



EASTERN AREA – DRAFT MINUTES 2019

DATE: Friday 29th November 2019

TIME: 19.30hrs

LOCATION: Gracemount High School

1. Present:

Andrew Graham; Sandie Graham(Balbardie); Elaine Pearson; Mike Pearson(Borderghost); Ove Schoeppner; Xanthe Miller(EUAC); Nessa Dunsmore; Phyllis Pettett; Stephaine Blakey; Mike Brockington; Adelle Fleming; Gareth Fleming(Lasswade); Liz Garrigan(Penicuik); Muriel Kirkwood(Pentland), Alan Winter(Peth)

Apologies

James Hamilton ; Bob Mcgonigle; Simon Garforth, Moira Taylor.

There was discussion about the numbers required to be quorate. There were 15 present and 43 proxy votes. Those present agreed that it was quorate as the estimates from SAA Affiliations Officer were 300 members at the time of the meeting. It was decided that more accurate figures should be sought for next years meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from AGM November 2018

3. Matters Arising

It was raised that the Eastern Area had not called an open meeting over the past year other than the AGM, as per the constitution. There had only been one formal meeting of the committee over the past year and much of the business had been done by email and informal meetings. All meetings were carried out by 'Go to Meeting' to save booking and paying for a room. This would be addressed next session.

No EGM had been called although the minutes stated that it would be. The President had not felt the calling of an EGM necessary.

4. Reports

Secretary's report was read and is attached

Treasurers report was read and is attached along with the balance sheet

Presidents report was read and is attached

Unfinished Business:

Membership Fees: Adult Fees will increase by £! To £2 from next membership renewal

Voting: 55 FOR - 3 AGAINST – Affiliation fees will be increased to £2 at next renewal.

5. Review of the Constitution

An update of the constitution was undertaken by the committee during the past year :-

1. Current Constitution reads – 2. The Eastern Area shall be a division of the Scottish Archery Association (SAA), itself a Regional Society of the Grand National Archery Association(GNAS).....

Updated to read – 2. “The Eastern Area shall operate as a “County” under the Scottish Archery Association (SAA), itself a “Regional Society” of the Grand National Archery Association (GNAS). Currently trading as Archery GB (AGB).

Voting: Passed Unanimously

2. Current Constitution reads – 2. “and as such shall abide by the SAA constitution and GNAS and FITA constitutions and Rules of Shooting.

Updated to read – 2. “.....and as such shall abide by all relevant, current constitutions, “Rules of Shooting”, policies and procedures of the SAA, of GNAS/AGB and of FITA (now known as World Archery (WA)).”

Voting: Passed Unanimously

3. History Revisions: Will now be shown as an Appendix at the end of the Constitution document.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

4. Current Constitution reads – 3. The Eastern Area shall “consist

The objects of the Eastern Area shall be:

Updated to read – 3. The Eastern Area Shall

The Objectives of the Eastern Area shall be:

This was a correction to the word Objects only.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

5. Current Constitution reads – 6. “ Non Executive Officers of the Area Committee include the Affiliations Officer and Coaching and Development Officer.”

Updated to read – 6. “ Non-Executive Officers of the Eastern Area Committee shall consist of: Affiliations Officer, Trophy Officer and Coaching and Development Officer.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

6. Current Constitution reads – 7. “ All Members of Area Committee shall be elected at the EasternArea Annual General Meeting (AGM) and
8. shall serve for two years. All members of the Executive shall be eligible for re-selection. The Eastern Area Executive shall have the power to co-opt members and to fill any vacancies on Executive.

Updated to read – 7. All Members of the Eastern Area Committee shall be elected at the Eastern Area Annual General Meeting(AGM), or at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM), and shall serve for two years.

8. All Members of the Executive shall be be eligible for re-election.

9. The Easter Area Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members in order to fill any vacancies on the Executive Committee.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

NOTE; Paragraph numbers have been amended accordingly.

7. Current Constitution reads – 10. “ All Affiliated Clubs, Club Members and Ordinary shall accept the jurisdiction of the Eastern Area and shall conform to such conditions, rules and regulations as may be determined from time to time. If in the opinion of the Eastern Area any Club, Club Member or Ordinary Member shall have been guilty of conductt which make it undesirable that such a Club, Club Member or Ordinary Member should remain in the Eastern Area, the Eastern Area Executive shall after affordin such Club, Club Member or Ordinary Member a reasonable opportunity of a hearing within such time as to allow a final decision to be made within three calendar months of the allege offence taking place.

Updated to read – 11. All Affiliated Clubsalleged offence being brought to the attention for the Eastern Area Executive Committee.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

8. Current Constitution reads – 12 . “ One copy of the results of all Eastern Area Championships shall be made available to all SAA Clubs, SAA Selection Committee Chairperson and SAA Records Secretary.”

Updated to Read – 13. One copy of the results of all Eastern Area Championships shall be made available to the SAA for publication as appropriate.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

9. Current Constitution reads – 28 . “ Voting on all motions, whether constitutional amendments or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the following procedure:
- (a) Where a single motion is proposed, the decision shall be taken by a straight count of votes and proxy votes present at the meeting.
 - (b) Where conflicting motions and/or amendments are proposed, a straight vote shall be taken between all such motions and/or amendments, and the motion and/or amendment receiving the highest vote shall be accepted.”

Updated to Read - 29 . Voting on all motions, whether constitutional amendments or otherwise, shall be in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) Where a single motion is proposed, the decision shall be taken by a straight count of votes and proxy votes present at the meeting.
- (b) Where conflicting motions and/or amendments are proposed, a straight vote shall be taken between all such motions and/or amendments, and the motion and/or amendment receiving the highest vote shall be accepted.
- (c) Members who are present at a meeting may abstain from any vote. Members who are “Proxy Voting” on behalf of other members may not abstain on any vote.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

10. Current Constitution reads – 32. “An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time in writing and/or by electronic means, with not less than six weeks notice, by:
- a) At least four members of the Executive or

Updated to Read – 33. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time in writing and/or by electronic means, with not less than six weeks notice, by:

- a) All serving members of the Executive or

Voting: Passed Unanimously

11. Proxy Voting Forms to be removed to a separate document as they require amendment from time to time.

Voting: Passed Unanimously

6. Election of Eastern Area Committee Office Bearers

Vice President:	Adelle Fleming	Proposed:	Nessa Dunsmore
		Seconded:	Phyllis Pettet
Secretary:	Elaine Pearson (1yr)	Proposed:	Steph Blakey
		Seconded:	Nessa Dunsmore
Coaching Officer:	Simon Garforth	Proposed:	Adelle Fleming
		Seconded:	Phyllis Pettet
Trophy Office:	Steph Blakey	Proposed:	Elaine Pearson
		Seconded:	Phyllis Pettet
Ordinary Members:	Gareth Fleming		
(1 year only)	Muriel Kirkwood	Proposed:	Nessa Dunsmore
		Seconded:	Liz Garrigan

7. Appointment of Auditor

Liz Garrigan kindly agreed to audit our books again.

8. Area Shoot Calendar

Indoor Champs to be held on the last Sunday in March at Armadale

Outdoor Champs September at Balbardie – To be confirmed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

10th November 2020

APPENDIX

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report of the President to the AGM of the Eastern Area

Competition

Earlier this year I ran an indoor "Inter-Club Challenge" to encourage Club-based low-level competition, particularly for those who don't compete at Open level. I got some positive feedback from those who took part, but I would love to know what could be done to improve it, and if it is worth the effort in continuing or not.

There have been mixed outcomes for our High-Performance members this year.

The Area was able to send full Recurve teams to the Pentangle, both Ladies & Gents, plus partial Longbow and Compound teams. In the words of the Team Captain (Joan Smith) "*the East Area did very well at what turned out to be a Triangle rather than a Pentangle*".

On the other hand, we tried to send teams to the "County Team Champs", but didn't get enough interest to even form one team.

I know that there are loads of competitive archers out there, so would love to know how we can improve participation next year.

Archers from the Area have also attended a number of high-profile events this summer. I don't have official results for everything, and don't want to miss anyone out, or spin this out too much, so I will just say well done to all of you.

Collaboration

The SAA held a strategy session in May, and a Club Development session a few weeks ago, both of which were attended by EA committee members.

Coaching / Squads

When I took on this job, I rather expected to be inundated with opinions about, and demands for, coaching, but instead the silence has been deafening. I have asked everyone interested to get in touch, but have been massively disappointed by the lack of response, though perhaps that is an indication of communication issues.

On a very similar note, we really would like to get back to having a semi-permanent squad of archers (both Junior and Adult) who are ready, able and willing to train as a team, and compete in events like the Pentangle and the AGB County Team Champs.

It has taken all year, but in the last few days we have had some interest in running some coaching for the Area. I won't name any names at this stage, and obviously budgets will partly depend on what is agreed later in this meeting.

GDPR & I.T.

GDPR has been rather over-shadowed recently by other events, and I know some of you found it rather boring when it first appeared, but it continued to be an issue for us this year, and those in the industry will know that there have been a few cases going through the courts already, so has required more attention than I would have liked.

AGB and SAA have rather different Privacy Policies, and attitudes to sharing of data. I mention this mainly because most of the work that has been done has not been particularly visible, starting with creating our own, relatively simple Privacy Policy – I suspect most of you don't know it exists, but legally speaking it should have been put in place much sooner.

We now have a dedicated Dropbox setup to provide secure, reliable file storage, so that lost minutes and the like should be a thing of the past. We also now have a separate email account for the President, for various reasons, in addition to the main account.

On that note, you can all help us avoid any GDPR issues by NOT emailing the Secretary on her personal email account – I know that is what some of you have been used to doing in the past, but we really need to keep personal separate from official. We were eventually able to establish our own simple contact list for Clubs, but it's not clear how well this works.

We have also created a Facebook page for the Area, but again I don't get the impression that this gets through to our grass-roots members. We would love to be able to contact all of our members directly, but due to the need to maintain opt-out lists etc., this does not seem to be viable at the moment. We are also sorely lacking lists of registered Coaches, etc. This information should be held in AGB's Sport80 system, but there seems no way of getting at it – once again, if anyone thinks they know anything useful in this regard, please speak up, though perhaps not right now!

Eastern Area Secretary Report

It has been a busy year for many of our archers in the East Area. We have had GB representation for Four of our Archers, Victoria Barby in Field, Carol Anne Seez in Field, Hope Greenwood in 3D and Nathan Mcqueen Para compound. Martin Strang has also represented GB in the world transplant games

Gilbert Jamieson, Kirsty Robb, Gillian Imrie, Jackie Fisher, Kayleigh Ivanov, Kirsty Robb, Stuart Barby and Steph Classon have all represented Scotland on various Scotland Senior teams and Mirren Yule has been a consistent member of our Junior Scottish team.

At present we are strongly represented in the rankings,
In the 2019 outdoor rankings we had

3/5 in the top gents recurve,
3/5 in the top Ladies recurve,
4/5 in top Ladies compound and
1/5 in top gents compound

In the Scottish senior outdoor championships, we had the top 3 Ladies, 2nd and 3rd in Gents recurve, 1st and 3rd in Ladies compound.

Our outdoor and indoor champs ran without hitch and we had some outstanding results, Stuart Barby shot 593 in a Portsmouth, and outdoors, last year's outdoor gents recurve champion retained his title making it six years in a row. In the pentangle, we won gents recurve team, and gents recurve individual. In Ladies we had 2nd Recurve individual and 2nd team, in compound we had 3rd Gent and we were second in the combined Recurve/Compound team. It was a highly successful and extremely muddy day!

It was not without difficulty; we had struggled to get a ladies team and had to justify our choice of archers to a member who questioned the selection.

It also has been a first in us being asked for significant funding. One member asked for a significant sum to attend a shoot in England, and sadly we had to refuse, as you will be able to see from our budget, we have very limited resources.

Sadly, we did not have a squad last year, but hope to rectify this in the coming season, with a senior development squad and a junior academy for juniors that are committed to archery. For archers who do not fall into this category, there is a Spring coaching day for all archers, and also an indoor club league which we hope will develop a healthy interclub competition.

We also have our annual Junior and novice league running, to encourage both our junior and beginner archers.