

East Area Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2024 at 7.30 By Zoom

Draft Minutes



Zoom link was available directly from Secretary
Thanks to Scottish Archery for the use of their zoom account.

1. Present

Moira Taylor	Vice President	Falkirk
Adelle Fleming	Secretary	Lasswade
Phyllis Pettett	Treasurer	Falkirk
Gareth Fleming	Ordinary Member	Lasswade
Steven Brison	Ordinary Member	Dundee University
Caroline Buchanan		Bannockburn
Nessa Dunsmore		Falkirk
Sandie Graham		Falkirk
Andrew Graham		Falkirk
Joan Smith		Lasswade
Sally Blewett		Falkirk
Agnes Taylor		Lasswade

Apologies

Natalie McDonald	Lauderdale
Bill McKay	Balbardie

There were 12 Members present and 54 proxy votes therefore the meeting was quorate

2. The minutes of the AGM 2023 were proposed by Joan Smith and seconded by Caroline Buchanan.
3. There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 2023 AGM.
4. Officer Reports: Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

Vice President Report

This has been a busy and challenging year for the EA Committee. However before I talk about what the Committee has been up to on your behalf the highlight of 2024 was of course the Gold Medal success of our Paralympian Nathan McQueen at the Paralympic Games in Paris this year. We are all so very proud of what he has achieved at his 3rd Paralympic Games. To win a Gold medal with your family there watching must be a special moment for Nathan. Congratulations to Nathan from all the EA members. Nathan is now joining the SA Board as Director of Athlete Progression and his extensive knowledge and understanding of high performance will be a great asset to SA and our members.

The Committee was aware that there had not been many events or opportunities since Covid and wanted to reintroduce opportunities for our members.

In September 2023 we applied to the Royal Company of Archers Charitable Trust for 2 year funding to introduce a pathway for members starting at grass roots level and including members up to Performance Squad level.

In late February 2024 we were delighted to be told that we had been awarded almost £10,000 to support our pathway. Unfortunately the plans we were intending to introduce coincided with news of the ill health of our Coaching & Development Officer Iain Wilson and this necessitated Iain's resignation from the Committee. Thankfully Iain is on the road to recovery and we wish him well.

We are thankful that members of the Committee then stepped up to the plate to put in place the programme of events which we had detailed in our funding application. Whilst we were unable to provide all the events we had hoped we managed to introduce the majority.

As a result we achieved the following successes for Area members:

- 3 Face to face Squad training days were hosted for a newly formed Development Squad and Performance Squad – 15 archers were invited to Squads.
- 3 Online Development and Performance Squad training sessions were held focussing on the mental aspects of performance. These were available to Squad members and the Coaches.
- 4 EA Level 2 Coaches were supported with their Level 3 training through the opportunity to assist with the programme and in the running of the Development and Performance Squads
- 2 Face to face coaching workshops were held specifically for club level grass roots archers.
- A Recurve Gents and Recurve Ladies team were partially funded to attend the County Team Championships held in Lillieshall in September. A Bronze medal was won by Natasha Homer & Ross McLeod from the East.
- The top 4 archers in the Eastern Area will be supported to attend the Indoor National Championships to give them experience of this level of event.
- Paralympic Archer and Gold medal winner in Paris 2024 Nathan McQueen was supported through a donation from the Eastern Area.
- A Junior, Novice & Intermediate League was held in October, November and December – a series of 3 sessions offering less experienced archers the opportunity to shoot a competition round in a less formal and fun setting – but prizes were still awarded! Approx 16 archers attended each of the 3 events.
- A successful Session Coach course was run with 10 new Session Coaches.

So a lot has happened in the East during 2024.

The Committee intends to continue offering these opportunities to our archers in 2025 (funding permitted) but we need YOUR help so we would appreciate you considering volunteering to help in some way eg taking on a committee post.

Post Covid the election of Office Bearers has been out of sync hence the reason some of the Executive posts are for 1 year and some for 2 years but from 2024/25 we will be back on track so that all members of the Executive don't retire at the same time.

I would like to thank Phyllis Pettet especially for her assistance in running the pathways programme this year and also the members of the Committee who have worked hard on your behalf during 2024.

Moiria C Taylor, Vice President

Treasurer Report

Our membership numbers at the end of October was 568 Seniors & 88 Juniors so an increase once again on our senior membership over the last few years and a slight decrease of 4 Junior members on last year's figures.

As Moira explained we were awarded 2 years of funding from the RCACT and we received our first year's instalment of £4500 on 5th March 2024.

This instalment was put towards us running our pathway of events for all our members from grassroots to squad level archers.

Our 6 squad sessions ran at a net cost of £1186.10, we spent £2364.00 sending two recurve teams down to the National County Team Championships in Lilleshall, this included giving each archer a £300 subsidy and we also paid £150 towards a team meal.

The net cost to date of running our first coaching day is £195.70, however there are still expenses to be paid for this and as we have still one more coaching day to run, the true cost of running these events won't be finalised until early in 2025.

The same goes for our Junior, Novice and Inexperienced League, the cost so far is £296.13 but we ran one in November and still have our final one to run on 7th December.

We also supported our Paralympian Nathan McQueen in his preparations for Paris with a donation of £400.

We finished the year in the black with a profit of £1187.57, but obviously this includes some of the funding we received which will be allocated to the events we've still to run in December.

We've given the RCACT our first year's report on the spending we made across the activities we were able to run and we're waiting on confirmation regarding the details of our year two funding.

As ever, it goes without saying that we may not be able to give the same level of support to our archers every year, but as we're still waiting to hear confirmation from our funders regarding the amount and timescale of them releasing the Year 2 instalment, we hope we'll be able to continue to develop our archers in a similar way again next year.

I'd like to thank George Thomson for inspecting the accounts and confirming they are correct. A gift would be purchased as thanks to George.

Phyllis Pettett, Eastern Area Treasurer

EA 2023/24 Accounts were unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Secretary report

It has been a busy year with many successes and progressions within our archery Community in the Eastern Area.

Funding from the Royal Company of Archers has been pivotal in the Area, funding much of our Squad and grass roots development, and thanks to the Royal Company of Archers as well as to Phyllis and Moira for their funding request. Phyllis gives more details of this in her report. This funding has allowed us to run summer squads for our competitive archers, 2 days of training and workshops for our grassroots archers and 3 competitions for our new and intermediate archers.

Our first archer to represent the area was Eric Rowbotham in the British indoors championships in 2023.

We had a number of archers being successful in the Indoor Scottish Championships 2024.

John Nicholson was Gents longbow Champion and Sandie Graham Ladies champion.

Gillian Imrie was Ladies Recurve champion.

In the Masters category, John Nicholson and Sandie Graham picked up their second title of the championships.

In the disability category, Gareth Fleming was overall recurve champion.

In the outdoor Home Nations, the area was represented by Ross Macleod, Gillian Imrie in Recurve, and Steven Brison in Barebow. Well done to Ross on his Gold medal.

In the Outdoor Scottish championships:

Kevin Wilson won Gents recurve; Gilian Imrie won ladies Recurve

Sandie Graham won ladies longbow; Joan smith won ladies masters

Toni Smillie won Ladies longbow; Gareth Fleming won overall Disability Champion.

In the 2024 indoor Championships we will be represented by Eric Rowbotham Gents Recurve and Steven Brison, Gents barebow.

We sent two Recurve teams to county team championships in 2024.

Gents: Todd Burlington, Gareth Fleming and Ross Macleod

Ladies: Kelsey Hunt, Natasha Homer and Joan smith.

Congratulations to Natasha and Ross for their third place in the mixed event.

And also, our congratulations go to Nathan McQueen for his incredible Paralympic Gold Olympic medal, shot in Paris this summer in front of family and friends. We are so proud of you Nathan!

Adelle Fleming, Secretary

5. Amendments and motions to the AGM. There were no amendments or motions to the AGM.

6. Election of Eastern Area Committee Office Bearers.

All were elected unanimously

President (1 year) Moira Taylor - Proposed P Pettet, seconded S Blewett

Vice President (2 years) Phyllis Pettet Proposed J Smith, seconded- C Buchanan

Treasurer (1 year) Nessa Dunsmore - Proposed A Taylor seconded A Fleming

Secretary (2 years) Sally Blewett – proposed M Taylor, seconded N Dunsmore

Coaching and Development Officer (2 years) Caroline Buchanan - Proposed A Fleming, seconded A Graham

Trophy Officer (1 year) Gareth Fleming - Proposed A Taylor, Seconded S Graham

Ordinary Member (1 year) Adelle Fleming - Proposed S Graham, seconded C Buchanan

Ordinary Member (1 year) Steven Brison - Proposed S Graham, seconded A Taylor

7. Appointment of Inspector of Accounts- George Thomson a member of Falkirk Co of Archers was unanimously elected as Inspector of the Accounts for 2025.
8. Date of next AGM November 2025. The business meeting closed at 19.56hrs.

The meeting was opened to a discussion and questions.

1. Sally Blewett asked if there was a 'normal' amount of profit made each year by the Area and how it was used.
 - Phyllis responded that area fees were used to help the archers, not for profit. Archers have been supported with Squads, both performance and grass roots, help with County team championships, and we have replenished our stock of medals. Hall Hire for indoor squads was expensive.
2. Adelle Fleming expressed disappointment about the number of clubs represented at the AGM. It was agreed that we should look again at communication with clubs. It was suggested that the Committee should also re-examine our social media presence to try and get more engagement with clubs.
 - Joan Smith expressed concern that we had not had an Area Championships this year. The Area requires a club to volunteer to run both the Indoor and Outdoor Championships. Also costs of running a shoot especially hall hire was a contributory factor.



Eastern Area Financial Report 28 November 2024

Eastern Area Finance Report for 2023/2024				
	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	
Income				
Affiliations received	£ 1,252.00	£ 1,334.00	£ 1,220.00	
Refunded Team Meal Subsidy	£ -	£ -	£ 150.00	
EA Indoor Championships	£ -	£ -	£ -	
EA Outdoor Championships - Balance of income from FCA	£ -	£ 193.47		
EA Outdoor Championships Petty Cash Income	£ -	£ 42.00	£ -	
EA Junior & Novice League	£ 270.00	£ -	£ -	
Area Development Squad	£ 405.00	£ 1,785.00	£ 465.00	
Extra County Team Shirts	£ -	£ 34.00	£ -	
Coaching Day Workshops	£ 230.00	£ 240.00	£ 195.00	
Cash Donation	£ -	£ 23.50		
Coaching Grant - Scottish Archery	£ -	£ -	£ 200.00	
RCACT Grant	£ 4,500.00			
Archery GB - National County Champs Team Entry Refund 2	£ -	£ 145.00		
SA Level 1 Coaching Course	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Balbardie Archers - payment made in error	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Bank Payment made in error	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 7.87	
TOTAL	£ 6,717.00	£ 3,796.97	£ 2,237.87	
Expenditure				
National County Team Championships	£ 564.00	£ 290.00	£ 435.00	
National County Team Championships Team Subsidy	£ 1,800.00	£ 750.00	£ 1,800.00	
Individuals - Tournament Contributions	£ 400.00			
EA County Team Shirts - Team Shirts 2023	£ -	£ 108.00		
EA County Team Shirts - Team Shirts 2022	£ -	£ 81.00	£ -	
EA Outdoor champs Petty Cash Expenses	£ -	£ 62.85		
EA Indoor champs	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Restock Medals	£ -	£ -	£ -	
EA Junior, Novice & Inexperienced League	£ 566.13	£ -	£ -	
Area Development Squad 2024	£ 1,591.10			
Area Development Squad 2023	£ -	£ 1,959.30	£ 530.30	
Area Development Squad 2022	£ -	£ 153.20		
Woodlands Hall Hire for Coaching Day 2023	£ 192.50			
Coaching Day Workshops	£ 355.70	£ 340.80	£ 305.00	
Committee Travel Expenses	£ -	£ 39.90	£ -	
Zoom Meeting Costs	£ -	£ -	£ 28.78	
Bank Payment made in error	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 7.87	
Stationery	£ -	£ 1.00	£ -	
TOTAL	£ 5,529.43	£ 3,786.05	£ 3,106.95	
Net income/(loss)	£ 1,187.57	£ 10.92	£ - 869.08	
Opening Balance BoS.	£ 4,711.94	£ 4,486.67	£ 5,149.88	
Petty Cash	£ 45.97	£ 67.82	£ 120.49	
Net Income / (Loss)	£ 1,187.57	£ 10.92	£ - 869.08	
Balance for Reporting period	£ 5,945.48	£ 4,565.41	£ 4,401.29	
Closing Balance Bank of Scotland	£ 6,581.17	£ 4,711.94	£ 4,486.67	
Petty Cash Balance	£ 147.81	£ 45.97	£ 67.82	
		-£ 192.50	-£ 53.20	
Coaching Day Boss & Hall hire still to be paid	-£ 270.00			
Junior Novice League Expenses still to be paid	-£ 513.50		-£ 100.00	
Balance of Combined Bank Accounts	£ 5,945.48	£ 4,565.41	£ 4,401.29	