

Saskatchewan Archery Association
Annual General Meeting
July 21, 2012
Battleford, SK

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Raquel Hepp, Arnold Winder, Larry Mackrell, Ken Weber, Brian Hawkins, Rodney Fedler, Glenn Day, Don Buglas, Wendy Riglin, Kirk Riglin, Nick Landrie, Dean Posnikoff, Dolton, Clouthier, Jeff Fawcett, David Sorley, Tawnie Kotyk, Shaylyn Fedler, Tyson Mackrell, Dave McGill, Keith Partridge, Nolan Johnson, Cody Wakelin, Demetry Proeyk, Stan Grzech, Erin Partridge, Allen Mitchell, Allan Andreas, John Cannon, Lindsay Cannon, Neil Berg, Jennette, Dawn Steeves, Bill Steeves, Maxine Ross, Chris Wakelin, Shane Wakelin, Greg Gubbe, Boris Joty, Harvey Giesbrecht, Ray Nemethi, Shelley Smith, Joan Winder, Junita Fawcett, Ron Smith, Gib Henderson and Randy Rathy

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting distributed.

Motion #1 Bill Steeves moved that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be adopted as distributed.

Seconded by Gib Henderson Carried.

2. Business arising from the minutes.

3. . President's/Vice-President's Report (Randy Rathy)

Hello everyone

I would like to say thank you for attending the AGM. I would like to thank Battle River Archers for hosting the 3D Provincials.

As you know I took over as President in the middle of the term. In this time I have tried my best to address all questions that were presented to me.

As well as work with the executive staff on administrative duties, I have also attended Sask Sport meetings on behalf of the SAA. I have had an eye opener as to what it takes to be a board member, a lot of hard work on ones behalf and now, knowing this I would like to thank each and every executive member past and present for the hard work they put in so we have a club that everyone will benefit from.

On another note I would like to thank all of the archers who have joined the teams representing Saskatchewan this year. I would also like to thank all the clubs that put hard

work into hosting shoots this year. In closing I would just like to say that I see the SAA moving forward in support of the clubs and members.

Thank You,

Randy Rathy

4. Treasurer Report (Joan Winder)

-Annual Funding & MAP Grant funds have been received. There was an increase over last year.

-In Revenue, we received \$20,000 for an Executive Director. To date this position has not been put in place. SAA put together a job description but communication with Sask Sport regarding this did not come about. If we did find a person to fill the position, SAA would have to provide 1/3 of the salary. That would mean serious fundraising.

-We were able to help three young athletes with funds from the Future Best Grant of \$3 525.

-Membership revenue has increased from last year, partially due to an increase in registered members.

-Fundraising is still an issue. Sask Sport requests that we have a substantial reserve. It seems the only fundraising we do is through sales of merchandise and advertising shoots on the website.

-One big change for us this year is that we no longer have minimum amounts to use set by Sask Sport. We still make a budget and try to use the funds accordingly. Sask Sport will review how that happens and then there will be discussion.

-There is still a considerable amount of funds to disperse in this year for Athlete Assistance, athletes claiming for Canadian Championships, athletes attending International events.

-One of the areas that did not require any funds was in the High Performance. This was partly due to not having a director in that area to carry out the program. Hopefully it will be in full swing in the fall.

-SAA wishes that anyone attending National and International events have a successful and enjoyable time.

Respectfully submitted by
Joan Winder

Motion #2 Joan moved that the financial report be accepted as presented.

Gib Henderson

Seconded by

Carried

5. Target/Field Director's Report (Harvey Giesbrecht)

We had a good turnout for our indoor events this year. PA archery club did a great job of hosting the events. The officials did a good job keeping everything in order and running smooth, thank you to the club members and judging staff for their time and efforts.

There seemed to be some problem with the information for the target team registration, hopefully we can remedy this for next year.

The Outdoor Provincial Fita and Field held last week was hosted by Delisle archery club they had the courses set up well and we had the best weather ever to shoot a 1440 Fita. Sunday's Field round went well although we had some rain the temperature was warm and we had one of the best field courses in Canada to shoot on. Thank you Delisle for all your effort in hosting a great championship.

Bob Pannell and his staff of judges have done a fine and professional job at all our competitions thanks for your time and efforts.

The Sask Summer Games are coming up fast and I wish all the participants the best in their efforts in Meadow Lake this August.

Congratulations go out to Bob Hudson for his great shooting at the world trials last week and we wish him the best of luck at London Olympics this summer.

To all the archers that are going to the National Target Championships in BC, I wish you the best.

Respectfully submitted

Harvey Giesbrecht

6. 3D Director's Report (Ray Nemethi)

First off I would like to thank the Battle River archers for hosting the 3D Provincial Championships and AGM.

It has been a busy year in the 3D sport with new clubs having shoots, and trying to make it to all of the shots this year keeps us hopping!

The weather this spring did bring a bit of a damper to some of the shoots that were held early in April but the clubs still fared ok, but is ok good enough? Attendance at some of the shoots were at an all time low leaving us to think of better ways to make shoot attendance rise, what will it take to make the sport more attractive to non competitors and the more competitive archer alike?

I will have a poll set up on the web site after this event and I hope that we all spend some time in answering some of the questions. I have to try and help make this sport easier for all archery skill levels to attend. Here is just a small taste of some of the questions, and what I think we could do, and please this is just a report not a debate so keep the comments and questions till the end.

The cost is a huge issue, travel costs are high but we cannot do anything about that at this time. Equipment costs are high. I have been to a few shoots where people destroyed arrows and in some cases more than just one or 2. We talk about fun but this is not fun! And yes making your own fun is what it is all about but there is a tolerance level in everybody's book. Rules? I have heard that we have too many rules to follow to shoot at a 3D target after all we do this for hunting practice! I agree that this is the best method of hunting practice but we still need to have rules in place to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone. Can we use rangefinders? It makes it easier to shoot if we know how far away it is! I say go ahead and shoot what you are comfortable with as long as it does not interfere with others that are shooting by the rule book. Why can't we have a noncompetitive rangefinder class and yes I know more classes??? Marked yardage shoots have better attendance then unmarked in some areas! The course setups have been an issue for years! The better the equipment the harder the setups? And I wonder why this has to be? We all had to start someplace and going out and shooting and loosing or wrecking equipment makes it harder to come back out and do it again for most of the people just starting out. Yes we try and do our best to set up and make it challenging for all skill levels of archers but when did we forget about the majority by this I mean people that just want to come out and shoot to better their skills.

I have heard good and bad things all year long. With the bad out weighing the good and all I can say is that it is up to all of us to take a step back and remember we all once were just beginners at this sport and it takes time to get better at anything we do, and if you get good enough at something and I am not just talking about archery, when you achieve your goals the time spent is forgotten and the pride and satisfaction of knowing you did what you started out to do makes things right.

The 3D Nationals will be held August 4th to 6th in Vernon B.C. and we have a bunch of athletes going to attend and I want to wish them all the best of luck, shoot straight, have fun and make friends (and I mean lifelong friends can be made at this event) and take home the memories that will last a life time.

I will be at this event and I say this at this time just in case I don't get a chance to talk with everyone out there as I am sure we will all be busy shooting and taking in the sites of the venue.

I would also like to send out a good luck to all of the athletes heading to Victoria B.C. to shoot in the Fita and Field National Championships. We will be cheering all of you on no matter how any of us finish, we will all be proud of all of our athletes.

I would like all of our younger athletes here to please go over and give your mothers and fathers a big hug and a thank you as if it was not for them most of us would not be here shooting today. You all must remember to respect what they have sacrificed to help you chase your dreams.

I would like all of the archers that joined the 3D team to stay behind for a short meeting after the AGM.

I would like to thank all of you for attending the SAA Provincial 3D Championships and this AGM, good luck have a great weekend and if I don't get a chance to talk with you please drop me a line I am open for all to talk too.

Ray Nemethi

SAA 3D/Hunting Director.

7. FCA Director's Report

8. High Performance Director's Report

9. Coaching Coordinator (Shelley Smith)

This past Coaching season has been a successful one. I have had 4 clinics with a total of thirty-two participants. There also have been some coaches transpire out of these clinics and past clinics that I am proud to announce.

They are all Instructor Beginner Coaches:

Blaine Stropko-Estevan,
Pam Franko-Estevan,
Tyson Mackrell-Battleford
David Sorley-Saskatoon.

Please give a hand to the ones that are here because it is a lot of dedication and commitment after the clinic to get the portfolio completed and handed in. I had to learn a whole new system to enter the information once I held a clinic. "The Locker". let me tell you that it was a process, but with the help of Bruce Savage, we seemed to slide by. (When the system was up and running.)

The best time to hold a clinic is when you are working with children because part of your portfolio is observing a child and working with them. So with that in mind I will be starting the Coaching clinics up again in the fall. September is a great time because the clubs are starting with registration. Speaking of registration we the SAA have decided to boost the price of the clinic to \$100.00/participant and that includes your 2 booklets (workbook and reference material book). We decided on this because not many participants were completing the course and we felt it may have been due to the low price of \$30.00. We will see if this makes a difference.

If you wish to hold a clinic my information is on the Sask Archery website.

Committee Reports

A) Publicity Report (Coreen Scott)

This year being my first on the Saskatchewan Archery Association Executive has led me through a steep learning curve. Although it was challenging I believe we made some forward progress.

My goals during the first few months were to:

- Familiarize myself with my roles and responsibilities
- Begin securing stories / data for a publication
- Work to update the website.
- Develop a 2 year marketing/communications/publication plan.

My vision was to have a website and a publication with a similar look and feel that would keep members well informed. Promoting the sport of archery through electronic communications and publications is a way to keep members and the public informed in real time. Some of my duties included:

- Redesign of the website to include only Current information with a strategy to archives older information
- Determining guidelines around what information to include and processes for inclusion on the website and in the SAA publications.
- Identify any potential risks and develop guidelines around accessible information for those 18 and under. (i.e.: inclusion of youth information/ photos of young archers etc. and Photo releases included on member applications)
- Review the magazine distribution process (costs to produce and mail vs. electronic versions with comparisons historically vs. future)

- Look at social media options to promote the sport of archery with the younger generation (Face book etc.)
- Look at possible electronic communications to members such as informational newsletters so we are communicating more often to them in the hope to increase membership see member retention.

A member survey was drafted and circulated to members for whom we had email addresses. The survey results were reviewed and these dictated some recommendations for the Communications plan and the Tactical communications plan which was developed by the publicity director and distributed to the executive committee for input. A copy of the plan was circulated as a link in the April E-Newsletter and is also available online.

A Season's Greetings card was developed with a message from the president and posted electronically during the holiday season. A promotional brochure for a northern communities trades show was drafted and printed to showcase the SAA and encourage participation in the sport to youth and adults in the north.

Work still in progress that will continue into the next term:

SAA Policies and Procedures review and reorganization is underway along with the reformatting of the constitution. Policies and procedures document is being circulated amongst the executive with discussions around any recommended changes and we hope to have that completed and shared online this next year.

Website updates will continue, we hope to obtain email addresses for each family or individuals that are currently members so we can keep everyone abreast of happenings in the province. It would be great to see members sharing their successes through the publicity director. I am looking forward to another busy year.

Respectfully submitted July 11, 2012:

Coreen Scott – SAA Publicity Director – AGM report

B) JOP (Junita Fawcett)

We had another great year for JOP. There was 19 active Clubs in the JOP program, with a total of 601 kids participating in the program for this year. Last year we had 19 active clubs and 563 kids participating so very good increase in the number of kids in one year.

P.A held the JOP Championship in April. We had 173 kids come and compete. Went over quite well and kids seem to have enjoyed themselves. They made some new friends visited with some old friends, and got to experience shooting a tournament.

Once again I would like to thank the JOP Coordinators for their time that they have put into the JOP program.

Also awesome job to the athletes how worked hard to achieve their badges.

Thanks for a great year.

Junita Fawcett

C) Officials Report (Bob Pannell)

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those officials who worked at both the Outdoor Championships and our Indoor Championships. I am pleased we have incorporated equipment inspections into our championships as this will both serve to prepare our archers for major events, and ensure an adherence to the rules providing a level playing field at our championships.

This spring we have added two more local judges to our roster of officials. I would like to remind all clubs that they must have at a minimum one local judge, or safety officer, to meet insurance requirements. I would also like to acknowledge, and congratulate Marcel VanLoo who will be completing the requirements of the National Judge Candidate process and should be recognized as a National Judge this year.

Once again thanks to all our judges for their efforts in ensuring that we are able to have competitions, and for ensuring that these competitions are held according to the rules. I would like to encourage those judges in attendance today to consider stepping forward to serve in the capacity of Officials Coordinator, as my term is over and I will be stepping down.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Pannell

D) Map Grant (Gib Henderson)

To date we have received 4 follow up reports.

The reports are due July 31.

Notice will be sent to all clubs this week.

E) Memberships Report (Chris Bender)

This year we had:

30 paid clubs with the SAA.

5 new clubs which are-
Bowbusters Archery Club-Vanscoy
Viscount Archery Club-Viscount
Beaver River Archery Club-Rapid View
Regina Fish & Game League Club-Regina
Moose Creek Archery Club-Weyburn

I also had questions regarding joining the SAA from Rosetown & Kindersley.

All new members have been sent Archery Canada Rule Books. I am trying to compile a starting package for new clubs which would include information on the JOP Program and the Start-Up Grant. I am working on having this in place for the New Year. All suggestions for other information to be included with this package would be welcome.

To date membership 530 adults
709 youth (youth being 20 yrs & younger)

Chris Bender

Membership Chairperson

F) Aboriginal Liaison (Ron Smith)

This year was a very slow year. Up coming year will be a busy year with the Indigenous Summer Games being held in Muskoday August of 2013 and the North American trials will start for in the summer of 2014 in Regina.

I would like to thank Coreen Scott for creating our own SAA brochure that we now have for our clubs. You may pick a couple up from me to display in your clubhouse.

New Business

1. Appoint An Auditor

Motion#3 Joan Winder made the motion for the fiscal year 2012-2013 we appoint Mr. Douglas Haylaka as the auditor.

Seconded by Gib Henderson

Carried

2. **Constitution Article IX Officers and Duties**

**Constitution Article IX- Officers and Duties- 2a
Field, Target and High Performance Directorships**

WHEREAS: The 2009 AGM consolidated the Field, Target, and High Performance Directorships into one office

WHEREAS: the director elected for that office resigned in April 2010

WHEREAS: believing that one officer for three areas of responsibility was too much, the 2010 AGM elected two directors to carry out these duties

WE RESOLVE: that the constitution be updated to state that there will be Separate directors for Field/Target and High Performance elected by SAA membership for a two year term at the Annual General Meeting

Motion # 4 Joan Winder made the motion that we separate the positions Field/Target and High Performance Director into two separate directorships. Field/Target Director and High Performance Director.

Seconded Junita Fawcett Carried

3. **Honorary Membership**

Motion#5 Harvey Giesbrecht made the motion that the following members be made into Honorary Members; Ross MacAngus, Arnie Winder, Joan Winder, Percy Green, Harvey Giesbrecht and Demetry Procyk.

Seconded by Jeff Fawcett Carried

4. **Volunteer Awards**

The following awards were passed out:

Male Athlete of the Year
Bob Hudson

Jr. Male Athlete of the Year
Dalton Clouthier
Tyson Mackrell

Jr. Female Athlete of the Year

Caitlin Northey

Volunteer of the Year
Junita Fawcett

5. Elections of Officers

President

Bill Steeves nominates Randy Rathy

Seconded by Ron Smith

Ron moves nomination cease.

Randy accepts.

Vice President

David Sorley nominates Jeff Fawcett.

Seconded by Nolan Johnson

Ray Nemeth nominates Harvey Giesbrecht

Seconded by Bill Steeves

Ron moves nomination cease

Jeff accepts.

Harvey accepts.

Went to ballet.

Congratulation to Jeff Fawcett

Treasurer

Ron nominates Brenda Clouthier.

Seconded by Junita Fawcett

Harvey nominates Erin Partridge.

Seconded by Ron Smith

Ron moves nomination cease.

Brenda declines.

Erin declines.

Target/Field Director

Harvey Giesbrecht nominates Larry Mackrell

Seconded by Nolan Johnson

Bill Steeves moves nomination cease.

Larry accepts.

High Performance Director

Gib Henderson nominates David Sorley

Seconded by Maxine Ross

Bill Steeves moves nomination cease.

David Sorley accepts.

Secretary

Ray Nemethi nominates Shelley Smith

Seconded by Ron Smith

Dawn Steeves moves nomination cease.

Shelley accepts.

FCÄ Director

Ron Smith nominates Stacey Moran

Seconded by Harvey Giesbrecht

Maxine Ross moves nomination cease.

Stacey accepts.

JOP Coordinator

Ron nominates Junita Fawcett.

Seconded by Bill Steeves

Joan nominates Erin Partridge.

Seconded by Ray Nemethi

Maxine Ross moves nomination cease.

Junita accepts.

Erin accepts


Went to ballet

Congratulations to Junita Fawcett.

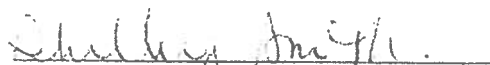
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Seconded by Bill Steeves Carried

Bill Steeves adjourns meeting at 7:20 pm



President's Signature



Secretary's Signature

FCA Director

Ron Smith nominates Stacey Moran

Seconded by Harvey Giesbrecht

Maxine Ross moves nomination cease.

Stacey accepts.

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