

MINUTES OF THE ARCHERY NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7 JANUARY 2009

President Colin Mitchell opened the meeting at 3.05pm.

Present: Bernie Fraser, Patron, Colin Mitchell President, Colin Teasdale, Vice President, Carole Hicks National Secretary and 42 other members.

The President noted that 67 members eligible to vote were needed for a quorum and there were 46 present. There were 2 options, to seek another date for a Special General Meeting or to continue with the business and then seek approval for the actions proposed through a postal ballot. He moved from the chair *that business proceed and that a postal ballot be held to ratify the actions taken.*

Carried

1 Apologies were received and accepted from David and Stephanie Croskery, Rachel and Sandy Hughes, Ali Bateman, Peter Russell, Cedric Gorman, Tony Waddick, Chris Jones, Rod McMahan.

2 In Memorium

The National Secretary commented on the passing of Priscilla Gorman who had been involved with archery on and off over the past 15 years, with the Auckland Club, then Mountain Green and a short time with Trentham. While she was not at the forefront of the leader board, she did have a competitive streak which was made evident whenever she shot a higher end score than her husband! But mostly archery for her was the opportunity to shoot with other people, and assist where she could - either behind the scenes at competitions or with the various roles her husband Chris and father-in-law Cedric have had. Her smile and friendly words of encouragement will be missed on and off the shooting lines.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for Priscilla.

3 Minutes of the AGM 2008

The minutes had been provided at registration.

It was moved Bernie Fraser/seconded Fon White *that the 2008 minutes be accepted as a correct record.*

Carried

4 Matters arising

Ivan Powley enquired why the constitutional changes from 2008 were not showing on the web site of the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. The National Secretary noted the acknowledgement of receipt of papers had been received from the Registrar but would follow up the matter.

Barry Bateman raised the issue of his clout score cards from the 2008 Nationals. He wished to claim a record but had been told by Carole Hicks in what was intended as a facecious comment, that they would probably been thrown away. The score card would be traced and Barry Bateman eligible to claim the record.

5 President's report

This had been provided at registration. The President outlined the major points including the extensive coverage of archery from the Beijing Olympics despite no one from New Zealand

competing, the victory over Australia in the Trans Tasman Trophy match, the work of archers competing in many overseas tournaments to aid their quest for Commonwealth Games selection and the appointment of Les Jones and Carole Hicks to Judge at international tournaments.

Moved from the chair *that the President's report be received.*

Carried

6 Financial report

In the absence of Treasurer Rod McMahon, Les Jones presented the report and audited accounts. He noted that it appeared there was a surplus of some \$3,000 over the previous year. However, we spent \$35,000 on an income of \$23,000 when the SPARC funding was excluded. The SPARC money is not able to be used for administrative activities or the "general running" of the organisation.

The cost of running the Board, which was essentially airfares because generally members billeted other members and members generally paid for their own meals apart from a basic lunch, was some \$5-6,000.

The affiliations netted some \$19,000 and the cost of tournament entries, etc., for representative teams was some \$16,000.

Archers still owed some \$8,000 from advances made on their behalf for overseas accommodation, etc., in 2008. It was suggested that archers should be required to pay to Archery New Zealand a significant proportion of the costs before ANZ forwarded the entry fees, costs of accommodation, etc.

It appears the Archer lost about \$1100 and this is a regular occurrence. However it was noted in a different part of the accounts the Archer had generated income.

It was not clear from the system used for the accounts exactly what the financial situation was regarding the Archer. Nor was it clear what caused the doubling of the outgoings in the "general expenditure".

There was considerable discussion about the lack of clarity and the inability to identify precise details about various lines of expenditure.

Les recommended that a better system of accounting should be used. Carole Hicks noted that SPARC was willing and able to offer a selection of people with sporting backgrounds and financial skills who could provide a suitable accounting system, get our books in order and then train a member of ANZ to carry out the role of Treasurer. SPARC would welcome the opportunity to assist and it would be a mark in favour of ANZ.

Moved Les Jones/seconded Colin Teasdale *that the financial report and audited accounts be accepted.*

Carried

Moved Irving Campbell/seconded Les Jones *that the Archery New Zealand accounts follow the generally accepted accounting practices with particular reference to the Archer* **Carried**

7 Constitutional amendment

3.1 Full membership is available to those archers domiciled in New Zealand, New Zealand citizens overseas or non-New Zealand citizens living overseas who meet criteria set from time to time by the Board, who, having been accepted as a member by Archery New Zealand, pay the appropriate affiliation fee. Full membership includes that granted to those young persons aged 14 years and over who qualify as "Juniors" within the rules of Archery New Zealand.

This amendment moved by the Board had been circulated to clubs, the Archer and the ANZ web site in due time.

The change proposed would permit persons other than New Zealand citizens overseas to affiliate to Archery New Zealand. It was not likely to cause a run on membership. There was one particular individual who had expressed an interest in ANZ affiliation. As a respected International Judge, he is a person of good standing and would be able to provide international perspective and information to the NZ Judges' Commission at the end of 2009 when the 2 most experienced International Judges in this country are removed from the IJ list because of the FITA age limit.

It was made clear that if the amendment was passed the Board would set clear criteria for such membership that would probably be set out as a rule and thus accountable to the AGM. On a show of hands the meeting voted 25-13 in favour of the motion being sent to clubs for a definitive vote. Note a two thirds majority of the votes cast would be required to pass the amendment.

8 Rules for ratification

The rule changes set out below had been notified to clubs and had been effective from the date of each being approved by the Board. The AGM had the ability to ratify or not all or some of the changes. The meeting recommended all the rules be ratified except 8.4

8.1 Club

This is a group which has a minimum of 3 senior members affiliated to Archery New Zealand and which, in the judgment of the Board, promotes the sport of archery within the constitution and rules of Archery New Zealand.

Rationale

It was noted there is a very vague definition of a club in the rules and no criteria on which to base recognition of a club in relation to a registered uniform, access to ANZ funding, etc. Recent enquiries required a better definition. In particular the Board considered the establishment of a club based in a commercial archery enterprise. The use of 3 senior members as a basic criterion had been used for many years but not formalised.

8.2 National Tournament Rules

Women's Champion of Champions/ Men's Champion of Champions

These trophies will be awarded to the woman and the man who accumulates most points through competing in all of the events of the National Championships and will be awarded in both recurve and compound divisions. Points will be awarded as follows,

First place = 10pts

Second place = 9pts and so on down to 10th place = 1pt.

In the event of a tie, the person with most number of first places would be declared the winner. If still a tie the person with the most number of second places would be declared the winner. If still a tie the person with the most number of third placings would be declared the winner. If it is still a tie they be declared equal champions and share the trophy over the year.

Rationale

There was no formal explanation of how the Champion of Champions trophies are awarded although the same process had been used for some years. This rule formalises the process.

8.3 Field Rules

That the New Zealand and Nationals records for the FITA field rounds, marked and unmarked, cease on 31 March 2008 and that new records, taking into account the new FITA scoring, be established from 1 April 2008.

Rationale

This is to accommodate the change of rules of scoring determined by FITA.

8.4 Record Claims

That from 29 March 2008 all claims for New Zealand records must be submitted to the Registrar within 14 days of the conclusion of the tournament at which it was shot or on their return to New Zealand if the record was shot at an overseas tournament.

Rationale

This is to ensure record claims are processed in reasonable time and the Registrar is not asked to try to validate the scores.

The meeting recommended to the Board it approve a rule which would allow 30 days in which to submit a claim for records.

9 Affiliation fees

It was noted the Treasurer had recommended no change in fees for the 2009-2010 season. It was the view of the meeting that the Board should consider an annual increase of fees at least in line with the Consumer Price Index.

10 Reports

Reports had been made available from

Judges' Commission

Editor of the Archer

Registrar

Moved from the chair that these reports be received.

Carried

11 Election of Officers

President Colin Teasdale moved Tony Eastwood/seconded Burt Bourgeois **Carried**

Vice President [Note this will be a one year period to complete the term previously held by Colin Teasdale] Patrick Biggs moved Irving Campbell/Colin Mitchell. **Carried**

Treasurer there were no nominations and the matter of inviting SPARC to provide someone was further discussed. Following discussion Ivan Powley was nominated Tony Kemp/seconded Barry Bateman **Carried**

Athletes' and Coaches' Conveners Shane Switzer and Andrew Russell respectively were confirmed.

12 Awards

12.1 A Service Award was presented to Ann Powley for her long service to the Judges' Commission and as convener of the committee organising the Indoor National Championships over a number of years.

12.2 The framed FITA-awarded certificate for a world record was presented to Yiftach Swery in recognition of his Cadet Men's Compound 70m world record shot during the Trans Tasman trophy event. Yiftach was also presented with a congratulatory letter from FITA. Colin Mitchell read the letter from FITA to Archery New Zealand.

12.3 Colin Mitchell announced that Archery New Zealand had won SPARC funding for Stephen Clifton and Linda Lainchbury to assist their programmes to aid selection for the Commonwealth Games in 2010.

13 Indoor Nationals 2009

Elizabeth Andrew offered to organise the 2009 Indoor Nationals as a multi venue event with the possible dates of 25/26 July 2009. This offer was accepted by the meeting.

14 Outdoor Nationals 2010

Colin Mitchell reminded members that the Outdoor Nationals for 2010 will be in Cambridge. Details will be provided in due course.

15 Other business

15.1 The lack of any more pinex was noted. Suggestions of alternative types of butts included examination of purchasing Danage butts perhaps in conjunction with clubs to reduce the costs. Noted that the easels should be made in New Zealand because the original ones were not good enough for New Zealand conditions. This also applied to the "curtain" at the back of the butt.

15.2 The Board was also asked to consider purchasing a new, improved timing system, preferably wireless controlled.

15.3 Tony Eastwood on behalf of the Mana club moved and Irving Campbell seconded the following recommendation:

That the Board of Archery New Zealand commission a review of the structure of ANZ (and as a consequence regional groups) with a view to having clubs affiliate rather than individuals, and pay an affiliation fee either per archer or per multiples of say 10 archers, or some other agreed formula.

The review should also look at the respective roles and functions of the National Body vs Regional Bodies and Clubs and develop a clear delineation between the role of "Governance" and "Operations".

This review to be through a fully consultative process with all clubs, with a view to engaging as many archers as possible.

Rationale

The benefit to ANZ is that it would effectively at least double its numbers overnight which is great for SPARC funding, etc.

There would be a clearer pattern of which group was responsible for which tasks and responsibilities.

Engaging archers in the activity would promote the Association and give more archers the opportunity to have some involvement with the Association and some influence over their future.

15.4 Bernie Fraser spoke of the need to encourage young archers to participate in international events and suggested the qualifying scores for the FITA Youth Championships in 2009 were too high. He read a paper outlining the reason for this view that had been researched and prepared by a small group of young archers, which sought to encourage young archers. The list of scores proposed were lower for the recurve archers and higher for most compound archers than those promulgated by the Board.

Moved Bernie Fraser/seconded Elizabeth Andrew *that the new Board urgently reconsider the standards to those suggested in the previous comments.* **Carried**

15.5 Moved Tony Eastwood/seconded Irving Campbell *that the Board consider a Constitutional change to formally recognise District Associations.* **Carried**

It was noted that such a consideration would be part of the exercise proposed by the Mana recommendation.

15. 6 JAMA Convener

As there had been no convener elected at the JAMA AGM, that meeting had agreed to support any decision made by the AGM in terms of a nomination.

Elizabeth Andrew offered to undertake the role assisted by Tony Walker. **Carried**

16 Patron

Bernie Fraser, Patron of Archery New Zealand presented a donation to the President. This was accepted with acclamation.

17 Outgoing President

Moved Carole Hicks/seconded Linda Lainchbury that a vote of thanks be extended to outgoing President Colin Mitchell for his considerable contribution during his 5 years as President. The motion was **carried** by a standing ovation.

Colin Mitchell thanked everyone and noted it had been an interesting term. He wished his successor good luck and noted he would continue to work for the Association.

Meeting closed at 5.10pm.