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Minutes of the AANS Board of Directors Meeting held on Sunday November 16 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.

Attending (directors and executive): Bill Currie, Rob Laprade, Melanie Lefler, Nicole Theriault, Chad Harpell, Lainie Smith, Marilyn McLaren, JoAnne Spencer, Gary Oickle, Corey Conrad, Neil Freeman, Jeff Cox, Dwayne Publicover, Sherri Robicheau, Mike Myra, Travis McLeod, Stephen Kerr, Jason March, Allan Collie, Gerry Sheehan, Gary Falkenham, Jonathan MacKenzie, David MacDonald

Observers: Bette Burton, Bruce Graves, Ken Saulnier, Don Lohnes, Paul Robicheau, Elwood Reid, Gayle Caudle

Regrets: Alex Schofield, John Webber

1. Meeting called to order at 9:07am. Currie welcomed all Club Representatives and thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were made of the Directors and Executive, Observers, and Lainie Smith our Administrative Assistant (25% archery), from Sport Nova Scotia.

2. Review of 2013 BoD Meeting Minutes, motion to accept presented by Jeff Cox, seconded by Marilyn McLaren. No further discussion, minutes formally approved by all.

3. No business arising

4. Reports:

4.1 President's Report: this has been a year of transition. Lindsay Poehl resigned as our Canada Games coach at the 2013 BoD, which lead to the search and selection of a new Canada Games Coach (Jason March) and a Canada Games Manager (Gail Turnbull). These two positions will be reviewed/advertised every four years to give everyone an opportunity to apply. Rob Laprade and Mike Myra represented AANS at the Archery Canada AGM and Nathan Burton received a Bronze Medal at the 2014 Canadian Outdoor Target Championships. Bill thanked Lindsay Poehl, John Webber, Travis MacLeod, and Rick Comeau for their coaching efforts, and Ken Saulnier for being the primary Nova Scotia Judge. Our PSO Funding assessment was submitted

to DHW, and AANS received \$10K, same as previous four years. Funding support from Support4Sport for participation is renewed at \$5K each year for the next four. Canada Games Coaching included Cathy Miller clinic in July; Coaching Symposium in October, with Archery Canada sending Bruce Savage (Archery Canada head coach) to attend. AC may use our symposium as a model for all provincial coaching symposia. Introduction of Lainie Smith, new administrative assistant (25% archery) with Sport Nova Scotia (AANS pays \$3000/year, SportNS covers the balance) and new executive members; Chad Harpell (VP 3D), Alex Schofield (Interim VP Target), and Melanie Lefler (Secretary). Continuing from previous year: Bill Currie (President), Rob Laprade (VP AC), and Nicole Theriault (Treasurer). Motion to accept Presidents report as presented by Travis McLeod, seconded by Chad Harpell. Motion carried with all in favour.

4.2 Treasurer's Report: Nicole Theriault report for the fiscal year end August 31, 2014. Surplus at beginning of year was \$30,421.11, total income \$49,405.83 less total expenses \$41,753.17 with net surplus \$7,652.66. No questions from Directors regarding this report. Recommend financial report to be submitted to AANS AGM, RJSC and SportNS. Motion to accept as presented the treasurer's report moved by Corey Conrad, seconded by Jeff Cox, and carried with all in favour.

4.3 All other reports have been circulated with the meeting material and will be included in the Spring Newsletter. In addition Rob Laprade reported that as of November 6, 2014: total 636 members which is the first time over 600! Of these members, 403 are new memberships (282 male, 121 female with 161 under the age of 18); 233 renewal memberships (172 male, 61 female with 51 under the age of 18). Archery Canada has implemented a new membership database, which should be up and running Jan/Feb 2015. Rob and Lainie are working on this one. Highlights from the AC AGM: there have been some changes nationally for 3D; green stakes have been eliminated. If eliminate provincially we would deter archer participation. We want to promote archery so class will not be removed at this time. Targets have been standardized (size, distance) for fair play, and AC is working on national 3D ranking. Travis MacLeod motions to accept all Reports, Chad Harpell seconds motion and motion was accepted with all in favour.

5. New Business:

5.1 Volunteer awards: Currie presents Archery Canada Volunteer Recognition Bronze pins: Rodney Misener for his work with the 3D Archery and the 3D Shooters Association. Dwayne Publicover accepts on his behalf; Marilyn McLaren for role as past treasurer, all her work with archery Canada Winter Games 2011, and at several clubs; Travis McLeod for his work at introducing archery to youth in schools. Silver pin: presented to John Webber as representative of BANS, for his dedication to archery and for his coaching. Ken Saulnier and Bill Currie will deliver the Silver pin to John after the Board meeting. Each year AANS has 1 Black Hat from the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters to award for volunteerism. Gayle Caudle is

award the Black Hat for her professionalism, notable comradeship and volunteerism.

- 5.2 Liability Insurance: Currie reported there has been considerable discussion at liability insurance and coverage for non members at Try-it events and at clubs. No one should be shooting without liability insurance. Every AANS membership includes membership with Archery Canada and has a \$5,000,000 liability insurance for the member. In addition, AANS has a Directors and Officers liability insurance for our Executive, Directors and Officers that includes all Directors and Officers of all member clubs. Both these insurance policies are through Archery Canada with BFL Canada. These policies are linked and contain coverage for non-member shooters at various Try-It events, Fund raisers, etc. Non members shooting at clubs can shoot a fixed number of times (club decision) before taking AANS membership. AANS reports to Archery Canada (and BFL Canada) on the estimated number of non-member shooters at Try-It events, etc., and our premiums are adjusted according.
- 5.3 Athlete travel fund: Each year there is money available to support athlete travel. The Support4Sport program of Sport Nova Scotia makes \$750 available for top athletes. AANS divides this money equally between one 3D and one Target Archer. Archery Canada also contributes one round trip airfare to Canadian Outdoor Championships to top athlete. AANS divides this money equally between one 3D and one Target Archer going to Canadian Outdoor Championships. Each year, if these funds are not used, they are lost. Clubs also are encouraged to donate to a the AANS travel fund. For 2015, CFB Halifax AC donated \$150, Osprey AC \$200.
- 5.4 Increasing Participation and Retention: Jonathan Mackenzie suggested all events should be controlled by Clubs as they need participants, and we need to adapt a strategic development plan to retain participants; Lainie Smith suggested Clubs should host more Open Houses, teaming up with Dept of Recreation; Gary Oickle suggests that non members be allowed to shoot 4 times and then become a member to continue; Rob Laprade suggested that AANS and a club membership is less than \$100/year, and is one of the least expensive sport memberships; Don Lohnes advised that NASP instructors in schools had insurance coverage; Dwayne Publicover suggested Bowhunters all register for AANS; Travis McLeod commented that members of TAANS want to work towards AANS membership to cover off the liability risk for poor decision making, or a person with no insurance using personal equipment, and should ask for membership card to participate?; Jonathan MacKenzie suggested Club and AANS membership be one membership; Jeff Cox addresses concern with extra fees charged based on deposit amount, Rob Laprade can help Jeff work this out; Rob Laprade also comments that a member is only covered until end of December, except for new members after September 1st, where their membership is for the following year and remainder of current year. Gary Oickle advises it is a challenge to get new archers; Currie suggested that current members should renew their membership before December 31 to maintain their liability insurance; Jonathan MacKenzie suggested the shoot schedule should be ready 18 months in advance so it can be published in the Bow Hunter's magazine;

Jonathan suggested AANS set a directive to all affiliated Clubs and Associations that if Clubs and Associations wish to be on AANS Shoot Schedule, they support AANS with full club membership having AANS membership. Gayle Caudle comments a participant should see the immediate benefit to becoming members of AANS.

Jonathan MacKenzie moved that as of January 1, 2015, Clubs must ensure their members are AANS members, with exception of those club members that have proof of acceptable liability insurance. Visitors and new shooters can shoot 4 times without proof of AANS membership. Rob Laprade seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by majority vote. The TAANS director did not vote.

Participation ideas: 1) move 3D Provincials to late summer; 2) NASP conference identifies; 3) development of high performance similar to "tidbit version" in other sports; 4) need a united approach to Archery Development to encourage quality shoot (field, 3D, target); 5) Jonathan MacKenzie suggests that our shoot schedule should include regional shoots as well, and Gary Oickle comments that a lot of members don't want to travel long distances for shoots; 6) Currie comments that from the NASP/AANS Conference one suggestion (from Jonathan MacKenzie) was that clubs make alliances with schools within a 15 km radius to support or establish NASP in the school (Clubs can apply for funding for gear, Schools cannot) and help gym teachers teach/introduce archery to students. Greg Wile is hosting a NASP event; suggest sending info to SNS for Lainie to advertise.

5.5 Fees for Shoots. Executive recommends fees for shoots be consistent. Gary motions to accept fees as recommended by AANS for single day shoot \$20, 50% higher for 2 day shoot, Family is \$45. Gerry Sheehan and Chad Harpell second motion. The motion was accepted by majority vote.

5.6 One arrow at 3D shoots. Chad Harpell suggests that AANS adopts one arrow for all shooters at 3D shoots to be consistent with the Archery Canada Rule Book. Travis McLeod comments that TAANS favours two arrows for instinctive shooters. Gary Oickle comments that youth also shoot two arrows. Chad Harpell moves that AANS require all shooters to shoot 1 arrow per target at 3D championship and sanctioned shoots, and recommends that Clubs also have one arrow for all shooters at non-sanctioned shoots. Mike Myra seconded the motion. Motion carried with 11 votes in favour, 7 against, and several not voting. Travis McLeod requests that clubs advertise on the shoot schedule if allowing only one arrow.

Note added during preparation of minutes: In the weeks following the BoD meeting there was considerable discussion about 1 Arrow vs 2 Arrows at 3D shoots for recurve, longbow, traditional and youth archers. During a conference call with directors on December 10, 2014 the consensus was to leave the 2015 3D shoots the same as the 2014 3D shoots and directors should go back to their clubs to bring this issue to their membership. This would give time for more archers to voice their opinion on 1 arrow versus to 2 arrows for youth, traditional, longbow and recurve categories. Directors would then bring the information to the 2015 BoD meeting for

reconsideration and an informative decision. The consensus during the teleconference was that all the 3D shoots continue to use 2 Arrows for the Longbow and Recurve unsighted disciplines. Compound Archers (1 arrow) have the advantage of sights allowing for greater accuracy. Similarly, the use 2 Arrows to encourage youth archer (PeeWee and Pre-Cub) participation, should continue.

5.7 One day versus two day outdoor 3D Provincial Championship. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the decision be that of the hosting club.

5.8 Gerry Sheehan and Travis McLeod suggested Outdoor Target and Field Championships be hosted on same weekend. Jonathan MacKenzie motioned that the Outdoor Target and Field Championships be held on same weekend, David MacDonald seconded and all agreed.

5.9 Jonathan MacKenzie motions that 3D Provincial Championship be moved to second weekend in September as its annual fixed date. Mike Myra seconds motion. Most in favour, one opposed. Gary Oickle motions that all bold shoots are fixed date and regions can apply to add additional shoots on non-fixed dates. (note added in editing: Fixed date shoots are the AANS Provincial Championships and in addition each club can have 1 fixed date shoot listed on the shoot schedule with no competing shoots on the same date. Non fixed dates are open for clubs to organize regional shoots.) Dwayne Publicover seconds motion, and most are in favour.

5.10 A recommendation that Clubs pay for Introductory coaches course “Instructor of Beginner Archers”, then AANS will provide and pay for higher level courses. After various suggestions including the candidate pay for the courses initially and then get reimbursed upon completion of the course with certification, Gerry Sheehan motions AANS pays for Instructor of Intermediate archers and higher level coaching courses, and Clubs pay for Instructor of Beginner Archers, but only after the candidate becomes certified. Corey Conrad seconds motion. All accepted. Travis asks if there is a program available for youth 16-18 to cover cost of the course Instructor of Beginner Archers.

5.11 New official dress for Canada Games and High Performance Team. Gayle Caudle suggests the stylized Nova Scotia Lion as design, silk screen blue & white, with sow on AANS patches. Nicole Theriault so moves, Dwayne Publicover seconds motion and all agree.

5.12 2018 Canadian Outdoor Championships are in Nova Scotia – Are Clubs interested?

5.13 Review and selection process for Canada Games coach, Canada Games manager, and provincial coach. After discussion, it was agreed that the positions of Canada Games Coach and Canada Games Manager be advertised and selected every four years, soon after Canada Winter Games, and the position of Provincial Coach be

advertised and selected every two years. Executive to write terms of reference for Provincial Coach and High Performance position.

5.14 Shoot cards and Newsletters will be distributed on AANS.ca and through the Archer gears dealers and sponsors in Nova Scotia.

5.15 Elections:

VP Archery Canada – Rob Laprade accepts nomination from David MacDonald, Marilyn McLaren seconds nomination. Other nominations requested three times, none, congratulations Rob.

VP 3D – Chad Harpell accepts nomination from Jonathan MacKenzie, Corey Conrad seconds nomination. Other nominations requested three times, none, congratulations Chad.

Treasurer – Nicole Theriault accepts nomination by Travis McLeod, Gerry Sheehan seconds nomination. Other nominations requested three times, none, congratulations Nicole.

VP Target – Bette Burton accepts nomination by Gerry Sheehan, Nicole Theriault seconds nomination. Rob Laprade nominated GayleCaudle; Gail declines nomination. Other nominations requested three times, none, congratulations Bette.

President - Bill advises of his resignation 2015 after BoD/AGM Meeting.

5.16 Shoot Schedule – The shoot schedule was reviewed and some adjustment of fixed date shoots were made to move 3D provincials to September, New clubs were asked to pick a fixed date for their shoots from the open dates. Sheet Harbour selected third Sunday in July as their fixed date shoot. Bras d’Or Archers declines a fixed date at this time. Fixed shoot dates are on the shoot schedule and may be sanctioned, 2nd and more shoot dates are at discretion of clubs.

6. Other business:

Ken Saulnier – National Judges Candidate, Ken reports that there are only 2 provincial level judges in Nova Scotia, himself and JoAnne Spencer. There are a few club level judges. Club Judges need to be knowledgeable on AC rules and the test for club judge is on the Archery Canada website. Similarly, a Range Safety Officer test is also on the Archery Canada website. Ken will host a workshop with JoAnne for Provincial Judge Candidates, and this will be a maximum 8 hour, 1 day course. To become a provincial judge, one needs to judge 3 shoots under Ken/JoAnne’s supervision. A Judge is required at all sanctioned, Provincial level, and Archery Canada registered shoots.

Elwood Reid addressed senior archers and archers with limited mobility issues/disability should have accommodation for shoots.

Stephen Kerr inquires on strategy for developing his Club as they do not have a permanent location and have little experience with BAI/NASP/Instructor of Beginner Archers, and target criteria. Help with finding funding for establishing club is required. (Queens, Glooscap, Northumberland, CFB Halifax, Osprey good resources.)

7. Currie thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn. Adjournment moved by Corey Conrad.

These minutes are draft until approved at the next Board of Directors meeting.