and signed.

(Richard Pilkington showed the meeting how to use the vote/poll function in zoom for the votes)

21/03. Matters arising

16/2 Point 6 – [This was first raised in the 2016 meeting] It was discussed on what to do if there was an unseen bouncer, as the AGB Rules of Shooting do not allow this to be claimed even if it is then verified by a Judge at the Target. It was proposed by the Meeting that one solution was to change the Rule to remove the word “seen”.

Update 2017 – Graham Potts said that the Rules Committee had not progressed this any further. It was agreed that the SCAS Judge Committee would formally contact the Rules Committee to ask them to look at it

Update 2018 – the Rules Committee have been contacted and it is now with them to look at when they can so can now be closed.

Update 2019 – Graham Potts confirmed that the Rules Committee had been contacted but had not had a chance to look at it yet.

Update 2020 – Graham Potts, as part of the Rules Committee said it was on the list of items to be looked at but they had not had a chance yet due to other more urgent issues.

Update 2021 – Graham Potts (who still advises the Rules Working Group) advised it was still pending but that careful consideration needed to be given to the wording to stop spurious claims. SCAS Judge Committee to contact the Rules Working Group to ask a progress update.

21/04. Correspondence

All correspondence has been sent out during the year in the regular communications.

Hopefully you are all receiving the regular emails from Archery GB as well. If you have not been receiving these then let Katy know as soon as possible so she can raise it with AGB.

21/05. Chairman's Remarks

Well, 2020, what a year eh?

It has certainly been different, and 2021 will be different again.

Judging wise, it was a year of not a lot really wasn't it...

all those events we should have done,

the events that we were looking forward to,

the events where we were going to see our friends from all over the place.

There were a few "lucky" ones who squeezed in a couple of days when things opened up, but for the rest of us, lets look forward to this outdoor season to get back out there.

So, what will 2021 bring us? How are events going to be run? Well yesterday we got our answer – [Hannah showed us a video from ITV's This Morning program where a lady was predicting the future with asparagus (yes the vegetable). She predicted that the Olympics would be going ahead, but remotely. Hannah was not sure how that would work but if the Olympics can go ahead remotely we can probably do shoots in the UK remotely!! Or not]

Its important to make sure that we are up to date even during this time of no shoots, the shoots keep us alert and on the ball, so lets not lose that. Lets make sure we hit the ground running when shoots start up again.

AGB will be running seminars and online conferences, the new online learning portal is up and running. Make sure you utilise these, not only because it keeps you fresh, but because a lot of time and effort has gone in to making these resources for you.

Despite the lack of events there are still rule changes to learn – the new covid regs about spacing, and as for WA, they just keep changing things – especially that pesky Field and 3D committee – anyone know who I need to take that up with?

I will keep this short and finish with some thank-yous

Thank you to all of you, for your commitment and for your on going support of the sport

Thank you to Katy – for doing ALL of the work and ALL of those nagging emails

Thank you to Richard – for setting up today and sorting out anything "techy"

A special thank-you to Derrick, I still remember the conversation we had on the top field at Woodstock where you said it would be a good idea for me to do some judging.... Well, yeah, look what mess that got you in eh.... For all you help, guidance and support over the years, Thank-you.

And thank you to those of you who have worked tirelessly in the key worker roles to keep the country going – its tough out there right now, tougher than you ever dreamed it could be, but you got this.

Stay safe everyone, follow the rules and we will see you on a field somewhere in the summer.

Hannah Brown

Chairman, SCAS Regional Judge Committee.

21/06. Secretary/Liaison Officers Report

Please see attached document SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE 2021.pdf

It was also announced that Derrick Lovell MBE had decided to retire from 08/01/2020. 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, in 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. 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.

It was agreed (by online poll) that the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus be awarded to Bill Kinsella, Maggie Woolf, Neil Dimmock and Derrick Lovell MBE as a small gesture of our appreciation for all their work over the years. Certificates and letters will be sent as soon as possible after the meeting.

It was asked if AGB were intending to amend the mileage rate for Judges, it is currently 33p a mile and has been for many years. Katy will ask AGB, but the mileage rate applies across all of AGB so the Judges Working Group may not be able to amend it.

With the changes to Appendix B of the AGB Rules there was some confusion as it says a Chair of Judges is no longer required. It was explained that procedurally a COJ is still needed, there still needs to be a Judge in Charge who acts as liaison with the TO, completes the paperwork and ensures all the tasks are completed; what the Appendix is referring to is that a COJ no longer needs to be told to AGB in advance and that the person who is doing the role should also work (unlike in World Archery where the COJ is just the COJ and does not “work”). A question was also asked about how these changes were being communicated out to Organisers particularly non-record status organisers. Katy is to raise this with Archery GB, one suggestion was that it could be included in the emails that goes to Club Secretaries.

Lee Miller mentioned that AGB were not ruling out appointing candidates to National events. As applications are still open for National events Katy urged anyone who was interested to apply.

Katy Lipscomb
SCAS Judge Liaison Officer

21/07. Elections

- a. Nominations Received. We have received one nomination for Hannah Brown as Chairman and one nomination for Richard Pilkington as Vice Chairman

No nominations were taken from the floor as the meeting was online so Hannah Brown was elected as Chairman for the period 2021 – 2023 and Richard Pilkington was elected as Vice Chairman for the period 2021 - 2023.

21/08. Appointment or promotion of Judges

Due to the pandemic no assessments could take place in 2020. Those that were due to happen will hopefully take place in 2021, conditions allowing.

21/09. **Any Other Business**

New online J07 Feedback

On the whole the feedback is very positive, the new system is easy to use and makes things easier. However there are some ideas for improvement, some of these have already been raised by the group that did the initial testing.

- Some people did not have access to the system – is there a way to allow JLOs to add new Judges to the system
- JLOs need to be able to impersonate Judges to amend, add or delete entries when needed
- Judges would like to be able to amend their user name and passwords
- Some rounds like Warwick and Windsors are missing
- Submit button – on the training it was mentioned a “Submit” button would be put in for when people have put in all their entries for the year. This would also be useful for when Judges have zero returns for a year
- The Statistic on the front page do not always seem to update
- A User Guide would be useful to give to new Judges

[Post Meeting Update – Robert Potts has confirmed that shortly Judges will have an option to amend their password, the “Submit” button will be available, the “Showing Shoots” option (the option to show which year) will be a drop down rather than the current free format field and the missing rounds will be added along with a separate Round for Field Checks at Field and 3D Events.]

Judge Scales

A question was raised about calibration of Judge Scales. Currently the Working Groups recommends that it is done every two years. Katy advised that with AGB currently working from home they are not in the position to calibrate scales which are sent in, so until things get back to normal then use the scales which were most recently calibrated. Katy will raise the issue with the Judges Working Group to see about doing them by post when the AGB office re-opens.

21/10. **Date and Venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that the room at Stevenage would be booked again for the 8th January 2022 in the Ellen Terry Room.

However, if anyone can recommend another venue in a suitable location then we could consider the meeting in 2022. The venue needs to be in a central location with good transport links and be able to hold approximately 65 people. The current venue costs £200 for the room and approximately £150 for the refreshments. **Any suggestions need to be sent to the Judge Liaison Officer by the 31st March 2021.**

The Meeting closed at 11.10 am.

The meeting was recorded, the recording can be found here - <https://youtu.be/aAZIVGmW4s4>

