

The Annual General Meeting of the SCAS Judge Committee was held in the Ellen Terry Suite at Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1LZ at 10am on Saturday 4th January 2025.

The Chairman, Hannah Brown, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting
“Good Morning and welcome to the SCAS Conference. As always it is good to see familiar faces and some new ones. Today is about you, what you want from judging and what you can give to it. Hopefully you will all enjoy it, if you do, then make sure you tell us, and if you don't, make sure you tell Katy.”

A moment of silence was observed for Bill Kinsella, a SCAS Judge Emeritus who sadly passed away at the beginning of December and Mario Stankovic from EMAS who passed away at the end of November. They will be missed.

We then went round the room and everyone introduced themselves

25/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Paul Clark, Phil Collins, Warwick Drew, Sean Fox, David Hall, Tori Mill, Aislinn O'Connell, Richard Pilkington, Graham Pink, Helen Piper, Robert Potts, Peter Turner, Siobhan Tyson and Steve Vallis

25/02. Minutes of the meeting of 6th January 2024 (as circulated)

The minutes were agreed and signed.

25/03. Matters arising

N/A

25/04. Correspondence

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

There have also been 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 please contact judges@archerygb.org so they can investigate. Please take a moment to check that your details are correct on the SCAS website.

25/05. Chairman's Remarks

“You will all notice the empty space at the table this morning, so let me start by wishing Richard well in his recovery and hoping that he finds us on a wet, and muddy field soon.

2024 has been a great year for archery. With the successes by both athletes and judges at the Paris Games at the very pinnacle of the sport to the sheer number of events that are being staged in the UK now. We are so often approached for judges as a new event sets up and they try to find the people to run it. You are all integral to that. Without the judges the sport could not run, let us not forget that. You donate your time so that others can compete. There have been a number of times this year when I have been made aware of when archers have been rude and abusive to judges. This is not acceptable in any way. They are, of course, allowed to speak to us and perhaps disagree, but they must remain civil and professional. If you experience this, then please make us

aware, if athletes are breaching the Code of Conduct, they need to be held to account, just like we will be if we treated them in the same fashion.

With more and more at stake at events now, our decisions can make the difference of classifications, County Selection, Tour Points, Ranking Points, anything, so whilst we will do our bit and make sure we follow the procedures and processes to get it right, there will be times when we get it wrong, or forget something, but that does not permit the athletes to step in, to quote a well known rugby referee “This is not soccer”.

Training is important, keeping ourselves up to date, making sure we apply the rules as intended rather than how we would like to – oh and there are some rules I would like to apply in the world according to Hannah, but we have to be nice, apparently.

2025 will see a rewrite of the WA rule books, these will go to Congress later in the year for final stamping and are likely to go live towards the end of the year. Look out for these and some of the subtle changes that will be there.

We do need more judges, you cannot keep all the magnifying glasses to yourselves. AGB are looking at ways to attract people to judging, so your ideas are important, we want to hear why you judge and what you get from it (apart from wet and cold) and how we can market this to others, so have a think and contribute later.

What you do and what you give to the sport is immense. Thank you doesn't seem enough, but its all I have got. Thank you all. “

Hannah Brown
Chairman, SCAS Regional Judge Committee.

25/06. **Secretary/Liaison Officers Report**

Please see attached document SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE 2025.pdf

There was a quick poll to see which County Associations supported their Judges. It seems very few do.

Katy undertook to write to all County Associations to highlight the work Judges do and the costs involved in this and ask them to assist their Judges more.

There was also some discussion about the Interpretation from AGB about in ear devices to reduce noise. These are only allowed if the archer can give a valid medical reason, they cannot wear them just because it reduces the noise and helps them concentrate.

Judges also need to be vigilant for other in ear devices such as ear buds and even legitimate hearing aids as they can be linked to electronic devices which allow the archer to hear coaching advice. It is very hard to tell, particularly with hearing aids, but if we are aware of something we need to act.

Further updates -

SCAS Events and Judge Medals – the SCAS events for 2025 are still being finalised, as soon as this is complete Katy will be emailing round asking for volunteers.

If your club or County would be interested in hosting a SCAS event or finding out more about what would be involved in doing so please speak to Carla Piper who will be happy to advise

The Judge badges for those Judges who officiated at SCAS events in 2024 were then presented by Hannah Brown.

SCAS Judge Emeritus – some of you may be aware that we have an honorary title of SCAS Judge Emeritus. It is awarded to SCAS Judges who have retired but during their career have made an extraordinary contribution to Judging, for example by serving on a judging committee, acting as a mentor etc. If you think anyone is eligible for this title, then please just raise it at an AGM. Geoff Barham proposed that Mark Davis, who is retiring from Judging later in 2025 after nearly 50 years, be awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus, it would take effect as soon as he retired. This was warmly received by the room with several Judges expressing their thanks to Mark for his help and assistance with their Judging careers and highlighting the massive impact Mark has had on Judging and Judges. Mark graciously accepted the much deserved award.

Katy Lipscomb
SCAS Judge Liaison Officer

There was a break of about 15 minutes for refreshments with the Meeting resuming at 11:30

25/07. **Elections**

- a. Nominations Received.
Richard Pilkington has decided not to stand again due to his health. We cannot thank him enough for all he has done during his time as Vice Chairman, he has been an invaluable part of the team

We have received two nominations for Paul Clark as Vice Chairman before the meeting and Geoff Barham was nominated from the floor.
- b. Election of Tellers
Alex Purser and Tony Harris were elected as Tellers. Blank voting papers were passed out and SCAS Judges were asked to vote for either Paul Clark or Geoff Barham
- c. Election of Officers 2025 – 2028
Following the votes being counted by the Tellers Paul Clark was elected as Vice Chairman for the period 2025 – 2028.

25/08. **Appointment or promotion of Judges**

- a. Regional Judge
 - i. Aislinn O’Connell
- b. County Judge
 - i. Helen Piper
 - ii. Ben Hastings

25/09. **Discussion Meeting/Training**

- a. Bouncers – WA versus AGB – Katy Lipscomb
Katy lead a quick reminder on the bouncer procedures for World Archery versus Archery GB bouncers. There are some handy cheat sheets on the SCAS website that people might find useful

Archery GB –

- If there is a suspected bouncer then the archer should finish shooting that end and let a Judge know by stepping back from the line
- If the Judge is happy there has been a bouncer from a scoring zone the archer can shoot a replacement.
- The Judge should be able to identify this replacement arrow by either marking it or making a note of the number (presuming they only have one with that number on it).
- If the archers aren't sure whose arrow bounced then they can both shoot a replacement arrow and the replacement arrow for whoever did not have a bouncer can be ignored
- The archer then shoots the replacement when everyone else on the target has finished shooting. If it is a timed event then they will get 40 seconds to shoot when everyone else has finished shooting but before scoring takes place
- The Judge will then take part in the scoring, they will check the arrow was actually a bouncer (by the way it is lying on the ground etc) and that the arrow did not bounce off the back of another arrow.
- If the bouncer hit another arrow then it scores the value of the arrow stuck and the replacement arrow is ignored (which is why we mark it).
- If there was not actually a bouncer then the replacement arrow is ignored. If an archer continually claims bouncers which are not real then they can be penalised by losing the highest scoring arrow of that end, but this is an extreme decision.
- If the archer does not discover the bouncer until they get to the archer they should call a Judge before anyone touches the arrow. The Judge can then decide if they think the arrow bounced, and if they think it did then a replacement arrow can be shot at the earliest opportunity, for example as part of the next end at that distance

World Archery –

- If there is a suspected bouncer the archer and everyone on that target should stop shooting. Unless there is only one person per face. They should let the Judge know they have a bouncer by stepping back from the line
- The Judge needs to find out how many arrows each archer has got left to shoot – if there are no arrows left to shoot and it is the last or only detail then there is no need to stop the shoot
- Let the COJ, DOS and other Judges know there is a bouncer and how many arrows there are left to shoot.
- At the end of the detail the DOS will stop the shoot.
- The Judge and the archer will then walk to the target and the Judge will check that the arrow was actually a bouncer (by the way it is lying on the ground etc)
- The bounced arrow is then placed behind the target leg
- The Judge will then check the target for an unmarked hole or if the arrow hit another arrow.
- If the arrow hit another arrow then it scores the value of the arrow stuck
- If you find one unmarked hole then that is the value of the bouncer.
- If there is more than one unmarked hole then the bouncer will score the value of the lowest unmarked hole unless there is physical evidence to identify the correct score – for example

if the bouncer is a small arrow and there are two hole but one is from a large arrow and one is from a small arrow then you may have physical evidence of which arrow hole to score

- The Judge should make a note of the value of the bouncer and mark any unmarked holes.
- The Judge and archer return to the shooting line and when the archer(s) are ready to shoot the remain arrows then they shoot them, they have 40 seconds per arrow. They can be shot under DOS control or under local timing.
- Once they have finished then the Judge should let the DOS know who can then restart the shoot.
- The Judge will then go to the Target and take part in the scoring making sure the value of the bouncer is recorded and making sure the archer picks up the arrow from behind the target leg.

b. Quick Reminder - Scoring at Events – Katy Lipscomb

There seems to be some confusion about scoring at events.

World Record Status Events MUST be double scoring, it can be two paper scoresheets or a paper scoresheet and an electronic scoresheet.

Record Status Events do not have to have double scoring, they can or they can have a single scoresheet which is passed around the archers so no one records their own scores. Full details of approved scoring systems can be found in the Rules of Shooting in Appendix A.

There was some discussion on when there are two paper scoreboards (so people write down their own scores) on their own scoresheet should the archer sign as scorer and archer. It was decided that as the archer is the scorer they should sign as such, the other scoreboard has been filled in by another archer.

Also please remember that when there are two scoresheets then they should be filled out independently at the target – not one scoresheet completed at the target and then copied onto the other scoresheet back at the tents.

c. Quick Reminder – Bow Scales – Katy Lipscomb

Just to clarify the correct procedure is that the same scales should be used for all archers in the same division, so for larger events you can use one scale for the men and another for the females and another for the Juniors and so on. If you do use one scale for men and another for women then make a note of which scale was used for which group so the same scale can be used for any rechecking.

Whilst all the scales are calibrated the calibration is only an indication on the day it was checked, scales can deteriorate over time and we all know that the weather can affect scales. By using the same scale for everyone in a division you are making sure that all archers have a level playing field and are assessed against the same thing.

d. Quick Reminder – Arrow Values – Katy Lipscomb

Please, please, please make sure you always use a magnifying glass and look from two sides when giving an arrow values.

It is sometimes difficult to look from two sides, particularly indoors, but do your best. And don't be afraid to ask the target to score the rest of their arrows so if you do accidentally touch them it doesn't matter.

Use a magnifying glass even if it is obvious, it is part of the show. You can then educate the archers on how line values are decided after you have given your arrow decision.

And don't be afraid to use a magnifying glass with a torch in it or use a torch as well, particularly in Indoors.

And be mindful if you are wearing a hat or have something around your neck, such as your whistle. Remove these before doing an arrow value to ensure they don't hit the arrows or touch the target face.

On the subject of arrow values a Judge emailed in with a scenario they had heard about - at a Target event with 4 people on a target, Archer A called their arrows, Archer B and C agreed but Archer D disagreed with one value. The Judge was called and asked if there was a disagreement, when they were told only one person disagreed the Judge said *"that as not everyone disagrees then they are not getting involved and the score stands as called"*

In Field where there is no Judge present then the majority decision goes, but in Target if only one archer disagrees then the Judge needs to get their magnifying glass, look from both sides and give a decision. This is our role.

e. Quick Reminder – Judging Family – Katy Lipscomb

Judging is a very small world, like a family, and like all families there are sometimes issues. For example there might be someone that you don't enjoy Judging with or someone you don't get on with. That is fine, just avoid working with them. Or if it is more serious then raise a formal complaint with me or AGB.

But when you are in public please try and be supportive of each other. Try to avoid standing at a tournament and discussing how bad you think a certain Judge is, archers hear us and then they lose confidence in Judges as a whole.

The same applies on social media and forums or even discussions down the club, if there is a discussion about a Judging matter then it is best to stay out of it. Archers aren't asking a question about a Judge's decision because they want a fair discussion!

If you weren't there then you cannot know the full story about what happened and what was said.

If you have a concern about something that happened at an event then raise it with me or the COJ or with AGB so it can be looked into and any appropriate action taken.

As Judges we need to put on a united front in public. Be supportive of each other – none of us are perfect and no one knows all the rules – we all make mistakes. If we help and support each other then we will hopefully all have a better experience of Judging.

f. Quick Reminder - Face Heights Indoors – Katy Lipscomb

There is a difference between Indoor face heights between AGB and WA

For AGB for two rows of full size 40cm and two rows of 40cm triangular triple spot is 100cm for the bottom and 160cm for the top

For World Archery the rule is a minimum of 100cm for the bottom and a maximum of 162cm for the top.

One of our Judges has suggested it might be better if AGB changed to match the WA rule.

This would give Tournament Organisers more flexibility with the height of faces if there is a soft patch and save any confusion about the two different rules.

The Meeting agreed that this would be a sensible change. Katy will write to AGB to ask them to consider amending the Rules.

There was also discussion about the difference in AGB and WA rules on the tolerances on faces (WA is +/- 2mm and 1mm, AGB is +/- 3mm and 1mm). AGB have been asked about this previously but have said they will keep it the same as it allows people more flexibility on where they buy their faces for non WRS tournaments.

g. Quick Reminder – Sighters vs Practice – Katy Lipscomb

It is easy to get confused on this one as they are both essentially the same thing -

- Sighters are normally shot at AGB Rounds, archers are limited to a certain number of arrows and a certain number of ends (1 outdoors and 2 indoors normally – except for Worcesters).
- Practice is normally shot at World Archery Rounds, archers get a certain number of timed ends during which they can shoot as many arrows as they want (1 outdoors and 2 indoors normally). The main exception is World Archery Clout where it is Sighters.

There is often confusion about what happens in Double Rounds. This is a historic thing as in AGB you were not allowed sighters at the start of a second round. But this has now changed.

You are now allowed sighters/practice before a second round no matter what. This includes when shooting a Double Clout. So for example at a Double National there is a second set of sighters before the start of the second round and anyone can shoot them whether they shot the first round or if they are just joining for the second one.

The only exception is a Double 720. A Double 720 is different to two 720s, a Double 720 is a

specific round and so there are no practice before the second set of 72 arrows. If you are not sure if it is a Double 720 or two separate 720s then check the paperwork from the Tournament Organiser.

There was some discussion about warm up ends during Head to Heads where archers are having matches who have not shot before. This may vary from Tournament to Tournament but the normal is one or two ends of 2 minutes of warm up (where the archer can shoot as many arrows as they wish).

The main deciding factor will probably be the time these ends may take and whether there is a separate practice field nearby that can be used.

It is important that the Chair of Judges and the Tournament Organiser discuss this sort of thing when the Field of Play layout is being decided. There may be ways to use the space on the field more wisely – for example whilst the Men's Recurve are shooting their early matches (1/64 or 1/32) there is space elsewhere on the field to do the matches for smaller categories like Ladies Longbow to save them waiting around for several hours.

There was a break of about 40 minutes for lunch with the Meeting resuming at 1:30pm

h. How to check a Field Course – Tony Harris

Tony kindly gave a very informative presentation on how to carry out a Field and 3D Course inspection. A copy of the presentation “SCAS Field Archery Judges Presentation V1.pdf” is attached.

Tony referenced a spreadsheet created by Andrew Trimble to check Field Courses are correct. A copy of the spreadsheet “WA-Field-2024-V2-blank.xls” is attached. Please make sure you read the INSTRUCTIONS Tab first before using.

i. Quick Reminder – Judge Tournament Report – Katy Lipscomb

The new online Judge Tournament Report has been available this year. AGB have made a few tweaks over the year to make it more user friendly but if you have any further comments on it then please let AGB know so they can amend it further if needed.

There is a section to record information on “Did the conduct of any participant cause concern”. This is where you can mention any issues or incidents involving any one there, including someone cheating. However if there is a serious incident, like cheating or abuse, then I would strongly recommend that the Judges write a combined report to AGB detailing everything that happened and include any evidence such as photos etc. This way AGB have a detailed record and it has been flagged to them. If you just put it on the Tournament Report they may not pick it up for a few weeks as they get lots of these reports every week.

It should be worth highlighting that people accused of cheating are not added to a list that is circulated to all Judges so they can be watched in the future.

Don't forget that the Chair of Judges or any Judge present can submit a separate report to

judges@archerygb.org if they wish on any issue at the tournament.

j. AGB Partial Pass Throughs – Katy Lipscomb

A question was submitted about AGB Partial Passthroughs which is covered Rule 306 (k) which says -

“An arrow passing through the target face but remaining in the boss shall be withdrawn by the Target Captain or Lieutenant and shall be inserted from the back in the same place and at the assumed angle of original penetration until the pile is visible in the target face, when the score shall be determined.”

The question was how do other Judges handle this situation as removing and reinserting the arrow seems impractical and it would be difficult to get the same angle. Also would it not be better if the Judge or the archer did any manipulation of the arrow.

There was some discussion but the general feeling was that whilst the spirit of the rule was applied, the practicalities were handled differently.

Firstly all the other arrows on the target would be scored. The Judge would then ask the archer to push the arrow back through, whilst the Judge ensured they were following the correct angle. The feeling was the fletches would already be ruined so no further damage would be done by pushing the arrow back, and as it was that archer's arrow they should do the pushing in case the arrow was damaged whilst being pushed. As soon as the arrow was visible it could be scored and then removed and the boss replaced.

It was felt the rule was written a long time ago when straw bosses were used and fletches were made differently.

It was agreed that Katy should write to AGB and ask them to look at updating the rule to reflect what actually happens now.

k. Unusual Equipment Failures – Katy Lipscomb

Katy lead a discussion on how to handle unusual equipment failures, those that are out of the ordinary or happen at a difficult time in the shoot.

For example, how do you handle it when the equipment failure happens just before the change of distance – do you move the other targets and leave that archer's where it is or do you leave everything where it is until the make up arrows have been shot

What about if it happens during the last end of the day – how long do you give them to repair the problem

In AGB it says – “In the event of an equipment failure the archer shall signal a Judge. Extra time up to a maximum of 15 minutes may be allowed for the correction of the failure. The archer shall shoot any remaining arrows from the end at the earliest opportunity under the supervision of the Judge.” But World Archery does not have a time limit for repairing the Equipment failure.

How about if it is a Junior or novice archer and they need help to fix the problem. Do you allow someone else to miss some arrows to help them and then make up the arrows? (you can let them miss scoring)

There was a very useful discussion.

With Equipment Failures happening just before a change of distance there were various suggestions, such as hold the scoring until the repair has been made and the remaining arrows shot so everyone goes to score at the same time; if there are multiple rounds then maybe move the other rounds and leave the one affected where it is until the remaining arrows have been shot (so if there is a problem on the York Round move the Hereford and Bristols whilst the archer is repairing their equipment); if the archer is happy maybe move all the other targets but theirs

If the repair is holding up the results or could mean the tournament does not finish (particularly Indoors when you have to be out by a certain time) then speak to the TO to see how long you can give the archer and then have an honest conversation with them with the TO present and explain the situation. It would be unfair to penalise the rest of the archers because of one issue with an archer.

If the archer needs help repairing their equipment from someone else who is shooting there were some options – the archer could swap details with the others on their target to help with the repair, they could also ask their target companions to score for them whilst they do the repair. The Judges could also help by spending a few minutes checking faces to give the archers a bit longer to repair the problem. If that would not give them long enough to do the repair then it was felt the decent thing was to allow the archer to not shoot whilst they are sorting the problem and then they could shot their make up arrows at the same time as the archer who had the problem. You are not holding up the shoot further as the original archer will have to shoot make up arrows any way and it was felt it was the kindest thing to do.

You could also have a scenario where an archer does not have an equipment failure or medical emergency but is affected by one next to them. For example if the compound bow behind them explodes they might be a bit shaken up and need a few moments to get themselves together. In this situation we can also allow them to have make up arrows once they have recovered from the situation. Again this is the decent thing to do.

How you react will depend very much on the situation, the archers involved, how long the repair might take, but the important thing is to think of options which do not disadvantage the archer, but also do not disadvantage the rest of the field. Luckily, as Judges, we can always discuss options with the other Judges and the Tournament Organiser to find a suitable solution.

I. Barebow String Serving – Hannah Brown

Hannah explained what we should be looking for with barebow string serving, particularly with it ending in the line of sight at target events

The same rules that apply to Recurve bows apply to Barebows at Target events. It is not an issue at Field and 3D events as they are multi distance so there is no advantage.

Serving ending in the line of sight, in particular a change in colour or thickness can be used as a back sight by the archer.

As Judges we need to be checking for this during equipment inspection and during shooting. During equipment inspection we can ask archers to draw the bow up to check it, but it is best to check during shooting as well as their hand position might change. We also need to be checking at each distance when it is a multi distance event such as a 1440 or York Hereford.

m. Measuring Shoot Offs – Katy Lipscomb

Measuring shoot offs can be one of the most nerve wracking parts of Head to Heads when you first start, so I thought it might be useful to run through the process.

- At the end of a match the DOS will ask the archers to let a Judge know if they have a Tie on their match, but as a Judge go along the matches you are looking after to ask them if there is a Tie.
- If the archers say there is a tie then check their scoresheets to make sure they have not made a mistake – it never hurts to double check!
- Signal to the DOS and everyone else that there is a shoot off, normally this is by giving the “airplane” signal and by radioing the DOS that there is a shoot off on Target XX.
- Before returning to the shooting line check that the face(s) have the X still, in case you need to measure
- For the other Judges, if you don’t have a shoot off them be ready to step in if another Judge has two in their area, and if there is a Judge who is new be ready to offer them support if they need it
- When you get back to the shooting line remind the archers of the procedures, even if they say they know what to do! Remind them it is one arrow each and they shoot together in 40 seconds. The arrow nearest the middle is the winner.
- When they are both ready signal to the DOS so they can start the time.
- Whilst they are shooting I always try to remember which archer is shooting in which position (left or right) and their arrows ready to signal the winner.
- When the line is clear walk to the targets with the archers – there is no need to get there before them now. This does prove difficult as there is always one archer who sets off like Usain Bolt and the other who wants to spend 5 minutes chatting before walking up!
- When you get to the targets with the two archers look to see who the winner is, confirm this with the archers – “the winner is this arrow here, it belongs to Archer A who was shooting on the left/right”, then step a few paces in front of the targets and indicate the side that is the winner by raising your arm. Your DOS may also want you to radio the winner as well.
- Make sure the archers fill in the scoresheets correctly and sign as appropriate, also make sure they fill in the PDA if it is being used as this will show up on the live results for the DOS and Announcer to see
- If the arrows look to be the same distance from the middle then you will need to

measure.

- You can use callipers or dividers, it is personal preference, but you need to be able to lock them in place so you cannot accidentally move them. Which ever you choose make sure you practice with them before the day. If you have callipers with an electronic readout then remove the battery or cover the screen up.
- As the Judge it is your decision whether you want to measure or not
- I adjust the device to roughly the correct distance, hold the flat of one side against the arrow and adjust it so one side is against the arrow and one side is against the X. Lock the device carefully whilst checking you have not accidentally moved it.
- Then go to the other target/arrow and compare the measurements.
- Do not go back and remeasure the arrows
- If you are not able to say who is nearer the middle then they have a second shoot off. There is no rule about if they are within 1mm then there is a shoot off, it is just on whether you can clearly tell the winner.
- If both archers score a Miss then it is another shoot off – with some archers it has been known to take a time before one of them hits!

Indoors the shoot offs take place on the middle face (or the top one of a triangular 3 spot). You are more likely to get a situation where both archers have shot the X, so measuring is impossible. You can sometimes still tell by looking – one is more centred than the other, so then you can declare a winner, but if you are not sure, as you can't measure you have to go for another shoot-off.

If the arrows are a long way from the centre then it can be difficult. But never measure to a line, as it is very difficult to make sure you are measuring the right angle. You can use the protruding end of the callipers or it has been known to use an arrow (with the pile on the X) or similar.

If you are worried about doing a shoot off then there is no harm in asking one of the other Judges or the COJ to walk up with you for reassurance.

25/10. **Any Other Business**

Hidden Disabilities Presentation – Geoff Barham

Geoff gave a quick presentation to highlight the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower scheme. This scheme is entirely optional and allows people who want to share they have a hidden disability by wearing a sunflower badge or wearing a sunflower lanyard. It indicates that they may need additional assistance in certain situations. Further details can be found in the attached presentation "Hidden Disabilities.pdf" or <https://hdsunflower.com/uk/>

Please note however that not everyone with a hidden disability will choose to use this scheme, it is personal choice.

Be Kind to Chronotir – Mark Davis

Mark, who helps maintain and repair the Chronotir timing systems had some top tips to look after them

- They are delicate, so be careful and certainly try not to drop them
- If it is raining then ask the TO or Field Crew to cover the displays with clear waterproof covers
- There is a nut on the bottom that needs to be oiled regularly
- Never put them away wet or damp
- Use Ion batteries, it is better for the system
- They don't like the heat either, so if very hot try to shade the box

Split Fields – Mark Davis

Mark kindly advised that AGB should be updating the rules for when there are two shooting lines running independently of each other. At the moment they can share the side overshoot (details in the Rules) but it has to be roped off. AGB have said they are going to update the rules so that the area can be coned off instead, making the process much easier and quicker.

This change has not been published yet so please do not implement it until it is.

Judging Non AGB Events – Carla Piper

There was a question about judging at non AGB events now there are clubs that are wholly or partially not affiliated with AGB.

This is a complicated situation and for TOs the onus is on them to check that everyone shooting is an AGB member.

Judges are free to officiate at events hosted by non AGB members, but they cannot wear the AGB uniform or do as AGB Judges, but as private individuals. They will not be protected by any AGB insurance or if anything happens AGB will not be able to assist them. Anyone wanting to Judge at an non AGB event should check the insurance in place carefully to make sure it is appropriate.

25/11. **Date and Venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that the room at Stevenage would be booked again for the 3rd January 2026 in the Ellen Terry Room.

However, if anyone can recommend another venue in a suitable location then we could consider the meeting in 2026. 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 £400 for the room and approximately £200 for the refreshments. **Any suggestions need to be sent to the Judge Liaison Officer by the 31st March 2025.**

The Meeting closed at 4pm.

Many thanks to everyone that kindly did a presentations – Hannah Brown and Tony Harris. Their time and effort was much appreciated.

Also thank you to the team of Tony Harris and Lee Miller who checked the bowscales during the day.

Annual General - 7th January 2023

Activity in the Region 2024												
Type of Event		Designation of Round		Numbers of Judges					Events by Grade			
				Judges	2022	2023	2023	Change	2022	2023	2023	Change
Target	681	Archery GB	329	International	5	5	5	0	157	152	138	-14
Field/3D	66	World Archery	446	Continental	1	1	1	0	21	27	22	-5
Clout	28	Training	80	National	15	14	14	0	271	284	286	2
Flight	0			Regional	11	11	11	0	158	197	197	0
Other	80			County	10	12	14	2	97	169	154	-15
Total	855			Total	855	Candidate	13	16	9	-7	77	33
Status of Event		Level of Event										
World Record Status	377	International	81	Totals	55	59	54	-5	781	862	855	-7
Record Status	252	National	205	Returns From	46	49	48					
Non-Record Status	146	Regional	78	Average Days Per Judge	16.98	17.59	17.81					
Training	80	County	154									
		Club	337									
Total	855	Total	855									