

2. QUORUM

- 2.1 Rachel Wilkinson confirmed that a quorum, being 40 voting members, was present.
- 2.2 There was produced to the meeting a notice (**Notice**) convening the meeting and, with the consent of all members present, the Notice was taken as read.
- 2.3 It was noted that apologies had been received and these would be included in the minutes.

3. MOMENT'S SILENCE

Before we start the main part of the meeting, may we now take a moment to reflect on and remember those members who have passed away recently and be silent for one minute as a mark of respect. Those who can stand would usually do so at this time, but please just bow your heads for a minute. Thank you, and without identifying anyone, may we also offer sincere condolences to friends and family for their loss.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 2019 AGM

Lizzy Rees proposed, and Muriel Kirkwood seconded, the resolution to approve the minutes from the 2019 AGM and this resolution was approved by the members present.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS TO 31ST SEPTEMBER 2019

- 5.1 Scott Smith, senior independent director and chair of the audit and risk sub-committee presented to receive and consider the Directors' Report for the year ended 30th September 2019 and to receive and consider the Independent Auditors' Report, the Profit and Loss Account and the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30th September 2019 and the Balance Sheet at that date. He noted that turnover had increased to £3.95m, an increase of £700k, due in part to grant funding from UK Sport and Sport England and also noted that coaching and instructor income had increased giving operating profit of £53k. Scott Smith proposed that the accounts be accepted by the members.

6. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- 6.1 The 2016 Strategy document aspired to increase membership by 10,000 over the next 4 years. In each of two subsequent years the membership declined by 4%+. What reasons have been identified for the failure to reach the increased membership target.? What proposals are being made to reverse this trend in membership numbers?

Neil Armitage responded that AGB received no funding to cover this project although some good work was carried out, covered in the Yearbook. Our focus has been on retention, getting our offer and quality of experience right.

- 6.2 What plans, if any, is AGB considering, should social distancing become part of the norm in our society, considering that many clubs are unable to provide the usual volume and density of target lanes within their club structure?

John Woollam, Mossley Hill, Liverpool. (920823)

Neil Armitage responded that we are seeking to expand capacity by partnering with other organisations which deliver archery and deliver a consistently quality of experience. This approach will also help bring in greater diversity within the membership as we engage with different communities.

- 6.3 Please can you confirm what AGB membership fees will be for the Archery year starting 1st October 2020. I believe these are usually agreed at the AGM, but the topic does not seem to be on the truncated agenda. Thank you,

Ian Brooks (2120208) Treasurer Aire Valley Archers.

Neil Armitage responded that the situation in which we find ourselves currently is extremely volatile and financially challenging. We are trying to ensure we maximise the support available from funding partners and government support packages. We will confirm fees by 31 July

- 6.4 In a letter following the first ever joint AGB and county organisation meeting along with the other constituent counties of GWAS and SCAS on 30th April (with AGB holding another call with the constituent counties of EMAS, NCAS and WMAS on 5th May) we were advised that AGB had no reserves to help any grassroots clubs across the U.K. in covid-19 difficulty so only had £15k available repurposed from the Sport England emergency fund originally for other purposes for a funding pot. Why is this when podium archery is funded by Sport England and it was reported in 2010-2011 - when the 5% rebate of AGB affiliation fees under the early payment rebate / Subscription Handling Payments was discontinued following the implementation of the new membership system in the GNAS Finance Policy - that 5% of fees collected were to be placed into a reserve account as a hardship fund available to clubs around the country for an emergency situation such as this? Mark Pledger, chairman@dwa.org.uk

Neil Armitage responded that this question relates to the strategy from 9 years ago, on taking on this role I was not aware of such financial provisions. We have supported clubs in a variety of ways with grants, guidance, programs such as **ontarget**, engaging with Ambassadors and Mentors, safeguarding training, The Big Weekend are some examples of our club support.

- 6.5 I have a question but not sure who to direct it towards, maybe a question for the AGM. Archery GB has been trying to promote using archery to help with mental health, I have been shooting for about 6/7 years and I suffer with, at times, severe mental health issues, and I have found that it really helps. The problem I have is when I shoot at a tournament it really unsettles me to the point that sometimes I do not want to shoot. When I practice I am allowed to wear earphones and listen to music and that settles me and helps to calm me down, unfortunately I am not allowed electronic devices on the shooting line and my scores can suffer greatly. If I was physically

disabled, I would be allowed some sort of help but because you cannot see my disability I am not allowed, I do not wish to have loud music in my ears , its only background so I can still hear what people talk and other signals . is this something that could be discussed, I would like to hear your views on this and any answers you would give, thank you Tony Aplin.

Neil Armitage responded that Archery GB encourages participation regardless of physical or mental abilities. Thanks for bringing this matter to my attention, I will work with our judges and, if necessary, World Archery to explore any dispensation or changes in classifications we could make. We are fortunate that Pippa Britton sits on the Para Archery Committee of World Archery, so I will raise this issue with her directly.

7. REAPPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Scott Smith proposed a resolution that Baldwins as auditors of the Company be reappointed and this proposal was seconded by Robert Potts. Based on the poll results giving acceptance by 98.1% of the members, it was resolved that the resolution was carried.

8. AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The amendment to the Articles of Association would need to be passed as a special resolution with 75% of the votes cast. Erik Rowbotham proposed the resolution which was seconded by Julie Ryan. It was confirmed that 97.1% of the members had voted in favour of the resolution which was passed.

9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Lis Bellamy reported the result of the election of directors to the Board which was as follows:

Victoria Barby	For:	695	Against:	127
Lizzy Rees	For:	742	Against:	118
Andrew Stanford	For:	645	Against:	154
Adam Strachan-Stephens	For:	547	Against:	201
Steve Tully	For:	609	Against:	178

It was noted that Lizzy Rees and Steve Tully were re-elected to their 2nd term as board members and that Victoria Barby and Andrew Stafford were elected as new directors to the Board.

It was noted that Lis Bellamy, as an independent director, had been re-elected to serve a further term as a director. The Chair thanked all the candidates and members who had voted.

The Chair recorded a vote of thanks to Erik Rowbotham who was standing down from the Board having relocated to the Netherlands. He has brought significant

expertise and knowledge to the Board and made a significant contribution during his time on the Board.

10. AWARDS TO MEMBERS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPORT

At this point in the AGM, we would usually be making awards to members who had made an exceptional contribution, but this will now be taking place by post.

11. CLOSE

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.27am. The meeting will take place next year on 24th April 2021.

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Chairperson

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(Date)

Appendix 1 – attendees

Mark Briegal	Brenda Peter
Robert Potts	Ralph Wood
Richard Smith	Sarah Ruth Hubbard
Caroline Coates	Pete Hill
Huw Harper	Andrew Rees
Graham Potts	Gayle Pink
Neil Armitage	Muriel Kirkwood
Erik Rowbotham	Julie Ryan
Kevin Gray	Nick Mitchell
Candy Schofield	Lynne Evans MBE
Dave Phillips	Erik Rowbotham
Victoria Barby	Julie Ryan
Andrew Stanford	Yakoob Ali
Phil Morris	Sandra Jackson
Sarah Booth	Steve Tully
Lis Bellamy	Yakoob Ali
Damien Lennon	Lloyd Davage
Steve Tully	Damien Lennon
Lizzy Rees	Adam Trott
Nicola McCullogh	Caroline Coates
David McCullogh	Gray, Kevin
Joyce Denny	Karen Williams
Anne Rook	Julie Ryan
Arran Coggan	Martin Hutchings
Martin Hutchings	
Mandie Elson	
Carl Joslin	
Hilda Gibson	
Lloyd Davage	
Tim Jackson	
Sheila Harris	
Eddie Pemberton	
Karen Williams	
Morgan Burgess	
Philip Taylor	
Andy Wilkinson	
Yvonne Oakshott	
Cissy Mortlock	
Julie Ryan	
John Bennett	
Grant Piland	
Muriel Kirkwood	
Jayne Curnock	
Sharon Tidesell	
Andrea Holmes	
Andrea Gales	
Eric Armfield	

Appendix 2 – apologies

Steph Kelly
Hannah Bussey
Toby Andrews
Tom Duggan
Helen Smedley
Sarah Smith
Alberto Zagami
Tom Hall
Tom Barber
Alex Wise
Patrick Huston
Bryony Pitman
Sarah Bettles
Roger Sale
Freddie Collier
Peter Turner