

SCOTTISH ARCHERY ASSOCIATION



NORTHERN AREA



AGM 2019

Deveron Community and Sports Centre, Bellevue Road, Banff AB45 1BY
12:30PM on Sunday 24th March 2019
(between Session 1 & Session 2 of Northern Area Indoor Championships)

MINUTES

Present: **Abbey:** Jim Thomson, Hannah Gillespie; **AUAC:** Annabel Chambone, Jonathon Phillips, John Murray, Jutta Majava, Daniel Mohr, Amelie Kauer; **Banchory:** Eric Taylor; **Broch:** Jamie Cutts, Craig Johnston, Angela Long; **Lethen:** Morag Douglas, John Sullivan, Josh Mitchell, Steven Coull, Ryan Hill, Colin Casey, Christopher MacBride, Keith Mowat, Edwin Jones, Sheena MacBride, Kirsty Jackson; **Links:** Fiona Hirst (Chair), Lesley Gray (Secretary), Richard Smith, Emily Blake (Treasurer), Curtis Hirst, Ewan Anderson, Linda Dallas, Jules May, Stephen Hall, James Laing, Joe McManus (Jnr), Ken Rae, Malcolm Alexander; **Lossiemouth:** Dennis Smith; **Lochside:** Kathleen Male; **Milne's:** Simon Wakefield, Matthew Pengally, Warren Murkin, Linda Pride, Mandy Docherty, Kevin Duguid, John Rorie, Amy Wakefield, Jack Welford, Louis Anderson (Jnr); **Moray** Jacqui Alexander, Mike Alexander, David Swart, Andrew Kelly, Ronnie Taylor, Paul Kendall.

Proxy votes lodged: **Lochside** – 8 (Kathleen Male);

10 Clubs represented, 52 adult members, 2 junior members.

There being 52 adult members present, representing 11.4% of the adult membership, the meeting was declared **as quorate** in accordance with the Northern Area Constitution.

1. Introduction and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all those in attendance.
No apologies were received.

2. Reports

Reports were presented by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, and committee member Richard Smith.
Copies are attached.

3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Proposed: Mike Alexander
Seconded: Josh Mitchell

4. Awards

Fiona announce a change to trophy procedure this year. It has been decided, at committee level, that the trophies will be held by NA Committee, with the recipients receiving a "one time" Trophy that will be retained by them, photo opportunities etc with the original trophy would be available after the AGM.
Area awards were presented as follows:

David Grant Memorial (Best Junior)	Matthew Wong , Lethen
Jervis Trophy (Junior Improver)	Caitlyn Raffan , Moray
Novice Award	Craig Johnston , Broch
Moira Clark Memorial (Lady Improver*)	Amy Wakefield , Milne's
Syd Strachan Memorial (Gent Improver*)	Edwin Jones , Lethen
Fellowship Award (Contribution to the Area)	Keith Lobban , Shetland

* Highest improvement outdoors from last year.

5. Elections of Office Bearers

Secretary Lesley Gray stepped down from the position at this AGM.

One Nominee had been submitted for the post of Secretary prior to the meeting and One Nominee had been submitted for the new post of vice president prior to the meeting.

Post	Candidate	Nominated	Seconded	Result
Vice President	Josh Mitchell	Richard Smith	Mike Alexander	Elected
Secretary	Colin Casey	Fiona Hirst	John Murray	Elected

6. Diary dates for 2019/20

The following are the dates for the Northern Area shoots for 2019/2020:

Date	Competition	Venue
8/9 June	UKRS NA York/Hereford/Bristols incorporating NA Championships	Banchory
13/14 July	WRS NA Double 1440 & Metrics	Banchory
18 August	WRS Double 720	Lathallen

7. AOCB

SAA wish to drop the voting age to 16: No questions or objections received from the floor.

Q: SAA wish to drop the voting age of Members to 16 years of age;

Voting Results: For: 52 + 8 proxy **against:** Nil

Affiliation Fees, possibility of raising NA affiliation fees to £3 in line with the other Areas – this was discussed, it was pointed out from the floor that this was an actual increase of £1 per member, and this money stayed in the Area for area members use. This point was put to a vote:

Q: if other areas in SAA raise their affiliation fees to £3 does NA raise their affiliation fees to £3;

Voting results: For: 52 + 8 proxy **Against:** Nil

Non-Office Bearing Committee: Fiona explained what the committee was looking for, explained the flow charts that has been pinned up around the hall (copy attached) and asked for volunteers who were interested to talk to any committee member after the AGM.

Questions from the floor: Stephen Hall, Links asked if there was any information on the Pentangle. Fiona replied that it was to be hosted by Western Area but we have no further information at this point.

8. Close of meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

President Report – Fiona Hirst

Welcome to the Northern Area AGM 2019. Thank you all for attending.

The last year has been a time for exploring ideas and looking how to get things in motion. We have looked into coaching nights and came across some hurdles so at present these are on hold but will be commencing in the near future.

We had our first Northern Area Level 1 Coaching Course for a long time. We had 12 successful candidates. Another Level 1 coaching course is being organised for the beginning of the summer season. I have also been in touch with relevant people in getting some Coach Development days set up in the near future as well as a Level 2 course.

It has been a difficult year for judges as many have stopped due to ill health or retiring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Provan for all his help and advice and judging over his judging career. Due to a lack of judges, I did some digging and found out that many people were put off becoming a judge because of the distance travelling down to Lilleshall for the training weekend. I spoke to Arran Coggan who is in charge of AGB judging conferences and he was more than happy to arrange a training weekend in Scotland for new candidate judges. So, we are now, along with other areas, looking for people who are interested in becoming judges. It may be an idea for parents of juniors and non-shooting partners to look into this as their travel and accommodation will be paid for if judging at those competitions. If anyone wants to know more, please see me or Jules.

Well done to Curtis, who went down to the AGB Youth Festival at Lilleshall which saw him take charge of the two finals days and to Caitlin Raffan for competing at it and for Matthew Wong who came 3rd in the Compound Junior Men – a great experience. In 2018, it had been noted by Archery GB that only 4 Scottish archers took part. This festival week has been changed so that it is during the Scottish school's holidays to allow Scots to compete. I hope to see more Northern Area juniors (up to 21) looking into this. There may be some funding available from the Northern Area to help with some expenses. These need to be put in writing to the committee. Scottish Archery introduced a funding scheme specifically for juniors for the Youth Festival. If you finish within the top 32 of your category, you are eligible for funding after the event depending on your final placing.

The Northern Area has a junior academy with lead coach Lana Needham. However, I would like to see specific academy training day in other hubs so that there are academies going on all over the Northern Area which will have their own coaches. Thank you to Lana and the other coaches for giving up their time over the past year.

Some very exciting news is that we are in discussions with a venue in the Aberdeen area that we can hire out for regular training / squad days. As soon as this develops, we will let people know.

The Northern Area over the past year have been exploring I@nseo and whether the system is suitable for us. Curtis has done a grand job in researching and getting to know the system along with the help of Archery GB's Robert Potts. Shoots have been run to a certain level of live scoring without the electronic tablets. This is on-going at present and it may be developed further in the future.

We have developed a hierarchy plan which is up on the wall, of the way we see the construction of the Northern Area. It shows you voluntary positions needing filled. We need people to help on a small scale (up to 5 hours a month) in order for the Northern Area to progress forward. There are so many plans and ideas that can only develop if we have help.

Congratulations to the following people who have represented Scotland in 2018:

- Martin Krushe
- Malcom Alexander
- Fiona Hirst
- Chris Mclean
- Caitlin Raffan
- Robyn Geddes
- Matthew Wong
- Euan Pride (Euan also shot for the Senior team)

Also, congratulations to Bill Gillchrist who was inducted into this year's SAA Hall of Fame. And also to Ryan Hill who received the SAA coach of the year.

Thanks as always to the committee for their hard work. Richard and Lesley are coming away from the committee and I can't thank them enough.

Treasurer Report – Emily Blake

All our shoots were a great success and are the source of most of the Northern Area's income:

- The Indoor champs raised £543.35
- The Outdoor Champs raised £737.40
- The Double FITA Star raised £519.10
- It was our first year running the Double 720 round, so entry fees were deliberately kept low however a profit of £276.42 was still made. We are anticipating more interest in this years Double 720 as we have gained record status this year.

The Junior Academy is also well established. Not only is it providing a great opportunity for development of our Northern Area Junior archers, it also ran at a profit of £477.83, consideration is being given to using some of this for t-shirts for the Academy archers.

We had a couple of fairly large purchases this year:

- More trophies for the Northern Area Indoor champs so all junior categories are now covered
- Northern Area Banners which were displayed at our outdoor shoots so we are more visible to members of the public which will hopefully bring some new members in
- Tournament Organiser T-Shirts

A summary of the area account is detailed below. Feel free to get in touch with any questions or ideas on where you feel we could spend more money or opportunities to raise more funds for the area.

2015	2016	2017	2018			
£5,576.23	£6,295.22	£7,229.90	Item	Income	Spend	Profit
888.00	464.00	794.00	Levy + Affiliations	230.00	0.00	230.00
365.15	255.44	571.06	Indoor Championships	1213.00	669.65	543.35
-22.29	298.99	475.96	Outdoor Championships	1286.38	548.98	737.40
352.25	388.56	562.52	SAA Double FITA Star	1033.19	514.09	519.10
0.00	0.00	15.00	Pentangle	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	NA 70m	362.00	85.58	276.42
-123.26	0.00	37.20	Junior Academy	1389.00	911.17	477.83
-439.62	0.00	-471.23	N.A. Squad / Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	-131.99	-200.00	Stock	0.00	196.26	-196.26
-91.74	-140.22	-1460.00	Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00
-209.50	-200.10	-467.38	Miscellaneous	0.00	990.50	-990.50
0.00	0.00	0.00	Interest / Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
718.99	934.68	-142.87		5,513.57	3,916.23	1597.34
£6,295.22	£7,229.90	£7,087.03	Balance C / Fwd			£8,684.37

Secretary Report – Lesley Gray

Thank you, Fiona and Emily, I think you have covered everything that the Committee has been doing through the year, and given us an insight into what will be happening in the coming year.

This makes my report, short and easy....

Membership numbers are sitting at 455, this is made up of 292 Adult and 163 Junior Members, across approximately 26 Clubs... so much the same as last year.

This is my first and last AGM as Area Secretary, I have enjoyed my time on the Committee, the first year as Secretary in waiting and last year as Secretary, and I'd like to wish my successor as much enjoyment with the post as I've had.

Richard Smith Report

I started with the NA Committee six years ago and served as treasurer for five years and Vice Chair for the sixth year.

At the point myself Ryan, Mike, and Paul started, the NA had been kept going almost single handed for a long time by Malcolm Alexander and but for his hard work the NA would have ceded to exist. It is fair to say that we all came into our rolls very green as to what we were doing and what could indeed be done.

However, over the past couple of years Fiona came on board as Chairman and things have really started to take off again. From struggling to maintain a couple of outdoor and one indoor competitions and barely maintain the committee. We now have a functioning junior academy and are starting to increase the number of area competitions, thanks to Linda Dallas organising the 720. We also now boast a number of tournament organisers which helps to spread the work out and reduce the pressure on individuals. Thanks should also go to Amy Wakefield and the gang at Milnes for their efforts as well. It is heartening to see people from the wider area becoming involved.

It is nice to see things moving forward and looking stronger for the future as I step down. I shall still be around and look forward to seeing you all at Banchory.