

**The Annual General Meeting of the SCAS Regional Judge Committee was held online starting at 10am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

The Chairman, Hannah Brown, opened the meeting by welcoming us.  
“Good morning everybody, welcome to our Conference this morning.

Before we start we will remember those we have lost in the last year. We have lost 3 key Judges from our midst – Dave Wallace, Tony Ikel and most recently Dave Harrison. I appreciate Dave Harrison was not a SCAS Judge but Dave was Dave Harrison and I think we all know what he had done for the sport. They have given so much, so please take a moment for us to remember them.”

A minute silence was observed

“Thank you for joining us today, again we have gone online due to the ongoing uncertainty which has affected so many of us in so many different ways. What I would like to say here is that it is key that we support each other. Each and everyone of us has had a different experience over the last two years and we are all in such a different place now as we return to the “new normal”. So it is key that as a community of Judges that we are out there and we are supporting everybody that is on the Field. And also off the Field is key as well, the friendship you gain through the camaraderie and the sport – just make sure you support each other and accept each other’s positions and how we are all coping with the pandemic and the uncertainty.

We have had some events this year, and thank you all for your efforts to get the sport running. Our Continental and International Judges have been busy again this year. We have had Katy off to the Paralympics as Deputy Chair; Lee was off to the Youth Championship and Field shoot in Europe; Graham went to Paris and Poland and Rob Potts was also in Poland; where we had the “terrible two” picture that I’m sure everyone saw.

But all of you guys are instrumental in the return of archery. And you are all the backbone of Judging. The Internationals would not be were we are if it hadn’t been for the support of everyone, the growing of the sport and helping us get there. So, you are the backbone and this is why we have these Conferences to make sure that we get together and support each other.

Looking forward to next year. We will wait and see what the world has in store! Who knows what that will be. But what we do know is that the Rule makers have kept us on our toes all winter. They have changed the rules, they have changed them back and we have got a whole new set of Rules that Katy it going to take us through in a little while.

Theres not much else to report on so I wish you all good luck for the coming year and hopefully I will see you on a field somewhere.”

Katy Lipscomb then talked us through how the online meeting would work including how to “raise our hands” or use chat if someone wanted to ask a question or raise a point. Unfortunately Richard Pilkington (the IT support) had had to leave the meeting briefly at this point.

**Annual General – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022****22/01. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Debbie Horn, Graham Pink, Warwick Drew, Paul Clark, Andrea Kehoe (who will hopefully be joining later) and Richard Custance (he will hopefully be joining later).

**22/02. Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (as circulated)**

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

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

**22/03. 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.

Update 2022 – Despite several emails to the Rules Working Group no response has been received. We will continue to contact them to try and get an answer.

**22/04. Correspondence**

All correspondence has been sent out during the year in the regular communications, which can also be found on the SCAS website.

Hopefully you are all receiving the regular emails from Archery GB as well. If you have not been receiving then please firstly check you are currently a member of AGB and that you are signed up to receive emails from AGB. If these are okay then let Katy know so she can raise it with AGB.

The dates for the SCAS Junior events have now been finalised, an invitation for Judges to apply to officiate will be emailed round after the meeting.

**22/05. Chairman's Remarks**

“As earlier. We will wait to see what 2022 brings us. I am sure there will be more rule changes and I'm sure we will be trying desperately to keep up with them.”

Hannah Brown

Chairman, SCAS Regional Judge Committee.

**22/06. Secretary/Liaison Officers Report**

Please see attached document SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE 2022.pdf

Katy proposed that Netta Bridle and Richard Hiller are awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus in recognition of their dedication and length of service.

This was agreed (by online poll) that the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus be awarded to them both 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.

Katy presented the SCAS President's Medal virtually to Geoff Barham which he won at the beginning of 2021 but due to the circumstances has not been presented yet. He will be the recipient for 2022 as well. The physical medal will be delivered shortly.

A question was raised about whether the Sear Tab could be used in a conjunction with a clicker on a Recurve Bow. Hannah clarified that the Sear Tabs are more a form of release aid/trigger than a draw check indicator/clicker as they are not able to determine where in the draw the archer is. They are designed so the archer puts their thumb in the notch and then as they pull back it makes a noise which acts as a sub-conscious or conscious signal to release. They are to help archers overcome target panic which can be a big problem for barebow archers. Hannah confirmed they are allowed for recurve and can be used with a clicker.

A suggestion was made to send some flowers to the family of Dave Harrison. Katy said they would consider that when the family release details, it may that they would prefer a donation to be made in Dave's memory rather than a floral tribute. Hannah advised that as Chair of the AGB Judge Working Group she had approached AGB and requested to attend Dave's funeral or memorial as a representative of the whole Judge community.

Katy Lipscomb  
SCAS Judge Liaison Officer

**22/07. Elections**

- a. Nominations Received. We have received five nominations for Katy Lipscomb as Secretary/Judge Liaison Officer

No nominations were taken from the floor as the meeting was online so Katy Lipscomb was elected as Secretary/Judge Liaison Office for the period 2022 – 2024.

**22/08. Appointment or promotion of Judges**

- a. National Judge
  - i. Alex Purser
- b. Regional Judge
  - i. David Strong
- d. County Judge
  - i. Graham Pink

**22/09. Training on the new World Archery Rules coming into effect in 2022**

Katy and Hannah ran through the World Archery Rule changes that are coming into effect on 15 January 2022 (the timing changes come into effect 1 March 2022 but these only affect World Ranking Events). Details are in the attached presentation “World Archery Rule Changes.pdf”

There were some questions following the presentation

Equipment Failures being removed – there was some discussion what we as Judges should do on the line. It was decided that if an archer had an equipment failure that could be quickly repaired they should let the Judge know. The Judge can then let the DOS know and ask them to let the time for that end to run out naturally (i.e. not end the time early when the line is clear). This will enable the archer to repair their equipment and get back on the line and shoot as many of their remaining arrows as they can in the time remaining in that end. But no extra time will be given. Graham Potts is going to raise this with the World Archery Judge Committee to see what they advise.

A question was raised about what will happen at events where there are WA and AGB rounds being shot at the same time – for example at a 1440 (which is WA) and the Metric rounds (which are AGB). It would be confusing and seem unfair to the archers if someone shooting a 1440 is not allowed and equipment failure but someone shooting a Metric I is allowed it. Katy will contact the AGB Rules Working Group for their input.

The removal failure rule does not apply to make up arrows after things such as a problem with the timing system, a boss falling over or shooting being stopped for an emergency (such as a dog on the field).

Para Archery Changes – there was discussion about why certain items are measured for disabled archers and that this might be uncomfortable for them. The rules about certain things (such as the height of the wheelchair back etc) are there to ensure that all archers are treated the same. If someone is sitting in a wheelchair with a high back and cushions that extend all the way round the side of their body then they will have greater stability over an archer whose chair ends half way up their back. If you do need to measure something or touch an archer then talk to the archer. Explain what you are going to be doing and why, if they are of a different gender then ask if they would prefer a Judge of the same gender to do the checking (if there is one available). Do the measuring quickly and accurately and thank them when you are done. Treat them with respect and dignity.

The WA Para Committee and WA Judge Committee are working on some new training material which will hopefully help. If the AGB Judge Conference happens in person there will also hopefully be a section on Para Archery in it.

Training Materials – World Archery are working hard to update all their training material, including the Judges Handbook. Hopefully once the new Rule Books are published the updates will be published within a month or two. It should be noted that the people updating the material are all volunteers.

SCAS will also be updating their training material once the new Rule Books are available.

22/10. **Any Other Business**

No other issues were raised

22/11. **Date and Venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that the room at Stevenage would be booked again for the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Ellen Terry Room.

However, if anyone can recommend another venue in a suitable location then we could consider the meeting in 2023. 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

The Meeting closed at 11.25 am.

