



Archery Nova Scotia

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ANS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 24th, 2019 | 6pm

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Attendance (In-Person): Melanie Lefler, Emily Nickerson, Gary Oickle

Attendance (On Phone): Ken Saulnier, Jason March, Dean Dort, Paul Stinson

Regrets: None

Meeting called to order by Melanie Lefler at 6:01pm

1. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes
 - Comments are provided on item #4 on previous minutes (see comments below).
 - Previous minutes not approved.

2. NSFAH September 21st Event
 - Emily N provides run down of NSFAH event looking to be hosted on September 21st. Discussion around putting this forward to clubs, however many club schedules are currently full. Could send a call for volunteers to participate instead of asking for clubs themselves to participate. Melanie L to gather more info to ask for specifics.

3. ANS Planning Session for the Fall
 - Emily N provides overview of the session, what it would entail, and Wrestling's experience with the outcomes of the session.
 - Discussion around a timeline for the session; fall may not be a good time, but ideally before the AGM on a Sunday afternoon or evening. Provide one month's notice.
 - October 6th is a potential date in afternoon (1pm). Emily to look into sending out notice to clubs. Central location was also discussed; Fall River as a potential central location.

4. Spreading Interest to New Shooters

- Dean D notes he is looking for ideas for Archery Canada meeting to get first-timers involved in Archery and not intimidated. Ideas on how we can put them in a group of their own or accommodate more to first time shooters.
 - Archery Canada is looking for a set of rules for newcomers; list of things allowed and have some sort of cap of how many shoots they can participate in this class (ex. win three times in this class, bump to higher level class).
- Go the known-distance route or stay as is? Comment that if you make it easier, this makes it more inviting to new people shooting and encourages them to move themselves into more challenging groups instead of having to make a rule specifically for this. Shoot over 90% at that distance, have to move from that group.
- Keep the new participants close to the target to give them less chance of missing, but so close that they move themselves into harder groups.

5. BMO Centre Rental Space

- Melanie L notes that the BMO Soccer Centre is renting out space for other sports to utilize 4 consistent hours per week between November and March. Archery NS doesn't have a club in Halifax but would be ideal to have one created. Comments on whether we should or not.
- Discussion around ANS being hesitant to submit an application for the space unless we had someone committed to doing that work. Think this has potential to help us grow as an organization but should have a prior commitment in place before submitting and application.
- Gary O mentions Scotian Bowmen as a potential club to take this on.
- Paul S notes we could put out word to clubs to attract potential people that could take this on/feedback.
- Jason M notes that the expression of interest could be to form an HRM club instead of advertising the space.

6. Book of Remembrance

- Melanie L mentions that ANS member and Coach, Gayle Caudle, has suddenly passed away early July. Melanie L attended the funeral on behalf of ANS; suggested by Don Lohnes that Gayle be included for the book of remembrance on behalf of ANS.
- Idea of having not only Gayle, but other members who have passed be recognized for the work they've done for ANS.

7. Archery Promotional Video

- A member of ANS came to Gary O and Glooscap regarding filming some Archery content in the Province and have Glooscap be the home-base for filming. Member is requesting support and approval from ANS.

- Melanie L notes that the website developer who is working on ANS' website says he can set this up for us and would be a one-stop-shop for members. Concerns around ANS being liable if we have someone providing "how to's" if the info is incorrect.
- ANS has sponsors that we should be supporting that should be highlighted.
- Useful content is already out there, but what are the legalities of it. Melanie to reach out both the member and our web developer on the matter and update BoD of the conversations.

8. Competition Development Coaches Pathway

- Melanie L and Emily N attended a meeting at SNS surrounding coaching. Strongly recommended by our sport consultant, Mike H, to send in a grant for Comp Dev coaches pathway. Coaches recognized in our organization to develop at the comp dev level to have someone in place for Canada Games. Funding to assist someone in achieving their accreditation. Candidates suggestions?
- Jason M notes that funds to support accountability with completing the pathway should be tied in with the grant.
- Mentioned that whenever ANS looks for candidates for positions, we want them to have some archery background/community feel.

9. National's Funding Criteria

- Emily N distributed old ANS policy for Nationals funding. Four individuals expressed interest for Nationals.
- Jason M and Dean D are going to Nationals to shoot and for NSO meetings; Archery Canada paying for majority of their expenses. Jason and Dean are both willing to support the remainder of their fees to allow other participants to receive financial support from ANS.
- Registration fees and travel fees support from ANS is separated/has different criteria. The three ANS members attending Nationals would receive up to \$150 for registration fees according to policy.
- Ken S makes a motion that Melanie, Jason, Dean, Matt, Christian, and Jyostna are all eligible to have their Nationals registration fees covered by ANS. Travel portion would be split equally between the two eligible candidates, Matt and Jyostna, based on criteria.
Second: Dean Dort

10. New Business

- July 14th – 26th was approved by Archery Canada for next year's Nationals.
- Discussion around making a 5-year shoot plan that rotates around to know what province is hosting what shoots. Jason M notes that the indoor atlantics is one of the best run tournaments.
- Melanie L forwarded the website template our website designer made for ANS to review for feedback.

- Melanie and Emily have an upcoming call with the Fundy Regional Sport Consultant to discuss the Sport Fund grant. Twenty percent of funds are still withheld; figure out where equipment currently is located and finding a permanent sport for them. Melanie L to provide an update on this topic at the next meeting.

Melanie Lefler adjourns meeting at 8:31pm.

Next meeting date: **Emily to send out Doodle poll for 3rd week of August.**

Previous Minutes Comments

- **\$1,000 donation: Concerns about giving out money as our membership is shrinking. Remind about financial restraints.**
 - **Comments were had about membership numbers being down; this is a way to promote archery in Maritimes.**
 - **Discussion that this may drive people away; would keep those who are there but won't attract new members. Mandate is NS, not Maritimes. Great that people are doing stuff for growth but worry about a separate group forming and losing it. Like to see triple crown set up so it removes some exclusivity.**
 - **Comment that this is an investment to do something different at shoots to avoid it being "stale". Feedback from other archers indicates willingness to at least try this way out to see how it plays out.**