

The Annual General Meeting of the Regional Shooting Committee was held in the Ellen Terry Suite at Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1LZ at 10am on Saturday 6th January 2018.

The Chairman, Graham Potts, opened the meeting with a welcome and the following statement
 “Welcome to the Meeting, this year we have turned around the format, so firstly there will be the AGM followed by the Discussion Meeting. Your support for this meeting is appreciated.”

18/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Maurice Berridge, Sean Fox, Richard Hillier, Tommy Hodder, Tori Mill, Trevor Strudwick, Bill Kinsella, Guy Perring and Matryn Gore.

Graham Potts then led the Meeting in a minutes silence to remember those who are no longer with us with these words

Before we continue, I would like us all to take some time just to remember those that we knew who have passed away this year. George Bridle took up archery having previously having been successful in Pistol Shooting at a major level, and soon proved to be a very proficient archer, as I know from personal experience of shooting alongside him. He also had a huge amount of knowledge that he was prepared to share with others. George eventually decided to join his wife, Netta, in Judging, and was quite active in the local area (Middlesex) for a few years. George passed away in December, and I would like you all to join me in a short period of reflection as we remember George and others we know who have left us this year.”

18/02. Minutes of the meeting of 7th January 2017 (as circulated)

The minutes were agreed and signed.

18/03. Matters arising

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

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

18/04. Correspondence

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

18/05. Chairman’s Remarks

Welcome all to our SCAS Regional Judge AGM and Discussion meeting - we have a full and varied programme today, and a change in the structure of the meeting, which I hope you will enjoy.

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 continues to work to improve training and progression from candidate to National grades with seminars that help standardise processes, and 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 mind repeating again our CEO's mantra of "more archers, shooting more arrows, more often" as indicating that a Judges workload is unlikely to decrease!

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!

My best wishes to all of you to have a great 2018, 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.

18/06. **Secretary/Liaison Officers Report**

Please see attached document SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE 2018.pdf

Katy Lipscomb
SCAS Judge Liaison Officer

A question was asked whether the Archery GB Office could fast track the membership of Judges to ensure we had our new membership cards by the start of the new membership year. It was explained that the AGB Office can only process renewals when they receive them from the Clubs, so to ensure you receive your cards on time, make sure your Club Secretary sends in the information quickly. It was acknowledged that the fact that Membership cards can be added to your Wallet on your smart phone was a great step forward and that a lot of the Judges had received their new cards in good time. The possibility of fast tracking direct AGB membership for Judges will be raised at the JLO meeting in February but it was unlikely that anything could be done.

18/07. **Elections**

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

No nominations were offered from the floor so Katy Lipscomb was elected as Judge Liaison

Officer for the period 2018 – 2020.

18/08. Appointment or promotion of Judges

- a. National Judge
 - i. Paul Clark
 - ii. Steve Vallis
- b. Regional Judge
 - i. Tony Harris
 - ii. Debbie Horn
 - iii. Tracey Jackson
 - iv. Tori Mill
- c. County Judge
 - i. Maurice Berridge
 - ii. Robert Clark
 - iii. Georgina Cutts
 - iv. David Hall
 - v. Adam Kentrop
 - vi. Julie Coates
 - vii. Guy Perring

18/09. SCAS Website

“SCAS are relaunching their website shortly, hopefully this year. As part of this and to make communication easier SCAS are looking at putting the SCAS Directory on-line. For those of you who don't know the SCAS Directory is the list of County, Club, Coach and Judging details at the back of the SCAS Green Book.

At the moment the SCAS Green Book will still contain the Directory, but it may be in the future that will stop.

I know a lot of you will be anxious about your details being available on-line. So I have printed off a copy of the current Directory. Please indicate on here, by crossing out the information, what details you do not want to appear on the website. If you do not indicate anything, I will assume that you are happy for your details to appear on the website as is.

Please note that as a minimum your Name, Grade, County of Affiliation and one way to contact you will appear (so address, email or phone number).

You will be able to change your details at any time by contacting the JLO. “

There was some discussion about putting the information on-line with many Judges being uncomfortable with all of their information being on the website. Particularly as with only a few bits of information fraudsters can open store accounts fraudulently. There were also some questions about the changes in Data Protection Laws which come into effect from April. It was also the feeling of many of the Judges that the Green Book should be kept in its current format, as it is always there, regardless of internet connection. Katy will raise these issues at the SCAS Council Meeting on the 20th January.

All Judges were urged to contact the SCAS Council or their SCAS Representatives if they have strong feelings about this as the changes will also affect Coaches, Club representatives and SCAS Council members.

18/10. **SCAS Awards**

“SCAS are currently looking at their Awards and who gets awarded what. Currently for being appointed to a SCAS Tournament you receive a Bronze Plaquette, to put this into perspective, this is the same award that the Coach of the Year gets awarded.

So, in 2018 you will probably not get a Bronze Plaquette for Judging at a SCAS Tournament. I don't know what will replace them yet. It may be, as was originally intended, you will get a Bronze Plaquette for the first SCAS Tournament you are appointed to, and maybe a certificate or something for each one after that. Until the review is finished we just don't know. If you have a strong opinion one way or another then talk to your SCAS Representative.

Don't forget, if you would like to nominate a Judge for either a SCAS or AGB award then you can. For SCAS awards you can either go through the JLO or your County Rep. For AGB awards then there is a J12 Form to be completed and sent to the JLO.”

18/11. **SCAS Judge Grants**

“Hopefully you will all agree that the first year of the new SCAS Grants was a great success and for those of you who got a chance to claim them found them useful. I would like to publicly thank SCAS for their continued support of Judges.

I would like to propose one small change to the scheme. I would like to propose that all claims for Grants must be made within 3 months of the event that is being claimed for. This should give everyone plenty of time to claim their Grant, but will help with budgeting and accounting.”

The meeting agreed with the changes. The Constitution will be updated and re-distributed with the Minutes.

There was a break of about 15 minutes for refreshments with the Meeting resuming at 11.20

18/12. **Complaints and Escalations**

“I am sure we have all had the scenario at a shoot when an archer has approached you to say that they were at another shoot and something weird happened, or seen something on Social Media or on a Forum. It is really easy to get drawn into a discussion about what happened or make a comment on-line about it.

But I just want to remind you to be careful, we are all supposed to be one team and working together. By criticising another Judge publicly you are not presenting a united image and it may lead some archers to think that some Judges are better than others and undermine those Judges. Remember as a Judge, what you say can carry a certain amount of weight in some people's eyes, particularly on-line. So be careful. Don't forget as a Judge you are signed up to the Enhanced Code of Conduct for Coaches, Leaders and Officials.

If an archer comes to you to with an issue they had at another tournament then please advise

them to contact either me as JLO – my details are on the SCAS website, or the National Judge Committee. We can then look into the issue and see if maybe some re-training is needed. Although 9 times out of 10, when we do look into these things there was no issue and it was just a misunderstanding by the archer!

Likewise if you, as a Judge, have an issue with a fellow Judge or archer or Tournament Organiser or something, then please contact me as JLO or the National Judge Committee and we will either look into it, or if it is outside of our remit, point you in the right direction.

Other complaints, not about Judging, can be referred to your club, county or SCAS free of charge. If you do have any issues, then please contact me, Hannah or Graham or the National Judge Committee and we will do all we can to help and support you.”

Hannah commented that for a complaint to be looked into it needs to be in writing, otherwise it cannot be acted on. The National Committee is available to help if needed with any situation.

During a short discussion the Meeting was reminded that if they have a problem with an archer they can always make a note of it in the Record Status Booklet, this information then gets recorded by AGB. Alternatively you can always email AGB or the Target Committee if you prefer. Although it is worth bearing in mind that sometimes archers behavior is outside of their control, for example due to autism or Tourette's, and consideration should be made for this.

18/13. Discussion Meeting/Training

1) Timing Systems

a) Chronitir System – Steve Vallis and Andrew Trimble

Andrew gave a presentation of how to use the Chronitir System which is attached in document “Guide for DoS using Chronotir Timing Lights.pdf”.

He had also prepared a quick reference Handy Guide which is attached called “Quick Guide to Chronotir Lights.pdf”

b) Danage System – Richard Pilkington

Richard gave a presentation of how to use the Danage System which is attached in document “Danage Timing System.pdf”.

He had also prepared a quick reference Handy Guide which is attached called “Quick Guide to Danage Lights.pdf”

2) Completing J05s – Debbie Horn

Debbie gave a presentation with some tips on how to improve filling in J05s and how to give more constructive and useful feedback. The presentation is attached in document “Effective J05s.pdf”

There was a break of about 1 hour for lunch with the Meeting resuming at 1pm

3) Field Rule Changes and World Champs Format – Hannah Brown

Hannah gave a quick overview of the changes that have been made in the World Archery Rule Books about Field and 3D.

As of April 1st there are big changes in Book 2 and Book 4 in regards to Field and 3D. Lots of information has been deleted, particularly of duplications where Rules appeared in Field and 3D, rules have been reshuffled and simplified.

All Rounds are 24 targets or multiples of 24, so all mention of the 12, 16, 20 target courses have been removed from the rules and the Arrowhead tables.

The Forest Round has been moved to Book 5

The tolerances of targets have been tidied up so are now – 5 to 15m +- 25cm and 16m upwards +- 1m

The rules about the size and colour of target numbers have been removed, as long as the target number is visible it is okay

In 3D the word “animal” has been removed, so the targets can now be anything, they don’t have to be animals.

For Barebow the arrows will no longer need to be identical for the whole round, just identical in an end. They will also be able to have marks on their tab on a bit of tape.

The Instinctive bow definition is currently being reviewed

The Semi Final rules have been more defined and the Medal Match rules tidied up.

4) Role of COJ – Graham Potts

Graham gave a presentation giving some hints, tips and things to bear in mind when you are a Chair of Judges. The presentation is attached in document “The role of a COJ.pdf”

18/14. Any Other Business

1) Update on Training from the National Committee – Robert Potts

Robert gave an update on the National Committees training program.

The Candidate Seminar, which was previously 2 days has been revised and streamlined so it is now 1 day, which will save the attendees time and money.

They are hoping that moving forward that the Candidate Seminar and Regional Preparation Seminar can be held in Region, as well as hopefully maintaining a central Candidate Seminar each year and the Regional Preparation Seminar being done alongside the National Conference.

As well as the Candidate Seminar in January there is also a Candidate Seminar for new Youth Judges. Currently there are 7 people signed up to this, 2 of which are from SCAS.

2) How to Complete the J07 – Katy Lipscomb

Katy did a quick run through of how to complete the J07 Annual Return Form.

Next year the form should be easier to complete than the original versions this year.

Read the instructions that go out with the Form

The Other column is for Training, Seminars, Conferences etc

Don’t forget to do the Totals at the bottom!!

3) 3 Spot Scoring – Graham Potts

Graham worked through some examples on 3 Spot Scoring to keep it fresh in everyone's minds.

Top Face	10
Middle Face	10 and 9
Bottom Face	nothing

The 10 in the Middle face becomes a Miss as there are 2 arrows in one face

10, 9, M

Top Face	10 and 9
Middle Face	8
Bottom Face	6

The 10 in the Top face becomes a Miss as there are 2 arrows in one face. This gives 9, 8, 6, M. Then the lowest 3 are scored because more than 3 arrows were shot.

8, 6, M

Top Face	10 and 10
Middle Face	10 and 10
Bottom Face	10 and 10

A 10 in each of the faces becomes a Miss as there are 2 arrows in one face. This gives 10, 10, 10, M, M, M. Then the lowest 3 are scored because more than 3 arrows were shot.

M, M, M

5 Spot Worcester

Face 1	4
Face 2	5
Face 3	4 and 4
Face 4	4
Face 5	Nothing

The 4 in Face 3 becomes a Miss as there are 2 arrows in one face.

5, 4, 4, 4, M

Single Spot Portsmouth Face

10, 10, 10, 10, 10 (so 6 10s)

The lowest 3 arrows are scored because more than 3 arrows were shot

10, 10, 10

Top Face	10
Middle Face	9 and 8
Bottom Face	10

The 9 in the Middle face becomes a Miss as there are 2 arrows in one face. This gives 10, 10, 8, M. Then the lowest 3 are scored because more than 3 arrows were shot.

10, 8, M

Single Spot Portsmouth Face

10, 10, 9, 8

The lowest 3 arrows are scored because more than 3 arrows were shot

10, 9, 8

Top Face 10

The Miss was shot out of time

Middle Face 6

Bottom Face 8 and there is another arrow which has missed the scoring zones

The scores are 10, 8, 6, M. The lowest 3 are scored because more than 3 arrows were shot, giving 8, 6, M. Because one was shot out of time the highest scoring arrow is crossed out and replaced with a Miss. The original value is recorded, in case of appeal. It does not matter which arrow was shot out of time, it is always the highest value that is turned into a Miss

M ~~8~~, 6, M (don't forget to initial the amendment)

Please find attached the 3 Spot Face Indoor Scoring.pdf for more information.

4) Sneaky Archer

Paul Clark explained that he had an incident recently at an Indoor Tournament. An archer on the first detail shot an arrow out of time, Paul made a mental note of the Target number, position and what the archer looked like. Because the second detail were due to shoot Paul stayed in position to look after them (which was exactly the right thing to do). When they went up to score he walked up to the target, but was surprised to find the archer was not there. On asking the other people on the target where the archer was, the archer appeared, but wearing a completely different top. During the second detail he had got changed, the maybe because he was too hot or too cold, or maybe because he was hoping the Judge would not recognise him and so could not deduct the arrow. The archer did not argue when Paul took away his highest scoring arrow. The tip is to remember the Target Number and position of the archer if you need to talk to them later, rather than just remember what they were wearing.

5) Proposed Clothing Rule Changes in Archery GB

There was much discussion about the proposed changes to the AGB Dress Regulations, in particular on the proposal to ban leggings.

There was a wide range of views, some felt that the change was a good idea as some leggings were inappropriate and could be indecent; others felt that it was a matter of personal choice – if the archer feels comfortable and confident in wearing them then they should be allowed to wear what they want within the rules.

There was a worry that the change in rules could be seen as discrimination as leggings are mainly a female garment. Because the rules are quite loose, any tightening up like this could be discrimination. If we want to have smarter clothes on the shooting line then we should lock the rules down completely.

The question of National clothing was also raised and what is allowable. An archer had asked about wearing their top from the Invictus Games. It was felt that this was acceptable as they had earned the right to wear the shirt by representing their country.

If any one has anything additional on the proposed changes they should raise it with the Rules Committee directly.

18/15. **Date and Venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that the room at Stevenage would be booked again for the 12th January 2019 in the Ellen Terry Room.

However, if anyone can recommend another venue in a suitable location then we could consider the meeting in 2019. 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 2019.**

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.

Many thanks to Steve Vallis, Andrew Trimble, Richard Pilkington and Debbie Horn for their presentations.

The Meeting closed at 15.46.

Annual General - 6th January 2018

Activity in the Region 2017												
Type of Event		Designation of Round		Numbers of Judges					Events by Grade			
				Judges	2015	2016	2017	Change	2015	2016	2017	Change
Target	819	Archery GB	509									
Field	118	World Archery	550	International	6	6	6	0	211	171	143	-28
Clout	50			Continental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flight	0			National	13	11	13	2	328	301	352	51
Other	72			Regional	10	11	12	1	271	259	259	0
				County	18	20	19	-1	259	266	228	-38
Total	1059			Total	1059	Candidate	15	14	7	-7	58	124
Status of Event		Level of Event										
World Record Status	452	International	63	Totals	62	62	57	-5	1127	1121	1059	-62
Record Status	310	National	177	Returns From	61	57	54					
Non-Record Status	297	Regional	97	Average Days Per Judge	14.45*	19.67	19.61					
		County	222									
		Club	500									
Total	1059	Total	1059									

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