



# *Archers Association of Nova Scotia*

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Minutes of the AANS Board of Directors Meeting, held on Sunday November 18, 2012, at 9:00 AM at the East Hants DNR Training Room, East Hants DNR Depot (Hants East District Office), 24 Creighton Road, Shubenacadie East, NS. There were 24 directors and representatives present.

1. Welcome: Bill Currie called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and welcomed everyone. Currie asked everyone to introduce themselves. Currie reviewed the administrative structure of Archers Association of Nova Scotia.
2. Minutes of 2011 Board of Directors meeting: Currie commented that he was at a disadvantage because he had not been in attendance at the 2011 Board of Directors meeting. Currie stated that he would welcome a motion stating that the 2011 Board of Directors meeting minutes have been reviewed. Rodney Misener moved that the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of 2012/11/20 have been reviewed. Seconded by John Webber. Motion carried.
3. Business arising: Rob Laprade commented that on the 2011 Board of Directors minutes, Allan Collie had put together a questionnaire for the Directors to take back to their respective Clubs to fill out to aid AANS in developing a Strategic Plan. As Archery Canada also sent a similar questionnaire to acquire feedback for the provinces to develop a Strategic Plan, this was completed by the Executive and sent to Archery Canada. As Archery Canada is federally mandated to conform to the not-for-profit Societies Act which AANS will eventually have to follow, AANS will wait to follow Archery Canada's lead in this initiative.
4. Reports
  - 4.1. Presidents Report: Currie thanked Lindsey Poehl for attending a 2-day Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) National Summit in Ottawa/Gatineau in February and an Archery Canada Strategic Planning meeting in June in Toronto. Currie reported that Don Lohnes and Rob Laprade had represented AANS at Archery Canada 3D and Directors meetings in August. Also notable was the Judge Emeritus award presented to Robert Sheppard at the 3D provincials. Currie thanked Don Lohnes for his contributions and financial management of the accounts of AANS.
  - 4.2. Treasurers Report: Currie commented that Don Lohnes (treasurer) was unable to attend but had submitted the treasurer's report. Currie presented the treasurer's report. The bank balance on 2011/09/01 was \$8488.97. Cash flow for the period 2011/09/01 to 2012/08/31 was income \$68,917.37 and expenditures \$45,812.02 for a net gain of \$23, 105.05. The bank balance on 2012/08/31 was \$31,594.32. Net worth on 2012/08/31 was \$31,594.32. Currie commented that AANS has received \$10K over the last 2 years for Canada Games 2015 coaching and team development and so far no expenses have been incurred on this

money. This money will be invested in archers as the 2015 Canada Games approaches. Moved by Ricky Comeau that the treasurer's report be accepted as published, seconded by Jeff Cox. Motion passed.

Currie presented the 2012/2013 budget and compared it to the actual 2011/2012 incomes and expenditures. Currie noted that in expenditures, promotion, money was included for a similar 3D target draw as 2012 and for 3D targets for BANS, TAANS and the 3D Shooters Association. He also commented that the executive was unhappy with the 3D Shooters Association for hosting a target draw with the AANS donated target that was not open to all archers present. Jonathan MacKenzie commented that he would take this concern back to the 3D Shooters Association. Moved by Rodney Misener to accept the 2012/2013 budget, seconded by Gerald Sheehan. Motion approved.

4.3. The target director resigned in March and there is currently no director.

4.4. 3D Directors report. Rodney Misener reported on 3D activities. In 2012 there was more 3D tournaments than ever. It was a good year. In 2013, Rodney would like to see fewer tournaments so that the shoots are more competitive. The shoots should be more spread out, only one per day to get the maximum shooters and would like clubs in close proximity to work together to put on quality shoots. He would like the results to be posted on the web so other archers can see. Clubs should also host shoots that have the national standards for the archers who attend nationals. Two members attended the 3D nationals, Don Lohnes and Mike Myra. Jonathan MacKenzie thanked Rodney Misener for all his hard work.

4.5. Bowhunter Directors Report: John Webber reported that BANS is updating their by-laws. John Webber thanked Andy Schmeigel and Connie Hart for all their hard work during the very successful BANS bang up held at Scotia Bowmen. John discussed the issue about the Chignecto Game Sanctuary that is now part of the Kelly River Wilderness Area. Starting in 2013 there will only be two roads open to vehicular travel. BANS is going to try to see if the hunters can have access to the trail management agreements for additional routes for hunting season. Changing mandate might be a possibility if DNR adds crossbows to the youth season. BANS is trying to get into the Atlantic Outdoor and RV Show in March. BANS has a 3D target and an offer to share a booth.

4.6. Provincial Coach report: Ricky Comeau reported that there are still some clubs in Nova Scotia who do not have an NCCP coach. There was three Instructor of Beginner Archers clinics this year. First was held in Antigonish as part of a First Nations Pilot Project in conjunction with AANS and Sport Nova Scotia. The second was held at the Kings Archers club near New Minus with eleven participants. The third was held in the First Nation Community of Whycocomagh with most of the participants from First Nations communities. There is a course in the planning stages scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March, 2013. To register to attend you must paid \$150 to AANS before the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2013. All the AANS NCCP Certified Learning Facilitators and five others attended the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) Basic Archery Instructor Trainer (BAIT) course in Millbrook. There were also nineteen people trained in the Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) course.

4.7. Canada Games Coach Report: Lindsey Poehl reported that all the coaches are watching for and reporting potential new athletes for Canada Games 2015. The new selection criteria for the Canada Games has been accepted by Sport Nova Scotia but Sport Nova Scotia has made some suggestions. Lindsey is meeting with Sport Nova Scotia on

December 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss their concerns. If changes are made, a copy will be posted on the web site, sent to core team athletes and sent to coaches. There is eleven athletes reportedly interested but so far only one athlete has signed up for the Canada Games Core Team. The selection criteria disappeared somehow from the website. Lindsey hopes it gets put back on. Selection for the Canada Games Core Team will start in spring of 2013 for training and competitions for core team members.

- 4.8. Provincial Judge Report: JoAnne Spencer reported that a Judge clinic will be put on at some point in the new year. JoAnne is available for judging shoots. The list of certified judges, the range safety officers and NCCP certified coaches must be updated.
- 4.9. Membership Report: Robert Laprade reported that AANS currently has 411 members. We have two new clubs Annapolis East Archery Club and Whycomomagh bringing our clubs and associations up to 21. We currently have 87 families. Archery Canada defines a family being two adult partners with at least a child under the age of 18 for their definition with a maximum of three children. AANS recognises a family as a husband and wife or father and son as a family. Doing this, AANS losses a dollar per family membership. Robert is going to bring this up at the next PSO agreement meeting.

Robert reported that he attended the Archery Canada AGM and BOD meetings in Victoria, BC. AC said their finances are sound. If anybody is interested in AC the athlete rep position is available and anybody interested is welcome to apply through the chain of command for the position. At the Archery Canada BOD meeting, it was asked of Archery Canada whom they would like to see at these meetings. Archery Canada responded that they would prefer the President of the provincial sport organization to attend the meetings but someone who could speak on behalf of the President and their Association would also be welcomed. The interest in archery over the last year has improved because of the Hunger Games movie, Canada Games, etc. AC is no longer giving hard copies of the up-to-date rulebook. If you want a copy, it is online on the AC web site. The 2013 Canadian championship are in Woodstock, NB, and the 2014 will be in Lac La Biche, Alberta. At the AC meeting, it was suggested that the representative of the associations be the president or a representative on his behalf. At the AC BOD, they discussed that everybody is an archer regardless of their discipline and everybody in LTAD will be invited to discussions. There are no bids received by AC to host the 2013 3D Indoor Championships. If anybody has the capacity to host the championships please contact AANS and AANS will contact AC. AC has revamped their strategic plan in preparation of the implementation of the new Societies Act to take effect in 2014. Archery Canada is a federal non-profit society.

- 4.10. Nova Scotia Federation of Angers and Hunters Report: Wayne Sullivan was not here to report on this. Ricky Comeau who was with Wayne at the meetings stated that the resolutions that did pass were not archery related. Currie commented that AANS supports BANS every year by sending two members to the Nova Scotia Federation of Angers and Hunters meeting to look after the bowhunters side of AANS. AANS funds the registrations and cost of the meeting for two members to attend.

4.11. Club and Association Reports:

Musquodoboit Archers Association reported that they had a challenge to find a place to shoot outdoors. People complained they were shooting too close to houses. They found a new location and are now sharing a location and facility with the Boys Scout Canada.

Osprey Archery Club had an increase in registrations. They have now 36 members. Osprey hosted 4 competitions. During the winter months, the club shoots 2 nights a week indoor along with one night reserved for women archers. During the summer, they hosted a week long archery day camp organised by parents and run by Bruce Graves. Their corporate sponsor is JD's Shooting & Fishing Supplies Ltd.

Scotia Bowmen Archery Club hosted three major shoots this year, the 3D Outdoor, Outdoor Target Provincial and the BANS bang-up. They have 79 members. Travis McLeod was voted president last week. There is 20 – 30 new members coming out each week.

Annapolis East Archery Club currently have 20 members. They have done two basic archery programs for children from 8-12 years old. They had one Archery Booth for Heart of the Valley Days. They also hosted one 3D shoot in July. They are currently looking into a fundraiser for 2013 to assist their local Fire Department for construction of a new Fire Station and Community Center.

Greenwood Archery Club currently has approximate 30 members. They held 3 shoots last year including one indoor and two outdoors. They have received positive reports on shoots. They did a introduction to archery night with the girls guides and other groups who have approached them.

Kings Archers held two 3D shoots and one FITA. They had a successful year. They have around 10 active members in the club.

Queens Archery Club has 65 members. They shoot indoors from November 15<sup>th</sup> until April 15<sup>th</sup> and they shoot outdoors during spring and summer months. They hosted three 3D shoots in 2012 with a good turnout for all three shoots. 2012 was a good year for Queens AC with more members than they ever had before.

Cape Breton Bowmen had a strong year. They shoot indoors weekly and when the weather is nice they shoot on their own properties. They helped with the Mi'kmaq games. They hosted their annual shoot on the long weekend in September. They have 30 members.

3D Shooters Association thanked Millbrook for hosting their annual 3D shoot. It was very successful. They are focusing on positive growth and change.

Riverside Archers hosted a very successful 3D shoot on Father's day weekend. Every Sunday after New Years they start shooting indoors. Family members, kids and everyone is welcomed. There is 24 members that seem to always be growing slowly. They celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary shoot this summer.

Antigonish Archery Association shoots indoors from January to April. They had 152 archers attending a shoot. They are acquiring new targets and plan to expand their 3D course. They also arranged a bus trip to New Brunswick for 24 people to shoot. In return, 17 archers from NB came down to their shoot. They are hoping for a second complete new course for next year.

TAANS had a positive year with growth in membership. The executive is strong and their finances are stable. They sent one member to the Nova Scotia Federation of Angers and Hunters meeting to support BANS and TAANS is looking forward to growth in 2013.

Glooscap Archery Club currently has 62 members with 16 new this year. In honour of a standing member, they will give a trophy to the highest score in traditional archery at the frozen finger. They have also cut a new trail in his honour. John Webber was the first winner. They have started two beginner programs for people interested to see what

archery is about. Gloosecap hosted three shoots in all. Their second shoot was a fundraiser for one of their newest member that was diagnosed with diabetes and who was unable to afford his own bow. The trophy for the highest score in hunting class went to Joey Creaser. Glooscap AC thanked everyone who supported them during the year.

St. Mary's Archery Club is on the low side for members. They are close to Millbrook. They have had two shoots this year with lots of improvements. They have an upcoming shoot this summer that they are hoping will be the biggest shoot of the summer with big sponsors.

CFB Halifax AC currently has 175 members. They had a very busy year with lots of publicity such as the Canada Winter Games being in Halifax and movies like the Hunger Games. The club hosted 7 shoots. They have been swamped with new archers and have added an extra shooting night for beginners but currently still have over 100 people on the waiting list. They are improving their targets.

Whycocomagh Archery Club is a brand new club that have been working with the coaches for three years before deciding to form a club. They are planning on setting up a 3D course and a 18 meter FITA range. Clinics and day camps have been put in place during the last year.

Coaching Association is always looking for new coaches. They are very busy in the coaching area doing various coaching activities such as QUEST (Girl Guides), summer camps, trackers field day, wood lot owners and more.

ESDC has around 27 members. Ricky Comeau mentioned that all the clubs and archers should use the same method to control range safety, such as two whistles - get bow, one whistle - shoot, and three whistles - go get arrows. This system, whether whistles, voice or buzzers, is used by NASP and the whistle system is used for Archery Canada shoots if a lighting system is not available and should be adopted by all the clubs so the kids (young and old) are not confused by differing range commands when visiting other Nova Scotia clubs for indoor target shooting practice or tournaments.

Lindsey Poehl attended the AC strategic planning meeting in Toronto. It was a two-day workshop. The new strategic plan for the next 5 years was discussed. There will be changes in legislations with new guidelines. AC is federal and AANS is provincial. The provinces will adopt the new federal guidelines for non-profit societies including us.

Robert Laprade mentioned that AC is putting membership information into a data base. Each club and Provincial Sport Organization (AANS) will be able to see all their members online.

Lindsey Poehl also attended the Canadian Sport for Life LTAD Conference in February in Ottawa/Gatineau. Women in sport was discussed. Method of communication, such as facebook and twitter, when used affectively can be a benefit for good promotion. Revision of the Canbow program was mentioned.

Jeff Cox moved that all reports presented be accepted. Motion seconded by Gerard Colin. Motion approved.

## 5. New Business:

5.1. Recommendation of By-law changes to 2012 AGM: Currie introduced the revisions to Bylaws stating that the only By-laws on file with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies dated back to the founding documents of 1967. The Registry of Joint Stock Companies

does not recognise a “Constitution”. We have a Memorandum of Association. Previous revisions to By-laws including the 2007 Bylaws have not been registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies. After discussion with the Clerk of the Registry of Joint Stock Companies the 2012 revisions to bylaws would be done according to the 2007 by-laws. The By-laws committee and the executive jointly recommended the 2007 - 2012 By-laws revisions to the Board of Directors and AGM with 60 days notice. The proposed changes in the by-laws are to modernise a few things, make our By-laws compliant with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies and change some of our executive positions. The AC representative will be on the executive. There will be three vice-presidents. Ricky Comeau moved that the Board of Directors recommend acceptance of the 2007 -2012 By-law revisions as published to the AGM. Seconded by Lindsey Poehl. Motion Approved.

Currie commented that he was cautiously optimistic that the revised bylaws would be acceptable to the Registry of Joint Stock Companies. He thought that another round of revisions to simplify the bylaws in line with the generic bylaws of the Registry of Joint Stock Companies should now proceed.

Comment was also made that Clubs and Associations should register with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies as non-profit societies.

5.2. Review and ratification of policies: Three policies need to be approved. The first policy is the Policy on changes to Criteria documents for selection to Teams and for travel funding. The Criteria are for how to select the top shooter for 3D and Target/Field. The policy is for minor and major changes to the Criteria documents. The minor changes should be done by the secretary year-to-year on the place of the national shoot, date of nationals shoot and top scores that are required. The major changes are changes that we feel need to be brought to the BOD, like criteria, scores and formulas for calculating the scores for Target/Field and 3D. Currie asked for two motions, one to approve the criteria documents for Target/Field and 3D, and a second motion to approve the policy on changes to these criteria documents. Jeff Cox moved acceptance of the criteria documents for Target/Field and 3D. Motion was seconded by Gerald Sheehan. Gerald asked if a small edit could be made to the Target/Field criteria to change "All archers will be expected to disclose any other funding" to "All archers are required to disclose any other funding". With this edit the motion was approved. Rodney Misener moved that the policy document on changes to criteria be accepted. Seconded by Ricky Comeau. Motion approved.

The second policy for approval is the policy on Funding Archers participating in national and international championships. AANS matches what money the clubs donate for funding archers for travel. Gerard Colin moved to accept the funding policy as presented. Seconded by Lindsey Poehl. Motion accepted.

The third policy is the policy on Target, Field and 3D Teams. Rodney Misener moved to accept the policy on Target, Field and 3D Teams as presented. Seconded Jonathan MacKenzie. Motion accepted.

The Board of Directors recessed at 11:35 AM for lunch and for the AGM at Noon.

The Board of Directors meeting reconvened after the AGM at 12:35 PM.

5.3. Coaching Proposed for 2013: A coaching course is planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Those registering for the course must pay before 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. If there is not

10 people minimum signed up, the course will be cancelled and will be put on at a later date.

- 5.4. Judge's Clinic, Safety Officer Clinic: Currie commented that Judges clinics and Safety Officer clinics are easily available on the Archery Canada website. He strongly recommends that each club have a Safety Officer, a club level judge and a coach to compliant with Archery Canada and liability insurance requirements.
- 5.5. Newsletter: The clubs and associations need to email digital copies of their the reports to the Secretary. Currie mentioned that the 2012 newsletter was not mailed to individual members but was posted on the web site and 200 copies were available through the dealers. Everybody was in agreement to proceed this way. The secretary is the record keeper of the association.
- 5.6. Website: John Webber has been keeping the website up to date. Updates are on the website including previous policies. The policies approved above (5.2) will be on the website in a few days. Currie agreed to let the clubs have a link with text on the AANS web site under their clubs pages. Rodney suggested that clubs give information on contact person including phone number and driving directions of the clubs to John Webber to put on the web site so that archers will be able to find the shoots.
- 5.7. NASP and the school archery program: Don Lohnes was suppose to be here to comment on this. Jonathan Mackenzie commented that the NASP schools provincial shoots are being organized and if AANS organises the shoots, the schools will participate. The healthy living coordinator was cut last year due to cut back which had a big impact and lost the contact person. Having one AANS contact person only was discussed. A date for the schools provincials should be set.
- 5.8. 2018 Canadian Championships: Nova Scotia will host the 2018 Canadian Championships. Clubs who are interested in hosting need to be identified and should be confirmed by next year's meeting and need to send a proposal to AC. Chad Harpell suggested the provincial Park of the Town of Truro for a location. They have the space to hold 3D and Field competitions.
- 5.9. By-laws Committee. Currie returned to the consideration of revising our by-laws again to simplify and follow the pattern of the generic by-laws of the Registry of Joint Stock Companies to keep our by-laws compliant. Ricky Comeau moved to proceed with a by-law committee to adopt and adapt the generic bylaws of the Registry of Joint Stock Companies to our needs. Seconded by John Webber. Motion Approved.

The by-law committee formed includes Ricky Comeau, Gerald Sheehan, and one executive member, and Currie is *ex-officio*.

A committee was formed to review our policies, and includes volunteers Lindsey Poehl, John Webber and Gerard Colin.

A NASP committee was formed and includes Travis McLeod, Ricky Comeau, Jonathan MacKenzie and Don Lohnes.

Currie asked the vice-president 3D, to talk to Jonathan MacKenzie and help to organise the shoots of the 3D Shooters Association.

Currie asked the Board of Directors if the board needs to meet more than once a year. The Directors seemed to find one meeting was enough. It was suggested that the members on

the executive schedule time on the shoot cards to be available at a shoot for discussion with members.

Currie proposed to circulate the minutes to directors for tentative approval and then to put the minutes on web site as draft.

5.10. Election of executive members: Currie stated that on even numbered years (2012) some executive positions, treasurer, VP AC, and VP 3D were open for election for a 2 year term. In addition the VP target position is open because of a resignation for a 1 year term.

Currie called for nominations for Vice-president Target. John Webber nominated Tom Riley, seconded by Ricky Comeau. Tom Riley accepted the nomination. No further nominations were made. Tom Riley was declared elected by acclamation.

Currie called for nominations for Vice-president Archery Canada. Marilyn McLaren nominated Robert Laprade, seconded by Gerard Colin. Robert Laprade accepted the nomination. John Webber nominated Lindsey Poehl, seconded by Rodney Misener. Lindsey Poehl accepted the nomination. Jeff Cox moved to close nominations. Currie invited both candidates to speak briefly about their past experiences and future plans. Twenty-eight paper votes were cast. Robert Laprade was elected.

Currie called for nominations for Vice-president 3D. Jonathan MacKenzie nominated Rodney Misener, seconded by Ricky Comeau. Rodney Misener accepted nomination. No further nominations were made. Rodney Misener was declared elected by acclamation.

Currie called for nominations for Treasurer. Robert Laprade nominated Marilyn McLaren, seconded by John Webber. Marilyn McLaren accepted nomination. No further nominations were made. Marilyn McLaren was declared elected by acclamation.

5.11. 2013 Shoot Schedule: The 2013 shoot schedule was developed with general cooperation and good will.

6. Any other Business: John Webber announced that two black hat awards of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters were to be made this year. The executive recommended one hat be awarded to Alex & Dena Watson from Archers Edge. The second black hat award goes to Rodney Misener. The directors agreed with a round of applause.

7. Currie thanked everyone for attending the Board of Directors meeting and the meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM.

These minutes were approved at the Board of Directors meeting of AANS on 2013/11/17.