

The Annual General Meeting of the Regional Shooting Committee was held in the Lewis Silkin Suite at the Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1LZ at 2pm on Saturday 7th January 2017.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome and the following statement

“Thank you to you all for your participation in this morning’s Discussion Meeting. I hope you all enjoyed it and got something out of it. Thank you for attending the Annual General Meeting”

17/1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Hannah Brown, Netta Bridle, Kieran Carr, Neil Dimmock, Sean Fox, Danny Hickman, Richard Hillier, Andrea Kehoe, Meera Shah, Trevor Strudwick, Andrew Trimble, Peter Turner, Steve Vallis and Martin Whiting

A minutes silence was held in memory of Ken Arton and Fionna Stamp who have passed away since the last meeting

17/2. Minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2016 (as circulated)

The minutes were agreed and signed.

17/3. Matters arising.

16/3 – It was asked if there was any news on point 14/3 and 15/3 - “At the 2013 Discussion Meeting the topic of sighters for the second round in a double round was raised. Geoff Barham asked if there was any new on this. Graham Potts responded that it was with Rules Committee and is being looked at carefully as changes to this will have impact on other rules.”

Graham Potts confirmed that it was still being looked into by the Rules Committee as it is a complicated Issue

16/3 Update – Graham Potts confirmed that this is still on the radar of the Rules Committee and they are still looking at it as part of a larger piece.

Update – This matter is now resolved and the AGB Rules have been changed to allow sighters on the second round.

16/2 Point 6 – 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 – 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

17/4. Correspondence.

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

17/5. Matters for discussion from the discussion meeting

There were no matters

17/6. Any matters for resolution from the discussion meeting

There were no matters

17/7. Chairman's Remarks

Welcome to the AGM this afternoon, and thank you to those of you that were here this morning for contributing to a full discussion programme. I think we all appreciate the opportunity we get every year to discuss issues we have found during the year, and to brush up on our knowledge.

Once again it is many thanks to Katy for the work she puts in on our behalf - ensuring we are all kept up to date with rule changes AGB or WA, reporting to SCAS Council and trying to obtain further additional budget for Judges, and for all the work on assessment arrangements etc.

Well done to all of those who passed necessary assessments this year - our "talent pool" does continue to grow, and we are grateful for all those who assist and ensure the assessments are effective, and also all those who act as mentors and ensure the Judges are prepared for whatever assessment they are taking. The National Committee, in working to improve training and progression from candidate to National grades, are now organising seminars, including standardising processes, which I can say are extremely useful, and we are seeking to help fund the attendance of our regions Judges with grants from SCAS.

Our workload is large, and thank you all for the time you give to Archery. I don't necessarily see this reducing, in fact the CEO of Archery GB - Neil Armitage - has a 3 line mantra "more people, shooting more arrows, more often" - and I can see there being greater pressure on judges in due course.

In SCAS, I believe we provide good support, both through mentoring and financially, for Judges starting out, and please keep your eyes and ears open for new recruits - any hint of an idea that someone is interested should lead us to ensuring they are in contact with Katy as soon as possible.

Please also continue to take opportunities afforded to us all through Regional and National events - these are good opportunities for us all, make sure you put your name forward!

Internationally we had a busy season, and well done to those of you who were able to help at the European Target Championships in Nottingham - I am sure you all gained a lot from it, as well as seeing how a European Team work together to deliver such an event.

So, to 2017 - my best wishes to all of you to have a great year, and for this to extend to your Judging - don't forget, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Katy, Hannah or myself.

Graham Potts
Chairman, SCAS Regional Judge Committee

17/8. Secretary/Liaison Officers Report.

As is my custom I would like to start with some thank yous. Firstly, thank you to Graham and Hannah as the other members of the SCAS Judge Committee, whilst I send out the information, they help write it all. It is very much a team effort and without their support and help I would not be able to do the duties of JLO. Many thanks to everyone that has helped with the assessments

this year - the people who conducted the assessment and to the other judges at the tournaments. I know having an assessment at a tournament puts extra pressure on everyone involved, so thank you for your understanding and patience. Most importantly I would like to thank all the SCAS Judges. Your hard work, dedication and effort through the year helps keep the standard of judging in SCAS high. In particular, the extra effort you all put in to keep yourselves up to date with the latest rules and procedure shows through. This was shown by the great results achieved by the County Judges in their re-accreditation. Also many thanks to all of you who helped out with the European Championships at Nottingham, whether by acting as Judges during the Team Rounds or doing one of the many voluntary roles – which were always done with a smile (in particular Steve Johnson who produced all the paperwork needed by WAE Judges), and to those of you who came along to watch and support.

There have been a few changes in the list of Judges. As at 1st January 2017 we have 62 Judges in SCAS. This comprises of 3 International Judges, 2 International Judge Emeritus, 2 International Youth Judges (of which one is also Continental), 11 National Judges, 10 Regional Judges, 20 County Judges (including 4 Youth Judges) and 14 Candidate Judges.

Unfortunately, Ken Arton, a SCAS Judge Emeritus passed away this year. Ken had been involved in judging since it started and whilst he retired from active Judging many years ago, he continued to support and help many Judges right up until he passed away in March. And also Fiona Stamp, a long standing SCAS Judge Emeritus who passed away in the summer.

We also had some retirements, Tony Ikel from Essex retired after over 25 years of Judging and Ted Burnham from Berkshire after 16 years of Judging. Also, Simon Cooper from Sussex. They all served judging during their careers and will be missed by those who knew and Judged with them.

Returns for the year indicate that the number of Judging days is slightly down on 2015 - by 6 days, with 1121 Judging days through the year. This means the average Judging workload is 19.67 days per person (based on having received 57 returns out of 62).

We have had a few changes in levels during the year.

Huge congratulations to all of the following. Steve Johnson and Andrew Trimble who passed their Regional Assessments; Gary Bellamy, Tori Mill, Declan Ashworth, Chris Latimer and David Strong who passed their County Assessments.

Many thanks again for all your hard work during 2016 and I hope that 2017 brings all of us many more enjoyable, sunny and fun days of judging. And don't forget, if you have any questions, about anything, please just ask me or any of the Committee.

Katy Lipscomb
SCAS Judge Liaison Officer

17/9. Elections

- a. Nominations Received. We have received eight nominations for Graham Potts as Chairman and eight nominations for Hannah Brown as Vice Chairman

No nominations were offered from the floor so Graham Potts was elected as Chairman for the period 2017 – 2019 and Hannah Brown was elected as Vice Chairman for the period 2017 - 2019.

17/10. Appointment or promotion of Judges.

- a. Regional Judge
 - i. Steve Johnson
 - ii. Andrew Trimble
- b. County Judge
 - i. Gary Bellamy
 - ii. Tori Mill
 - iii. Declan Ashworth
 - iv. Chris Latimer
 - v. David Strong

17/11. Additional Discussion Items / Any Other Business**1) SCAS Judging Grants**

At a recent SCAS Council Meeting the Council raised that they wanted to invest some of the money that SCAS has into various things, such as Judging, Coaching, Regional Tournaments and Counties. So, the Judge Committee submitted a detailed proposal to the SCAS Council with some suggestions on what we would like to do. This was agreed in principle, on the proviso that each year we submitted a budget request detailing what money we want and for what.

So, moving forward from 01/01/2017, presuming the SCAS Council agree the budget, we are proposing the following changes to the Grants SCAS gives its Judges.

- Increase the current Grant for Candidates attending the Candidate Seminar from £50 to £100, (only payable for their first Candidate Seminar)
- Increase the current Grant for Regional Judges attending one National Conference in their Re-accreditation period from £50 to £100.
- Increase the current Grant for National Judges attending one National Conference in their 4-year Re-accreditation period from £50 to £100.
- A new Grant for all Judges when they qualify as a County Judge/Youth Judge of £100. (only applicable for the first time they qualify as County/Youth Judge)
- A new Grant for County Judges attending the Regional Preparation Seminar of £100. (only payable for their first Regional Preparation Seminar)
- A new Grant to cover travel expenses for Candidate Judges going to their County practical assessment and for County Judges going to their Regional practical assessment. This will be paid at the current mileage rate. (only payable on their first assessment at each level)
- A new Grant for all qualified Judges on their re-accreditation i.e. when they have passed the re-accreditation assessment and requirements as detailed by the National Committee of £100. (although this takes effect from 01/01/2017 the first group to whom it will be payable will be the National Judges in 2018)

The current Grants for attending and passing the Seminars for upgrade to Continental, International Judge Candidate and WA Youth Judges will stay the same.

If we are unable to secure the budget needed for a year from the SCAS Council, then each of the Grants will be scaled back by the same amount as required (for example they might all be reduced to £75). If this happens the SCAS Judge Committee will let all SCAS Judges via the normal communications.

2) **Nominations for SCAS Judge Emeritus**

The following retired Judges were proposed to become SCAS Judge Emeritus – Ted Burnham and Tony Ikel. Both have been judges for many years and have helped judging in the area. The meeting voted to award them with the title. A letter and Certificate of Recognition for each of them were handed to other Judges who would be seeing Ted and Tony soon so they could be presented personally.

3) **Change to the format of the AGM and Discussion Meeting**

For historical reasons the Discussion Meeting is held in the morning and the AGM in the afternoon. This often means that things are repeated at both the formal AGM and the Discussion Meeting and that things are carried over from the Discussion Meeting and completed after the AGM.

It was proposed that in 2018 we hold the AGM first, starting at 10am, once all the AGM business is concluded the AGM is “paused”. We would then have the Discussion Meeting for the rest of the day, and if anything from the Discussion Meeting needs formally discuss or voting on we could “un-pause” the AGM at the end of the day. The meeting would still aim to finish at 3:30 – 4pm. It was briefly discussed and no one raised any objections. So it was decided to give the new format a try in 2018, and if it does not work we can change back.

17/12. **Date and Venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that the room at Stevenage would be booked again for the 6th January 2018. Following a suggestion from the Meeting we are looking to see if a larger room is available.

However, if anyone can recommend another venue in a suitable location then we could consider the meeting in 2018. 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 2017.**

Many thanks to Robert Potts for bringing the AGB weights so that our bow scales could be checked during the day and to the people that helped check the bow scales.

The AGM closed at 2.40 pm. The whole meeting closed at 3.45pm

The following item was remaining from the Discussion Meeting

1) **Change to the format of the AGM and Discussion Meeting**

Katy did a presentation highlighting the main differences between Archery GB and World Archery Rules and Procedures. A copy of the presentation is attached (Archery GB vs WA.pdf)

Annual General - 15th January 2011

Activity in the Region 20												
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Type of Event		Designation of Round		Numbers of Judges					Events by Grade			
Target	894	Archery GB	565	Judges	2014	2015	2016	Change	2014	2015	2016	Change
Field	103	World Archery	556	International	7	6	6	0	204	211	171	-40
Clout	50			Continental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flight	2			National	12	13	11	-2	330	328	301	-27
Other	72			Regional	8	10	11	1	196	271	259	-12
				County	15	18	20	2	210	259	266	7
Total	1121	Total	1121	Candidate	11	15	14	-1	39	58	124	66
Status of Event		Level of Event										
World Record Status	414	International	95	Totals	53	62	62	0	979	1127	1121	-6
Record Status	378	National	183	Returns From	51	61	57					
Non-Record Status	329	Regional	100	Average Days Per Judge	13.99*	14.45*	19.67					
		County	247									
		Club	496									
Total	1121	Total	1121									

*The "average day" were calculated differently pre-2016