



## Minutes of the Eastern Area Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2022 via Zoom

### Those Present:

James Hamilton (Lasswade)	Nessa Dunsmore (Falkirk)
Bill Mackay (Balbardie)	Iain Wilson (Pentland)
Phyllis Pettett (Falkirk)	Moira Taylor (Falkirk)
Caroline Buchanan (Bannockburn)	Joan Smith (Lasswade)
Gillian Imrie (Penicuik)	Natalie MacDonald (Lauderdale)
Ash Addison (Falkirk)	Gareth Fleming (Lasswade)
Judith Forbes (Bannockburn)	Adelle Fleming (Lasswade)
Helen Munro (Falkirk)	Sandi Graham (Falkirk)
Tony Laduss (Falkirk)	Pip Tucknott (EUAC)

**Apologies:** Kayleigh Ivanov (Balbardie) & Gilbert Jamieson (Balbardie)

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence
2. Minutes from the AGM November 2021 – available on website
3. Matter arising – none
4. Officers Reports:
5. Appointment of Committee Members
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Area shoot calendar
8. Date of next years AGM

### Presidents report

It has been another odd year in archery, a year of getting back to normal, but not quite the normal that we are used to.

At an Area level we had no competitions, but at Scottish level, there were at least Scottish championships. The East was well represented here,

Gareth Fleming won disability recurve championships, James Hamilton won the disability compound championships and Sandie Graham was second in the longbow championships. Kyle Scott was Gents compound winner, and Stephanie Classon won Ladies compound. Congratulations to all.

In representative shoots, Nathan McQueen has represented GB and has had a year where he qualified for the worlds, and then was ill and couldn't shoot, qualified for the world cup finals, then injured himself and couldn't shoot, and finally managed to stay safe and illness free and won Gold in the European championships team event. Well done, Nathan, proof that bad luck doesn't always come in threes!

A number of our archers shot in the National series, Archery GB's premier competitions. These archers were, Gareth Fleming, Gilbert Jamieson, Gavin Muirhead, James Clark, Lance Hawker, James Hamilton, Mirren Yule, Natasha Homer, and Kate Murray. Congratulations to all archers these shoots involve the very best in GB., Gareth was 9<sup>th</sup> at Brechin and Mirren was 6<sup>th</sup> at Evesham and 9<sup>th</sup> at Brechin. These were excellent finishing places.

A number of our archers also shot in the Scottish tour this year. This was a series of 3 shoots with the best 2 results being taken to make a ranking. The top 4 archers were then invited to a head to head.- Mirran won the Ladies recurve against strong competition and Gareth finished third. Sandie Graham also shot strongly, but was in a class of her own so there was no final. Stephen Havranek finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in gents barebow.

Our Juniors have also been out shooting through the Summer. At the AGB youth festival Eleanor McDonald, Mirran Yule and Kathleen Morgan all competed well, challenging for and winning medals, with a team Gold for Kathleen and a team silver for Mirran.

This year, the area had again been able to run a 1-day Coaching event - We held a one-day event for grass roots archers in May and three squad days in July, August and September. We had 11 archers attending and of this six made up the recurve team for the County Team Championships held at Lillieshall. Thanks to the coaches of Bill Mackay, Iain Wilson and Caroline Buchannan for squad, and Moira Taylor, Sandie Graham and Phyllis Pettett for the one day Coaching Event.

Gareth Fleming, Gavin Muirhead and Gilbert Jamieson made up the men's team and Mirran Yule, Natasha Homer and Agnes Taylor made the ladies team at the County Team Championships. It was a weekend of calm weather good shooting and one of the most bizarre team meals ever held. Ask one of the archers if you want to hear about the shooting experience....or the meal!

There will also be an Area indoor training squad, details available now on the SAA website, get your entries in!

Our Archers also made up some of the Scottish team for the Euronations shoot in August. Gareth Fleming, Mirran Yule and Natasha Homer, Sandie Graham and James Hamilton all represented Scotland in the two day shoot at the end of August. Congratulations to everyone on another representative shoot for Scotland.

Finally, some of the youngsters in Midlothian were introduced to an afternoon of soft archery in the October break. They seemed to enjoy the afternoon, and there may be a possibility of follow up sessions. Thank you to those involved with this session.

**Treasurers Report:**

## **Eastern Area Treasurer's Report 2022**

Our membership at the end of October was 383 (331 Seniors, 52 Juniors) which is slightly up on the same time last year. (To Date this has already increased to 533).

Because we were unable to run events or organise any coaching over the last couple of years' we wanted to focus on investing in the development of our archers this year.

With this in mind we started the year by organising 2 one day coaching sessions, unfortunately, we ended up having to cancel the second session due to the lack of numbers to make it viable.

We then set up a development squad over the summer with a view to sending a team to the National County Team Championships at Lilleshall.

We were given a £200 donation from SA to help with the running costs of coaching sessions and for each squad archer there was a fee of £15 per squad session.

With the inclusion of a couple of more experienced archers we were actually able to send 2 teams to the County Champs, a gents and ladies recurve team, and as this was a development opportunity for our squad archers to compete at a large scale team event, we gave each archer a £250 subsidy to help with their travel and accommodation expenses, we also contributed £150 towards a team meal.

The full cost of sending the 2 teams was £1940, which we were happy to invest, for the purpose of archer development.

It is our intention to continue with a development squad throughout the winter months and we have been given another £200 from SA to help start facilitating these, we will also be applying for funding from other sources to help us continue squad sessions over the summer.

We finished the year with a loss of 869.08 which isn't too bad considering the amount we've invested in coaching and archer development this year.

It goes without saying that we may not be able to give the same level of support to our archers every year, but we hope with the help of funding and the growth of our membership, we'll be able to afford to continue developing our archers by running coaching sessions throughout the coming year, and hopefully the resurrection of the Junior/Novice Showdown.

I'd like to thank George Thomson for inspecting the accounts and confirming they are correct.

Normally a copy of the accounts would be tabled at a face to face AGM, so instead they'll be put on our Area page on SA's Website along with a copy of the Minutes.

Phyllis Pettett  
Eastern Area Treasurer

Area fees £2 at present. To be retained at £2

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Unfortunately, the Secretary was unable to be present, so no report was available

#### **9. Election of EA Committee Office Bearers (2 year term unless otherwise stated)**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<b>President</b>	Pip Tucknott	Moira Taylor	Adelle Fleming
<b>Vice President</b>	Moira Taylor	Nessa Dunsmore	Adelle Fleming
<b>Treasurer</b>	Phyllis Pettett	Bill Mackay	Adelle Fleming
(Phyllis has completed 4 years as Treasurer but is willing to continue)			
<b>Secretary</b>	Adelle Fleming	Natalie Macdonald	Joan smith
<b>Coaching &amp; Development</b>			
<b>Officer</b>	Iain Wilson	Adelle Fleming	Caroline Buchannan
<b>Trophy Officer (1 year)</b>	Natalie McDonald	Pip Tucknott	Nessa Dunsmore
<b>Members (2) without</b>	Gareth Fleming	Nessa Dunsmore	Caroline Buchannan
<b>Portfolio (1 year)</b>	Caroline Buchannan	Moira Taylor	Nessa Dunsmore.

Phyllis has completed 4 years as treasurer, but she kindly agreed that she should continue as treasurer. Many thanks Phyllis!

#### **10. Appointment of Auditor:**

George Thomson (Falkirk) was appointed as an - Inspector of the EA Accounts and a gift for him for inspecting this year's accounts would be organised.

#### **11. Area Shoot Calendar:**

Some discussion was held about the competition calendar, especially the cost of a suitable venue but it was decided that this could be discussed further at a committee meeting.

12. Date of next meeting will be the EGM in February 23 February 2023

The date of next year's Annual General Meeting is provisionally set for 16 November 2023