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# Southern Counties Archery Society

## Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Council held at the University College London, Gower Street – London on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 10.00am

### PRESENT:-

President	Mr G Sibley
Chairman	Dr S Ellison
Secretary	Mr A Woodger
Treasurer	Mr C Fletcher-Campbell
Field Liaison Officer	Mr S Duggan
Senior Inter-Counties Tournament Organizer}	
Junior Inter-Counties Tournament Organizer}	Mr G Sibley
Junior Archery Development Officer}	
Indoor Tournament Organizer	Mr R Brown
Chairman of Coaches	Mr D Squibb
Junior Liaison Officer	Mr J Willson
Press Officer	Mr A Scales
Disability Liaison Officer	Mr P Drewry

### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:-

Berkshire	Mr A Abbott. Mr S Nicholson
Buckinghamshire	Mrs J Collins, Mr D Collins
Essex	Mr G Sibley, Mr R Frost
Kent	Mr R Beaney.
Middlesex	Mrs M Woolf
Surrey	Mrs J Madelin.
Sussex	Mr R Brown

### 10.27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

SCAM Secretary	Mr N Dimmock
Field Tournament Organizer	Mr P Turner
Judges Liaison Officer	Mrs K Lipscomb
Clout Tournament Organizer	Mr R Attrill
Bedfordshire	Mr R Horley.
Cambridgeshire	Miss D Wood, Mr I Caulfield.
Hertfordshire	Mr R Merrick, Mr D Osmond.
Middlesex	Mr G Pratt.
Surrey	Mrs J Friedlander.
Sussex	Mr L Bartlett

**10.28 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**10.29 MATTERS ARISING.**

10.19.12. John Willson has contacted Anne Rook from GNAS.

10.21 Comments on the draft Disciplinary Procedure are invited over the course of the next 30 days.

**10.30 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.**

No remarks.

**10.31 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.**

**10.31.01 Secretary**

The Green Book for 2010 has been sent to County and Club secretaries. I am in the process of producing the address labels for Members of Council, Coaches, Judges, and Life Members etc.

Along with the Chairman and Treasurer I have been involved in a panel assessing the merits (or otherwise) of a complaint made by a SCAS member about SCAS Club and the associated County Association. Hopefully this issue will be resolved very soon.

It has come to the attention of the Secretary the London Archery Association is having some difficulties in getting people to run the Association and, as a result, it may have to fold with clubs joining their nearest other County Association. More details will be circulated when known.

Council agreed that Robert Potts would take over as Webmaster for the SCAS Website. His email address is [robert@pottsy.me.uk](mailto:robert@pottsy.me.uk).

**10.31.02 Treasurer**

**A SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE - Jan>Sep 10**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions (net)	2523		
GNAS admin fees	2821	GNAS admin fee rebates	7299
Misc	1488		
Record status / FITA *	322	Record status / FITA*	250
Tournaments – fees direct	1641	Tournaments – floats	2527
		Medals etc	883
		Council travel	1260
		Council meeting rooms	717
Loan repayment	1000	Publicity	530
		EAF	5720
Investments	2239	Accountancy fees	3055
<u>Total</u>	<u>12034</u>		<u>22241</u>

Balances: Current 30194 Cap Res 81714

### **10.31.02 Treasurer (contd)**

#### **B PROPOSAL**

To move SCAS bank accounts out of NatWest Ampthill to another more convenient bank – Coop?  
Reasons will be given at meeting.

The move of bank accounts was unanimously agreed by Council at the Meeting.

After a discussion at the Meeting it was decided to:-

- a) To hold subscription fees at their current level for next year,
- b) To hold on to our reserves and invest in order to generate income,
- c) To simplify the payment of SCAS subs on a County basis.

### **10.31.03 SCAM Secretary**

In this part of the year everything is very quiet. Planning is almost ready for next year. The date is known (17th - 20th May). Record status has been granted (application was received by the office 366 days before the event). The Lady Paramount and Judge have been invited and all that remains is for a Field Captain to be invited/appointed. This is something that will be decided in the next few weeks.

Entry forms will be available, and sent out to all have shot in last years' event, in the middle of February.

### **10.31.04 Junior Inter-Counties Tournament Organizer and 10.31.05 Senior Inter-Counties Tournament Organizer**

Both were expertly staged by the host clubs and hopefully enjoyed by all who participated. In both instances the weather was kind to us, although in each case a variable breeze was evident.

The Ladies' Paramount acted in their usual calm and efficient manner and thanks must go to Mrs Rachel Jackson who attended the Junior at Aveley, and Mrs Barbara Anscombe, the Senior at Andover.

The costs for both tournaments were up a little this year and resulted in an overall loss of just over £16. There was also the eternal problem that some trophies were returned without being engraved by the 2009 winners.

At the Meeting Council was informed that there were a couple of cost increases this year, and also that a couple of the Trophies returned had not been engraved.

The full results have been circulated by in general they were:

#### **JUNIOR**

Recurve	Histed Trophy	Essex	575 4472 290
	Davison Trophy	Sussex	575 4415 298
	Bronze brooches	Berkshire	574 4342 268
Compound	Kent Trophy	Sussex	432 3702 347
	Silver brooches	Essex	431 3677 339
	Bronze brooches	Kent	432 3552 289
Highest Recurve	Mr Luke Wanden		1188
Compound	Miss Daisy Clark		1278

#### **SENIOR**

Recurve	Middlesex Trophy	Hants	576 4437 281
	Quick Trophy	Middx	574 4290 256
	Freshwater Salver	Essex	576 4254 230
Compound	Van Buren Trophy	Herts	576 4838 417
	Red Medallion	Essex	575 4809 417
	Blue Medallion	Hants	576 4800 392
Inger Frith Cup	Mr Marc Gray	Hants	1136
	Ms Louise Collville	Surrey	1146
Surrey Trophy	Miss Daisy Clark	Essex	1246

**10.31.04 Junior Inter-Counties Tournament Organizer** and  
**10.31.05 Senior Inter-Counties Tournament Organizer (contd)**

At the Meeting Bob Beaney gave a presentation about the possible new ground for the SCAS Intercounties at the University of Kent, Canterbury. After much discussion about comparative costs of the new venue compared with the current venue it was decided, after a vote, to use the new venue for next year.

**10.31.06 Field Tournament Organizer**

Kingsbury staged the Regional Championships and the Regional Intercounties this year, all went very well and results are on the SCAS web and the GNAS Field archery web site. We thank Kingsbury and congratulate all the Champions. It was agreed at the Meeting that the Intercounty aspect of the Tournament needs to be highlighted on the Entry Form.

This leads me into next year (2011), is there anyone wanting to stage these events, either independently or combined with one of their own. Hopefully a ground can be found before the next Council Meeting.

At the Meeting it was agreed to try to find a common set of rules to govern the composition of a 'team' across all SCAS Tournaments. This will need to be considered carefully by the Field Tournament Officer.

**10.31.07 Clout Tournament Organizer**

Everything is up to date, Record Status has been granted, Tassel Award Applied for. Last year's clout made a small profit even though numbers of Archers were reduced, in the light of this I ask that the cost of entry remain at £7.00 per person.

**10.31.08 Indoor Tournament Organizer**

The Crawley K2 hall is booked for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 8am to 8pm, and also from 4pm on the previous day for the set-up.

Any comments from anyone who has a view on time allowances would be welcome, as we still have the opportunity to do something about any foreseeable problems. I think it would be sensible to increase the three-hour time allowance for each session, possibly by half an hour – although maybe ten minutes could be clawed back by scheduling sighters as soon as possible after Assembly, instead of specifying fifteen minutes later. I also hope it will be possible for SCAS to assist in the purchase of some easy-withdraw bosses, at least for the compounds, as the time taken to withdraw their arrows from the hard straw bosses was clearly a major element in the delays in 2010. With a faster start and easier bosses it may be enough to add 15 minutes to the first session, but as nothing was allowed this year for the Presentation Ceremonies for the SCAS and Sussex events, it seems sensible to start the third session Team Event one hour later than this year, so Assembly times could be 09.30, 12.45 and 16.30, which should leave a full hour for Presentations and equipment tear-down at the end.

The UK Record Status Application has been accepted by GNAS. All the 2010 Judges have said they would be willing to officiate, in spite of the negative aspects of 2010.

I've heard that Jersey and Guernsey are hoping to send teams this year. They are of course not strictly Counties in their own right as they are part of Hampshire, and so will probably have to be content with Club team event; however it's nice to think they feel it's worth the effort.

Input on alternative boss types will be welcome, anyone with experience of some of the newer types please share your views. For storage reasons thinner bosses would be preferable, but durability, ease of repair and cost could be deciders.

Although we can be fairly certain how many compound entrants there will be, and so roughly how many bosses they would require if they are grouped together, nevertheless when it comes to the team shoot (where all team members are together on one boss) the compounds will have to be spread around – but all teams will not include compounds, so it should still be possible to place a good proportion of the teams with compounds on the easy bosses.

### **10.31.08 Indoor Tournament Organizer (contd)**

In 2010 out of a total of thirty two, nine bosses were allocated to compounds in each session of the SCAS Championships, which provided for 36 archers each using 3-spot faces. There were three or four unused places in each session. Unfortunately there are no figures for the number of teams that included compounds, as individual names weren't logged, but there do seem to be about 18 in the pictures of the target lines of the two sessions, so that would suggest around half the teams had a compound bow. In the 2010 shoot there were 15 longbow entrants in one of the Individual Event sessions. As the hard bosses aren't longbow-friendly either, ideally synthetic bosses should be provided for them too, so provided storage space is available the ideal quantity would be 14 to 16.

Proposals for limiting access to the hall need to be finalised by the December meeting:  
Suggested limitations...

- No trade stands inside the hall
- Between Assembly and the end of each session only archers participating in the session and Officials / Field party to be allowed in the hall – ONLY EXCEPTIONS BEING ASSISTANTS AND CARERS – need to think of definition. Could specify children under 14 and older people with recognised special needs, and Assistants as permitted in GNAS Rules.
- Virtual silence while the shooting is under way – as in National Sporting Club.
- If parents of children with no specific recognised special needs are allowed into the hall they must keep to the very rear - a line will be defined (probably an existing marking). If children need assistance they must go to their parents.

It was agreed at the meeting that whatever conditions apply they should clearly be stated on the Entry Form.

It was also agreed that a complaint raised with reference to the 2009 Indoor Champs should be investigated by the SCAS Executive in the first place. Since part of the complaint involved a Judge then the complaint may warrant the use of existing rules via the SCAS Judge Liaison Officer and the Shooting Committee.

### **10.31.09 Junior Tournament Organizer**

#### **Junior Championships Runwell 5th Sept 2010**

The Weather was warm, a little overcast, with a slight breeze, which produced a good days shooting. Thanks go to the judges panel. Mr Neil Dimmock, Mr Mike Pearce and Paula Turner. Mrs Claire Stanford was again the Lady paramount. The scoring was performed in a efficient way as usual by Tina and Roger Horley. We had Special Guest present, Marlene Hutchings President of Essex, Graham Sibley President of SCAS and Stephen Castle the minister for Sport and Education for Essex\County.

Congratulations to our Regional Champions for 2010:

Junior Gent Recurve: Edward Kears Colchester & District

Junior Lady Recurve: No Entry

Junior Gent Compound: Joseph Franklin Mayflower

Junior Lady Compound: Daisey Clark Chelmsford T R

Club Team: Chelmsford TR (Sophie Cole, Grace Butterfield, Luke Baharie)

County Team: Essex (Sophie Cole, Alex Body, Sebastian Stedman, Louise Devlin)

My congratulations go to our Regional Champions and all those who won medals within their age groups. Twenty Six Rose Awards, one six gold end and a National Record set by Laurie Clarke. Well done to those archers.

I would like to extend my thanks to the following people:

Roger and Tina Horley who produces and organised the Target lists, and the team of helpers from Rayleigh Town Archery club for their support in preparing the field for the competition and supplying all the food on the day, and of course all of the archers and parents who attended making it the tournament that it now is.

This year Perris Archery sponsored the event and donated the target faces.

### **10.31.09 Junior Tournament Organizer (contd)**

The date for 2011 is Sat Sept 3rd, I need council approval for this, and I'm happy to run the Tournament in 2011. Record status has already been completed for this event and the application accepted.

### **Junior Fita star & metric Tournament 10<sup>th</sup> July Colchester 2010**

I have not received a detailed report yet but I can assure everyone that it was a success, and all the people attending the shoot were very happy. I seek approval for the event to take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

In general the Tournaments made £123.99 profit. The Junior Tournament Organizer asked the Treasurer if he could reinstate the £500 float for next year. He also pointed out that a cheque to SCAS from the 2009 Tournaments had not yet been cashed and he will send another cheque to the Treasurer. Also, one trophy has yet to be returned.

### **10.31.10 Field Liaison Officer**

#### **XXII World Field Archery Championships, 13th - 18th July 2010, Visegrad, Hungary.**

One archer from the region, Lucy Holderness, from Bedfordshire selected for the international GB team this year. Lucy was eliminated from her tournament during the top 16 shoot off, however she did perform particularly well during the qualifying rounds when she was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>. I would like to express my congratulations to Lucy on her achievement.

#### **Winter Field Archery League:**

I am pleased to say that I have had a fantastic response from clubs in SCAS to participate in the WFAL for 2010/11. The whole idea behind the concept is to encourage archers the opportunity to learn, develop & improve their shooting techniques for field archery. This year SCAS archers have the opportunity to attend a field club within the SCAS boundaries on **every** weekend during the winter except Boxing Day! Any archer who is interested will find more information on the GNAS field web site. [www.gnasfield.co.uk](http://www.gnasfield.co.uk). I am hoping to secure some funding for medals to be presented to the top 50% of League participants this winter season.

#### **The John Hartfield Bursary**

I did forward the comments raised in the last council meeting about the John Hartfield bursary to the trustees of the bursary fund. This committee took these comments on board, and discussed the requirements at length. The response that I have received back from the Bursary committee can be summarised as follows. They recognised that the donation of such a large sum of money from SCAS – is very generous, but also, to fulfil the criteria and reassurance that SCAS are looking for would be too restrictive. They also felt that they would be obliged to support field opportunities within SCAS perhaps over others. The other concern expressed to me was that by SCAS making 1 large, generous donation to the bursary, it would remove the opportunity for other individuals in SCAS to approach the region to gain support and funding. This Bursary fund did not want this to happen.

So in conclusion, the bursary document will remain the same as presented at the council's previous meeting.

I would like to share a comment made from Berkshire Archery Association. "John was a stalwart for SCAS, representing SCAS on National Council for a number of years, and his contribution to Field Archery in SCAS and beyond was immense."

Taking on board these comments from the bursary committee and the feelings of the trustees, I would like to make the following proposal:-

***In recognition to John Hartfield's service for SCAS & field archery, I propose that SCAS make a single donation of £500 into the John Hartfield Bursary.***

The above motion was carried unanimously at the Meeting.

If any SCAS archers in the future wish to approach the region seeking financial support for field archery and development that they would still be able to approach the region – in the same way they always have.

### **10.31.11 Judges Liaison Officer**

Firstly apologies for not being there today. I am Judging a Clout weekend in Fakenham, Norfolk.

There is quite a lot of good news to share with. To start with congratulations to Joanne Orbell of Cambridgeshire, who recently attend a Conference in Shanghai in China and is now the UK's first FITA Youth Judge. FITA Youth Judges are a standalone grade of FITA Judges who have been specially trained and can officiate at the Youth Olympics, Youth Championships and the University Championships. Also congratulations to Lee Miller of Hampshire and Andy Turner of Berkshire who have passed their County Target assessments.

We also have three new Candidate Target Judges. Lynn Archer from Kent, Phil Collins from Hampshire and Andrew Trimble from Surrey.

Kenneth Arton has been awarded GNAS Judge Emeritus Status. Ken was a Judge for many years and although he retired from active Judging a while ago he is still an invaluable source of knowledge and guidance, as well as still being very active as President of Buckinghamshire. This honour from GNAS was long overdue. At the Meeting Jean Collins presented his thanks for this honour.

On the reverse, George (Joseph) Bridle from Middlesex has resigned from Judging. We thank George for his work over the years and wish him well for the future.

There has been some discussion recently on Ground Inspections. Just to clarify, there is no compulsion on a Club to get their new ground inspected by a Judge. However if they need to make a claim against the insurance and it is found that their ground does not comply with the current rules, their claim may be rejected. Although a formal Ground Inspection may be required if a Club is going for the Club Mark award and the GNAS Office is recommending that in some circumstances a Judge's input is needed. Therefore I would recommend that any club getting a new ground has it inspected by a qualified Judge, it is better to be safe than sorry. Ground inspections can be undertaken by National Judges or if no National Judge is available by an experienced Regional Judge, but please check with me first.

Also, just to make sure you are all aware. GNAS have clarified the distances for FITA Clouts, the information is available on the Archery GB website.

Can I please ask that all the SCAS Tournament Organisers contact me with details of next year's SCAS shoots so I can start arranging Judges. In particular let me know if the number of Judges you require has changed at all.

### **10.31.12 Junior Development & Child Protection Officer**

#### **Child Protection**

We still have an on running incidents but detail of this is not evident from Archery GB therefore I cannot give you more detail.

#### **Junior Development**

I have now been appointed by Essex as their development officer, as requested by Archery GB It is there proposal to extend this to Regions, therefore as I resume this role at present can I clarify that this new role is within my job spec. I would also point out that I support the stance Essex had pointed out and know enough about the current changes to challenge them if it is not in our interests.

### **10.31.13 Chairman of Coaches**

The numbers of people doing the Leader Scheme has been rising this autumn.

The County coaching Organise for London has resigned, all enquiries should be routed through Dave Squibb.

### **10.31.14 Coaching Finance**

The new Coaching Finance Officer has not yet had all the information through from the previous Officer, Tony Ferguson. The new Coaching Finance Officer is also looking to amalgamate all Coaching Finances into one bank account.

#### **10.31.15 Press Officer**

No report submitted prior to the Council Meeting.

The Secretary will ask the PRO about progress with the proposed promotional posters.

#### **10.31.16 Disabled Archery Liaison Officer**

Since the last council meeting a number of individual, disabled archers have been supported in terms of identifying suitable specialised equipment, seeking possible funding streams for personal equipment, finding suitable clubs in their local area and recommending suitable tournaments. In a few instances long term personal coaching of aspiring disabled archers in Kent and Sussex has also been provided.

One de-motivating stumbling block continues to be the lack of an assessment weekend to evaluate the performance of up and coming disabled archers looking to break into the paralympic development team.

I have been approached by representatives of several disabled archers in open clubs who consider it unfair that members of a registered disabled club pay no fees to GNAS whilst disabled members in open clubs are required to pay county, regional and GNAS fees. It would appear that no satisfactory response is forthcoming from GNAS so I would like to ask Council for their views. Firstly is it fair or discriminatory and secondly if unfair what approach would be recommended?

#### **10.31.17 Records Officer.**

No report submitted prior to the Council Meeting.

#### **10.31.18 EAF Report.**

No report submitted prior to the Council Meeting.

It was agreed that the Executive will try to agree a protocol for the nomination of the Director England on the GNAS Board with the other English Regions.

### **10.32 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING.**

10.32.01 Joanne Orbell.

Joanne was awarded £150 for travelling expenses to attend a FITA International Youth Judge assessment in Shanghai, and another £150 for passing the assessment.

10.32.02 Overton Black Arrows.

The club has made a request to assist with funding for a new storage facility. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of an interest free loan of up to £1000, depending on the presentation of a business case from the club.

10.32.03 David Long, Cambridgeshire.

David has requested assistance in buying some new Danage foam bosses for the World Record Status 70m Tournament run by his club. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of an interest free loan, depending on the presentation of a business case from the club.

10.32.04 Phillip Glover.

Phillip has been selected to go to the World University Archery Championships in Shenzhen, China and needs to raise £600 to go. So far his club has donated £300 and county has donated £200. It was unanimously agreed to fund Philip for up to £200, depending on his actual expenses.

**10.33 HON LIFE VICE PRESIDENT – GEORGE POTTS.**

It was unanimously agreed that George Potts would be nominated at the AGM in April for appointment as Hon Life Vice President SCAS.

**10.34 GNAS DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A discussion was held about the proposed GNAS Development Plan, and also a paper written on the subject by the Essex Committee. The Development Conference to be held in Telford soon is supposedly full up, but people are encouraged to go along to register their discontent at the plans.

The Chairman agreed to forward the Essex comment direct to the GNAS Chief Executive, David Sherratt, together with a covering letter subject to the approval of the author off the Essex paper. The Chairman also encourages individual responses to be sent to GNAS.

The Secretary is currently unable to attach a copy of the Essex paper to these Minutes as agreed at the meeting due to an incompatibility of document formats.

**10.35 NOMINATION FOR GNAS FINANCE DIRECTOR.**

General backing was given at the Meeting for the nomination of Eric Jackson as Finance Director of GNAS.

**10.36 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

10.36.01 The Secretary will circulate an email that proposes the inauguration of a SCAS Flight Championships, ready for a discussion at the next Council Meeting.

10.36.02 The Secretary took the advice of Council regarding a clash of dates of the Island Games and the Euronations, and whether he should approve the Record Status for both. It turns out that the Euronations has changed dates and there is no longer a clash of dates.

10.36.03 The Chairman will bring a draft proposal to the next Meeting of a SCAS Disciplinary Code.

10.36.04 It was pointed out to the meeting that a new Coaches Conference organised would be required for the 2011 Conference.

**10.37 DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ....Sat 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 10.00am.**

**The meeting closed at 15:00 Hrs**

**Signed.....(Chairman)**

**Date.....**