

2020 Archery Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 15th, 2020 – 10:00am
Virtual - Zoom

In Attendance:

Melanie Lefler (ANS – President & Meeting Chair), Sherri Robicheau (ANS – VP of Target/Creignish Mountain Representative), Roy MacInnis (ANS – Secretary & TAANS Representative), Paul Robicheau (ANS – VP of High Performance/Cape Breton Bowmen Representative), Dean Dort (ANS – VP of 3D and Musquodoboit Representative), Ray Murdoch (ANS – BANS Representative), Don Lohnes (ANS – Treasurer/NASP Coordinator), Emily Nickerson (PSO Coordinator)

Gary Oickle (Glooscap Representative), Dion Sampson (Antigonish Representative), Jeff Cox (Greenwood Representative), Michael Hebb (Osprey Representative), Dorothy Best (Down by the Bay Representative – formally Fundy Shore Archers), Marlene Gavel (Breton Traditional Representative, Sebastien Rose (CFB Halifax Representative), Sharon Daniels (Glooscap – Observer), Bridget Benz (Breton Traditional – Observer), Carolyn Bollwerk (Down by the Bay – Observer), Joe McGillivray (Breton Traditional – Observer), Janice Tulk (Breton Traditional – Observer).

Absent:

Bras d’Or, Millbrook, Northumberland, Riverside

1. Call to Order at 10:00am

Meeting called to order by Melanie Lefler at 10:12am.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

Motion to approve 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes.

First: Sebastien Rose

Second: Dean Dort

Motion carried unopposed.

3. Reports (It is expected that everyone has read over reports prior to the meeting)

- 3.1 President
- 3.2 Treasurer
 - 3.2.1 Treasurer’s Report
- 3.3 Vice President of Target
- 3.4 Vice President of High Performance
- 3.5 Vice President of 3D
- 3.6 NASP

Motion to accept all Executive reports and NASP report as submitted.

First: Jeff Cox

Second: Gary Oickle

Motion carried unopposed.

4. Club Reports

- 4.1 Antigonish Archery Association
As submitted.
- 4.2 Bras d’Or Archers Association
As submitted.
- 4.3 Breton Traditional Archers Society
As submitted.
- 4.4 Cape Breton Bowmen Association
As submitted.

- 4.5 Creignish Mountain Archery Center
As submitted.
- 4.6 CFB Halifax Archery Club
As submitted.
- 4.7 Fundy Shore Archers (Renamed to *Down by the Bay Archery Association*)
Submitted report but was not included in AGM package. Dorothy Best provides verbal report.
- 4.8 Glooscap Heritage Archers Association
As submitted.
- 4.9 Greenwood Archery Club
As submitted.
- 4.10 Millbrook 3D Shooters Association
No report given.
- 4.11 Musquodoboit Archers Association
No report given.
- 4.12 Northumberland Strait Shooters Archery Club
No report given.
- 4.13 Osprey Archery Club
As submitted.
- 4.14 Riverside Archery Club
No report given.
- 4.15 TAANS
As submitted.

Associated Member Report

- 5.1 BANS
As submitted.

Motion to accept club and associated member reports as submitted.

First: Sebastien Rose

Second: Roy MacInnis

Motion carried unopposed.

6. Business Arising

- 6.1** Back in December of 2019, ANS hosted a Planning Session to members in an effort to highlight areas of growth/focus within the organization and to begin establishing committees to oversee this work. The COVID-19 pandemic put a hindrance on the speed of this process. Melanie Lefler reviews the working committees the organization is looking to implement if any clubs have anyone in mind/interested in sitting on any of these committees.
- 6.2** The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) were cancelled this year due to COVID-19 and are looking to be hosted in either 2021 or 2022 (in HRM) when able. ANS received an honorarium for NAIG regardless if the games are hosted in 2021 or not. The decision on when the games will be hosted will be determined early in 2021.
- 6.3** The NASP program is integrated in many schools, however there is concern regarding whether or not these schools are actively engaged in the program. Ways to reach out to the schools to get more interaction and involvement with NASP as there are some schools in the Province with trained coaches but they aren't involved or utilized.
- 6.4** Coaching Course Interest; quite a bit of interest from clubs that are looking to be trained. Different clubs in different regions of the province are interested in hosting courses. BAI courses and NCCP courses looking to be hosted mostly online with some hands-on training.

7. New Business

7.1 Approval of 2021 Shoot Schedule

- ANS hosted a meeting separate from the AGM back in August, 2020 to establish the 2021 shoot schedule in advance of the AGM.

- **Indoor Provincials – March 27th & 28th, 2021:** No clubs express interest in hosting the 2021 Indoor Provincials. Uncertainty of venues and funds is a concern for the majority of clubs. Suggestion of having ANS apply for grant funding to purchase targets for the PSO that can be utilized by clubs hosting Provincial events.
- **Outdoor 3D Provincials – August 1st, 2021:** Glooscap offers to host the 2021 Outdoor 3D Provincials. The club will no longer be hosting a 3D shoot on June 20th, 2021.
- Don Lohnes notes that has a contact with someone in USA that he collaborates with to have targets ordered and shipped to NS for a cheaper price. Clubs to reach out to Don directly if interested.
- Suggestion to have ANS supply funds for incidentals when clubs host provincial shoots (ex. paper target faces). Something to have in writing that indicates any club hosting a provincial shoot would have the cost of necessities to host the shoot covered.

Action: Board of Directors to discuss the potential amount of funding that ANS could provide to clubs hosting provincial shoots.

Gary Oickle motions to approve the 2021 Shoot Schedule under the consideration that the ANS Board of Directors can approve any venue(s) to host provincial shoots if they become available in the future.

Seconded by Paul Robicheau.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

7.2 COVID-19 Return to Play Update

- Provincial guidelines and restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic have effected how we can offer programming such as competitions and try-it events. Since the further easing of restrictions that came into effect on October 1st, ANS has since made revisions to our Return to Play plan to include these changes and have received verbal confirmation of these changes from the Province.

7.3 Archery Canada Membership

- One of Archery Nova Scotia's major projects over the past year has been revamping our website, which now includes online registration for clubs and members. In the past, Emily would update the membership on a weekly basis and would then send the list to Patricia Ellis and she would enter them into Archery Canada's system. Archery Canada would then invoice us for members/clubs registered.
- Archery Canada has a new registration system in place for all PSOs across the Country. This system allows members to register online for both ANS and Archery Canada (they will soon also be able to register with their individual club as well; this piece is not finalized yet. It is currently only registration with the PSO and NSO). This allows members to pay and register with ANS and Archery Canada all in one place. This system is being finalized and membership will be informed once ANS begins implementing it.

7.4 Hosting Bids

- ANS has been in discussion with Archery Canada over the past few months regarding submitting hosting bids for the 2022 Pan American Youth and Masters Championships. Bid went in last week to host in Halifax with Archery Canada supporting NS in this bid. Will require 5-10 volunteers to assist with necessary hosting requirements and a Technical Director when the time comes.
- There were some concerns expressed regarding the amount of funds that ANS needs to contribute to host such a large event; don't want to see ANS losing large amounts of money. Was discussed that the bid is currently submitted but ANS has not yet received approval. If Nova Scotia is an approved hosting location, ANS can take a detailed look at what needs to be done to raise sufficient funds and have the membership weigh in on the decision to host. Will be a fantastic opportunity for the sport of Archery to have an International competition hosted in Nova Scotia. Could create great exposure to the sport.

7.5 Other

- Discussion regarding having Archery Nova Scotia's Board of Directors individual membership fees (\$40 per person) covered by ANS for the duration of their term on the Board. Some concerns are raised regarding the potential of having this swing down to the club level (club board members requesting their fees covered as well).

Don Lohnes motions to have any member who is sitting on the Archery Nova Scotia Board of Directors have their annual membership fees covered by ANS for the entirety of their term.

Seconded by Dean Dort.

1 vote in favor, 7 votes opposed, 3 abstain. Motion denied.

- **Insurance:** Archery Nova Scotia's upcoming insurance renewal may have an exclusion for contagions clause since the COVID-19 pandemic hit. This is common across majority of insurance companies.

8. Election of Directors

Treasurer, Vice President of 3D, and Vice President of High Performance are elected on even number years. BANS appoints the Bowhunter Director to the Executive.

- VP High Performance

Roy MacInnis nominates Paul Robicheau. Paul Robicheau accepts the nomination. There are no other nominations.

All in favour; none opposed. Paul Robicheau appointed as Vice President of High Performance for a two-year term.

- Treasurer

Don Lohnes reoffers as Treasurer. There are no other nominations. *All in favour; none opposed. Don Lohnes appointed as Treasurer for a two-year term.*

- VP 3D

No nominations. *Position is vacant.*

Paul Robicheau motions for the Board of Directors to appoint someone to the VP of 3D position if anyone offers without requirement of approval from the membership.

Seconded by Roy MacInnis.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Melanie Lefler at 1pm.