



# Archers Association of Nova Scotia

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Minutes of the AANS Board of Directors Meeting held on Sunday November 18 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 9:12 and welcomed everyone. Currie asked everyone to introduce themselves. After introductions, Currie noted that the Coaches Association had not paid their membership for the past two years. Lindsey Poehl suggested that the money be taken out of participation development account for their membership but Bill and Marilyn were hesitant of taking the money from one account and putting it in another without a bank record. Other concerns were raised about whether the Coaches Association have held an annual meeting, and whether an association existed. Moved by Jonathan Mackenzie to excuse the Coaches Association from membership at the board until they have their Association in order with a membership list, and at least an annual meeting of the coaches. Seconded by Jeff Cox. Motion carried with one abstention.

## 2. Review of minutes of 2012 Board of Directors Meeting.

Having more than one BOD was discussed. Also it was discussed to approve the minutes before the next BOD by email. They are posted on the web site as draft.

Moved by Gerald Sheehan to accept the 2012 BOD minutes, seconded by Jeff Cox. Motion Carried.

Moved by Bruce Fenton, to approve the 2013 BOD minutes in January by an email vote. Seconded Rodney Misener. Motion carried.

## 3. Business arising.

## 4. Reports.

### 4.1. President's Report.

Currie thanked Lindsey Poehl and Travis McLeod for attending a 2 day Canadian Sport for Life National Summit in Ottawa/Gatineau in February and thanked Rob Laprade and Mike Myra for representing AANS at Archery Canada directors meetings in August in Woodstock, New Brunswick. AANS had 5 archers receive partial funding to participate in the 2013 Canadian Outdoor Archery Championships. Currie commented that this funding was from Sport Nova Scotia and Archery Canada and would disappear if not invested. AANS members brought home a total of 11 medals from the championships.

Bill thanked our coaches for their hard work and contributions to our coaching programs. They also put on several coaching courses around the province and are planning more courses for the coming year. AANS is completing our assessment for our Block Funding for the Department of Health and Wellness that is due Nov. 25 and we should discover the outcome by the December 18<sup>th</sup>. Bill mentioned that AANS will be receiving \$4200 for another set of NASP archery gear. He thanked Rodney for his contribution to AANS as he leaves the VP 3D position.

#### 4.2. Treasurer's 2012-13 Financial Report.

Marilyn commented that the bank balance on Sept 1, 2012 was \$31,594.32. For the year Sept 1, 2012 to Aug 31, 2013 total incomes were \$40,014.83, total expenses were \$ 41,188.04 and the bank balance on August 31, 2013 was \$30,421.11. Each director received a copy of the financial statement.

#### 4.3. Secretary's report.

Bill commented that Nicole has done a great job with the minutes.

#### 4.4. VP Archery Canada, membership report.

Rob Laprade reported that Archery Canada has new by-laws that comply with the new federally imposed Not-For-Profit legislation. Changes include firstly, PSO representatives are now members and allotted one vote per province or territory, secondly, archers are now registrants with Archery Canada (non voting), and the members (PSO representatives) will now elect the Board of Directors. It was suggested that provinces may adopt similar legislation. The 2014 Nationals will be in Lac La Biche, Alberta from August 1 to 10. Due to pipeline construction in that area, early hotel booking is recommended. More information can be found on the 2014 Canadian National Archery Championships web site. The 2015 Nationals were to be held in Ontario but due to Ontario hosting the Pan AM Games, AC approved a location change with Manitoba. 3D Nationals will be held in Carberry, Manitoba, Field at the Sanford Range, which is operated by the Archers & Bowhunters Association of Manitoba (ABAM) and Target being held next to the Winnipeg International Airport. Rob reported that the AANS has 22 member clubs and Associations, 450 members of which 173 are returning members and 277 are new members. AANS currently has 95 families and 157 single memberships.

#### 4.5. VP Target report.

Tom Riley reported that the tournaments in 2013 were well attended, especially the indoor tournaments because of the Canada Games coming up. At Nationals, we had 11 Archers that brought home 6 Medals. In the Canadian Regionals we won a gold and silver.

#### 4.6. VP 3D report.

Rodney Misener reported that 3D Archery in Nova Scotia is too big for one person to look after. Rodney and several others are looking at forming a 3D committee. He commented that he would like to be on the 3D committee if one is formed even though he is stepping down from VP 3D. It was a very busy year with thirty-four 3D shoots held across the province. The 3D Target draw was drawn at the 3D provincials at the Lunenburg Rod and Gun club with sixty-six plus archers participating. The Nationals in Woodstock, NB, also

had strong representation. Mike Myra represented Nova Scotia at the Archery Canada 3D directors meeting.

#### 4.7. Bowhunter Director's Report.

Members of the Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia (BANS) have not been quite as active because of various volunteers being sick. BANS planned an event with DNR, but DNR changed a policy so we could not shoot bows in a Provincial park so the event did not happen. BANS applied for money from the Habitat Fund for an educational grant and are still waiting for approval of this grant.

#### 4.8. Provincial Coach Report.

Rick Comeau was not at the meeting to give his report but John Webber read the Provincial Coach Report. Only a few clubs do not have a NCCP Trained Instructor of Beginner Archers coach. Learning Facilitators held one Instructor of Beginner Archers course this year along with a course for Instructor of Intermediate Archers. In 2013, there are four new Certified Instructor of Beginner Archers coaches. These coaches are Nicole Theriault, Travis McLeod, Bruce Graves and Greg Wile. Another Instructor of Intermediate Archers Course should be held in 2014.

#### 4.9. Canada Games Coach Report.

Lindsey Poehl reported that there are eighteen Canada Games Core team athletes. Three qualifiers were held in the last year. Lindsey Poehl announced that he was resigning as the Canada Games Coach at the end of this year. Currie expressed regret at this decision. Bill asked for all the files accumulated thus far for the Canada Games core Team so they could be passed onto the new CG Coach. Lindsey said that he would get them to Bill. Lindsey commented about continuing to coach youth and others in Archery and he departed the meeting.

#### 4.10. Provincial Judge Report.

JoAnne Spencer was not present and Currie reported that she wishes to be relieved from her position.

#### 4.11. Federation of Anglers and Hunters Report.

Wayne Sullivan reported that he attended the meetings and convention with Ricky Comeau. He said that they are trying to get the two deer rules changed to one again but it is difficult with the new government.

#### 4.12. Club and Association Reports.

Currie commented about the policy of not funding archers to travel to Nationals in the Maritimes but that the executive have partially funded 5 athletes for Nationals in Woodstock. Bill commented that no AANS money was invested but that Archery Canada and Support4Sport money was used and would have been lost if not invested in archers. Bill asked the Board of Directors if the executive had made any decisions with which the Board did not agree. No comments were heard.

Jeff Cox reported that Greenwood Archery Club currently has 40 members ranging from 7-

60 years of age. They hosted 2 outdoor 3D shoots this year. They are now offering the CanBow program for youth with 16 participants.

Bruce Fenton reported that CFB Halifax is still having problems with the building infrastructure. They will be hosting a two day competition, with 3D provincials and the Bruce Scott will be held on the 7-8 Dec 13. They had an extremely busy year with over two hundred members, which are mostly youth due to the new beginner's program. They have refurbished its ten butts to keep them solid for another couple years.

Neil Freeman reported that the Annapolis East has put into place a 10-year proposed land use agreement with the Town of Middleton. This land will be used as the location of their archery club including a new 3D tournament site as well. They held two tournaments this year and were both well received. They currently have 15 members. They are in the process of creating new trails and lands for the new club location.

Dwayne Publicover reported that 2013 was a good year for the Musquodoboit Archers Association. They established a new outdoor range at a new location on the Mines Road, East Chezzetcook. They have 22 outdoor targets. They currently have 40 members of which a lot are kids. They are hoping to put on a shoot for the first time. Members have 24/7 access to the club with a target range up to 90 yards for sighting in.

Elwood Reid reported that Northumberland Strait Shooters Archery Club has a total of 50 members. They have a new 3D range in Thorburn with a short and long course set up. This year, they held two 3D shoots in the long course and one club shoot in early September.

Leon Laffin reported that Cape Breton Bowman had a lot of 3D members. Their new shooters are mostly women and youth. They had a good turn out on their Labour Day weekend shoot. Cape Breton Bowman are moving their indoor shooting to the Canadian Coast Guard College this fall. CBB provided an archery activity session at the Atlantic Burn Camp in August.

Chad Charpell reported that Saint Mary's would have loved to have seen more participants at their shoots. They held one shoot on Mother's day and another on Father's day. The Mother's day shoot did not have as many participants as the Father's day shoot.

Jonathan Mackenzie reported that the 3D Association sees a lot of positive movement with AANS. They thanked Northumberland for hosting the AGM and their annual outdoor 3D competition.

Jonathan Mackenzie reported that Antigonish Archers Association had 154 registered shooters at their shoot that required a second course. Volunteers are very active in schools in supporting NASP. They are very active with the students in their community.

Wayne Wyre reported that Riverside started the year with 40 members. They shoot indoors every Sunday. The 3D shoot they hosted was successful with over 80 shooters attending

in May. They thanked AANS for their target donation.

Mike McCallum reported that Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia (TAANS) hosted a booth at the Sport and Hunting show in Truro. TAANS membership is strong and they look for strong participation and stability in 2014.

Gerald Sheehan reported that Scotian Bowmen held the BANS, TAANS and a memorial shoot this year. He thanked Rodney Misener for the 3D promotional activity. He suggested that the VP target do something similar for Target FITA events. Leo King memorial shoot will be a new shoot this year in memory of the gentlemen and his family who continue to let Scotian Bowmen use their land.

Anthony Crouse reported that the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club have a few members. They held two 3D shoots, one in March, which had over 60 archers attend, and the second was the 3D Provincials. The 3D Provincials was very profitable and they will use that money to buy new targets so they will not need to borrow targets from members in the future. Their regular shooting nights are every Thursday.

Barry Mills reported that Pinegrove Archers is down to 5 members from a high of 60 members. Pinegrove is financially OK with the two shoots they hosted this year.

Corey Conrad reported that Queens Archers is at a high membership of 78. They now have 5 trained safety officers. A lot of stuff was stolen due to a recent break in at the club. Members attended Wood Lot of the year Award in Caledonia. They also shoot all year. Queens Archers has a few club members that do most of the volunteer work required. More members need to share in the work required to run a club.

Nick Eld reported that Osprey Archery Club competitions were successful. This summer they hosted a weeklong archery day camp for youth. They currently have 38 members. They host one shooting night for females. They had 7 members participate at Nationals. They had a booth at the Guy Show and the Atlantic Outdoor and RV show at the Exhibition Park to promote archery to the general public.

Wayne Sullivan reported that Kings Archers had three well-attended 3D shoots. The Bow Fest at the end of August had a good turn out and a good time for everybody. Shooting every Thursday night continues. They held an open house with close to 300 people attending who all enjoyed the sport. Annapolis Valley Shooting Sports Club have close to 400 members altogether at the club but unsure of the number of archers.

Travis McLeod reported that three Basic Archery Instructors (BAI) were certified this year in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). Travis does not want to be the chair of the committee. The future of archery is in NASP and Clubs should support NASP. Bill added that students in NASP with a continuing interest in archery should move to clubs in their regions. The partnership agreement with the education department NASP and AANS was discussed.

Gary Oickle reported that because of financial management problems with Glooscap Archery Club, a new club to be known as the Glooscap Heritage Archers Association has been established under the leadership of a new executive. Regular meetings and financial reports were suggested as a way to prevent financial problems. Glooscap thanked all those who attended their shoots.

Nicole Theriault reported that ESDC currently has 18 members and are concentrating on the beginner and the younger archers. ESDC archers range in ages from 9-69 years of age. ESDC is helping in the school with their NASP archery program and have incorporated NASP rules into Club practices on Thursday nights.

Vernon Gload reported that Millbrook 3D Shooters have been running for 6 years. They are concentrating for 3D competitions. They hosted 7 shoots with not less than 100 shooters.

Currie asked for a motion to accept all the reports.

Jonathan Mackenzie moved that all reports be accepted as presented, seconded by John Webber. Motion carried.

Currie asked if AANS should reimburse certified coaches for mileage for training Canada Games Archers. Tom Riley suggested that such reimbursement not be tied to Canada Games. Financial support for promotional events was discussed. Currie also mentioned that grants are available to clubs from Sport Nova Scotia Support4Sport for funding of club events.

Bruce Fenton moved that AANS reimburse certified coaches for travel for training archers and for competitions in and out of province at the discretion of the executive, and to reimburse trained or certified coaches for travel for participation development events, also at the discretion of the executive. Seconded by Mike McCallum. Motion Carried.

Currie commented on the AANS archer travel fund. There is \$450 in this fund from the current year. Clubs are invited contribute to fund archer travel to Nationals in 2014 in Alberta.

## 5. New Business:

### 5.1. Recommendation of Memorandum of Association and By-laws changes to 2013 AGM.

Currie commented that last years changes to our by-laws were accepted by the Registry of Joint Stock Companies but our changes to our Memorandum of Association were not accepted because of several deficiencies. In addition, last year the board agreed to another round of revisions to bring our By-laws in line with the suggested by-laws of the Registry of Joint Stock Companies. The changes to the Memorandum of Association and By-laws are recommended by the By-law committee and executive. Currie asked for a motion recommended the revised Memorandum of Association and By-laws (2013) to the membership.

Wayne Sullivan moved to recommend the Memorandum of Association and By-laws as published to the AGM. Seconded by Rodney Misener. Motion Carried.

Currie commented that he hoped we go a year or two now with no by-law changes.

#### 5.2. Review and ratification of policies and other documents:

Currie commented on policies and several other documents that had been reviewed by a policy committee and/or the executive. The list of documents was circulated with the meeting material and the documents are available on the AANS.ca website.

John Webber moved to accept and approve the ratification of these policies and other documents. Seconded by Rob Laprade. Motion carried.

#### 5.3. 2014-16 AANS - Archery Canada agreement:

Currie reported that AC did try to delete the paragraphs on top athletes funding. We have an agreement that half of that funding goes to the target archer and 3D archer. Currie also mentioned that this AANS – AC agreement includes an increase in membership fees that the executive implemented on September 1.

Rodney Misener moved that Currie should sign the AC agreement with AANS. Seconded by Robert Laprade. Motion Carried.

#### 5.4. Coaching Plan and Coaching Proposed for 2014.

Currie reported it on behalf of Rick Comeau. Rick put most of this plan together over the past year. The executive have reviewed parts of the plan as it was prepared and when completed. John Webber and Currie presented the plan to Mark Smith and Mike Hudson from Sport Nova Scotia. They made several suggestions that have been incorporated into the plan. Currie asked for the input about the record of police checks. Sport Nova Scotia highly recommends that all our coaches interacting with youth less than 18 years of age should have a police records check and vulnerable sector check. Funding to pay for these records checks was discussed. Rob mentioned that he thought that not-for-profit societies might get police checks done for free with documentation from AANS. Currie will investigate.

Corey Conrad moved to implement a police record check on our coaches. Seconded by Dewayne Publicover. Motion Carried.

Police checks should be sent in to AANS with the renewals of club membership. It was mentioned that police only do criminal record check and not vulnerable sector checks. Bill will look into this.

Jeff Cox moved that the clubs deal with the fees of the police record check for their coaches. Seconded by Bruce Fenton. Motion Carried.

Rodney Misener moved that the Coaching Plan be approved. Seconded by Gerald Sheehan. Motion Carried.

Proposed dates for 2014 coaching course are not available.

#### 5.5. Canada Games Manager

Currie discussed the Canada Games Manager Advertisement and job description. The goal is

to select the best manager possible from those applying for the position. Currie went on to comment on the events of the morning also necessitated a Canada Games Coach Advertisement and job description. Gerald Sheehan moved that AANS post advertisements and job descriptions for two volunteer positions at the discretion of the executive. Seconded by Jonathan Mackenzie. Motion carried.

The Board of Directors meeting recessed at 12:15 PM for lunch and for the AGM at Noon.

The Board of Directors meeting reconvened after the AGM at 1:00 PM.

5.6. Judge's Clinic, Safety Officer Clinic (Currie)

Bill discussed our need for judges. We need to bring judges up to club level and then provincial level. Provincial level judges are essential for Canada Games qualifiers and all Target, Field and 3D events registered with Archery Canada. The next provincial level judging clinic date was discussed. Gerald Sheehan suggested that AANS hold a judges provincial course in August of next year.

5.7. Newsletter

Bill commented that Nicole needs all the reports send digitally to her in order to put them in the newsletter very soon.

5.8. Website and updates (Webber)

In John Webbers absence, Bill discussed that the AANS website be the main site for the shoot schedule.

5.9. NASP and the school archery program

Travis McLeod commented that the clubs have to go to the schools to get NASP into the schools. The schools need to have NASP Basic Archery Instructors (BAI) to help in the schools with kids in NASP. AANS does have 12 NASP bows.

5.10. 2018 Canadian Championships, Nova Scotia

Currie asked if any clubs were interested in hosting the Target, Field, and 3D Outdoor Championship in 2018. Chad Harpell from Saint Mary's showed interest in hosting. It was suggested that an organizing committee and financial plan for hosting the 2018 Championships be brought to next BOD. Clubs should be talking to each other and starting to get organized for this event.

5.11. Election of AANS executive (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President Target, Vice-President 3 D)

Rob Laprade conducted the elections.

Rob called for nominations for President. Jonathan Mackenzie nominated Bill Currie, seconded by Chad Harpell. Bill Currie accepted the nomination. No further nominations were made. Bill Currie was declared elected by acclamation.

Rob called for nominations for VP target. Bruce Fenton nominated Tom Riley, seconded by Jeff Cox. Tom Riley accepted the nomination. No further nominations were made. Tom Riley was declared elected by acclamation.

Rob called for nominations for VP 3D. Jonathan Mackenzie nominated Chad Harpell,



seconded by Jeff Cox. Rodney nominated by Jonathan Mackenzie, seconded by Berry Mills. Nominations accepted. Rob invited both to candidates to speak briefly about their past experiences and future plans. Twenty-four votes were cast. Chad Harpell was elected.

Rob called for nominations for treasurer; Nicole Theriault and Melanie Lefler were both nominated. Nominations were accepted. Nicole Theriault was elected.

Rob called for nominations Secretary. Gary Oickle nominated Melanie Lefler, seconded by Tom Riley. Gary Oickle accepted nomination for Melanie Lefler. No further nominations were made. Melanie Lefler was declared elected by acclamation.

#### 5.12. 3D archery committee

3D archery committee was discussed. Jonathan MacKenzie volunteered to be on a 3D archery committee. 3D provincial date was discussed. A combined event was discussed about a year-end shoot with 3D and target. Moved by Jonathan Mackenzie that Rodney Misener, Jonathan Mackenzie and Chad Harpell form a sub committee to form a structural framework for a 3D AANS committee to report through the VP 3D to the executive and Board. Seconded by Rodney Misener. Motion carried.

#### 5.13. 2014 Shoot Schedule:

Currie reported that he and the executive are trying to get the shoot schedule easier to organize from year to year. He suggested several steps:

1. AANS Provincial shoot dates should be rolled over from year to year and each year clubs can bid to host any AANS Provincial shoot.
2. All clubs should have a fixed date shoot that should be rolled over from year to year. New clubs, clubs without a fixed date shoot, or clubs wishing to change a fixed date shoot, participate in the first round draw for choice of open shoot dates.
3. All clubs wanting a second or more shoots participate in the second and subsequent round draws for choice of open shoot dates.

The 2014 Shoot Schedule was developed with general cooperation and good will.

#### 5.14. Other

#### 6. Any other business

Currie thanked everyone for attending.

#### 7. Adjournment of Board of Directors meeting.

Adjournment at 4:30 PM, moved by Nicole Theriault, seconded by Wayne Sullivan. Motion Carried.