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AANS Board of Directors Meeting held on Sunday November 15, 2015, at 9:00 AM at the East Hants DNR Training Room, East Hants DNR Depot (Hants East District Office), 24 Creighton Road, Shubenacadie East, NS. November 15, 2015 09:01

In attendance: Executive - Travis McLeod, BANS Representative; Rob Laprade, VP AC; Bill Currie, President; Nicole Theriault, Treasurer; Melanie Lefler, Secretary; Bette Burton (Osprey AC), VP Target; Jason Adams, VP 3D; Club Directors – Scotian Bowmen, Gerry Sheehan; Glooscap Heritage AC, Gary Oickle; Bras d'Or, Stephen Kerr, Northumberland Strait AC, Allan Collie; Antigonish AA, Dan Kulanek; Riverside, Paul Robicheau; Breton Traditional, Joe Cook; Cape Breton Bowmen, Leon Laffin; Kings Archers, Joanne Spencer; Greenwood, Jeff Cox; Musquodoboit, Dwayne Publicover; St Mary's, Gayle Caudle; TAANS, Nick Cote; Administrative assistant - Lainie Smith, Sport Nova Scotia, Observers – Michael MacKinnon, Elwood Reid, Sherry Robicheau, Rose Cook, Dan Kaye.

Regrets: Queens Archers, Annapolis East, ESDC

Absent: Lunenburg, Sheet Harbour

1. President, Bill Currie, introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Introductions of all directors and observers present. Review of agenda and meeting material.
2. Review of the minutes of 2014 Board of Directors meeting, previously circulated and posted on website. No corrections, motion to accept the minutes moved by Jeff Cox, seconded by Leon Laffin. All in favour, Motion carried.
3. Business arising
 - 3.1. Reconsideration of recommendation from executive to Board (2014) that all archers shoot one arrow at each target as done at Canadian Championships (AC rule book).

Rob Laprade as VP AC summarized the recommendation to follow AC rule book. At the 2014 BoD meeting the motion passed but raised controversy and divided the BoD. AANS follows the rules of AC for competitions and sanctioned shoots, and have a large percentage of recreation archers. Host club to determine arrow number. Discussion on sanctioned shoots and distribution of travel funds for national competition with commentary from Stephen Kerr and Gary Oickle. Travis McLeod, as TAANS President, and Joanne Spencer, agree with two arrows but Compound Class (over 10 years of age) to follow Provincial Level Guidelines. Travis McLeod motioned to rescind last year's motion on two arrow to include the clarification of youth. Motion seconded by Joe Cook. All in favour, no contrary minded.

- 3.2. Gerry Sheehan and Allan Collie requested the President for a discussion of funding.

Department of Health and Wellness, Support4Sport, Canada Sport Centre Atlantic, SportNovaScotia (are our four funding partners). Currently awaiting our funding level on our

Nova Scotia Performance Pathway (NSPP) Plan (High Performance Plan). NSPP plan includes money for coach and Archery Team Nova Scotia travel. Archers (youth of all ages) wishing to receive travel money will be required to qualify for Team Nova Scotia. The next Canada Winter Games Youth will be selected from Team Nova Scotia. Other archer travel money comes from 1) Archery Canada, top archer, one (1) round trip airline ticket to Canadian Outdoor Championships, shared between Target and 3D. 2) Support4Sport athlete carding, \$750 / year, and can be split amongst three Archers on recommendation of Board. 3) Clubs that donate to Athletic Travel Fund and AANS matches the amount. While the NSPP funding is targeted at coaches and Canada Games aged youth, other travel funds are more flexible. A High Performance committee needs to be formed. The first order of business for the High Performance Committee will be to establish criteria for archer selection to Team Nova Scotia and for distribution of travel money in a fair and equitable manner. Further discussion on hold until HP Committee is formed.

3.3. Outdoor 3D Provincial Championship moved to late August or September.

Jason Adams reported that 3D Provincials had 68 shooters attending. Moving the 3D Provincials to the last weekend of August or September seems to work for most archers. Cabella's was a new sponsor this year, also had support from Scotian Bowman. Paul Robicheau motions age cut-off for two arrows (compound division) match recommended cutoff for 40 lb bow – peewee and pre-cubs. Travis seconds motion. All in favour to confirm, no opposed.

4. Reports

4.1. President's Report

In addition to written report Currie commented on the passing of three notable archers, John Webber, Ray Deveau, very recently, Andy Schmiegel.

Also several successes in coaching were noted: 1) Greg Wile has been working on the Junior Olympic program and wants to organize a mail match in Nova Scotian with Don Lohnes, NASP program coordinator. 2) Bruce Graves had two of his archers attend Canada Games and Nathan Burton was selected to the Archery Canada Youth Team and attended the World Archery Youth Championship this past June in South Dakota.

Currie also reported that an Instruction of Beginner Archers coaching course is organized for Nov 21-22 in Truro. Department of Health and Wellness is providing funds to bring in Archery Canada head coach Bruce Savage to do Learning Facilitator training during this coaching course. Currie also commented that AANS is in need of Judges! Currently Nova Scotia only has two qualified Judges, Joanne Spencer and Ken Saulnier. To be a provincial qualified judge, one needs to do the Club level on-line test available on the Archery Canada website and then apprentice with either JoAnne or Ken for three shoots.

4.2. Treasurer's 2014-15 Financial Report and 2014/15 Budget

At the end of August 2014, bank balance was \$38,073. Cash flow between September 2014 and end of August 2015 was incomes \$51,561, and expenses \$63,012. Net loss of \$11,451 is attributed mainly to spending on Canada Games youth and coaching. Gerry Sheehan asked if a budget could be presented for next year.

Currie invited those without submitted written reports in the meeting material to make brief reports.

4.3 Other reports

Rob Laprade (VP AC) reported on the Archery Canada AGM. Highlights include new coordinators, membership data input into IANSCO database which does everything upon archer

registration, and tournament registration. Lainie commented that no cards are needed for AANS as registrant information is available on the website (she will provide link to Clubs). Outdoor Canadian Championships 2016 will be held in Windsor, ON from July 29-August 1 and Field held in Peterborough, ON August 3-4. The 2017 Championships are tentatively being held in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Annual AC awards to Tyler Murphy, Junior Male Athlete of the Year. PEI now has three Clubs and NASP. Jason Adams adds that Hunter Class now back in Nationals at Green Stake and is a medal class again.

Travis McLeod, President of TAANS, advises growth in membership to 166. BANS had a great shoot despite having to change venue last minute. Musquodoboit was able to co-organize the shoot and had 63 archers attending. AANS belongs to Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Nick Cote, representing TAANS, indicates membership numbers lower than previous year. TAANS has been working with scout groups and attended the National Jamboree, and are developing a relationship with the Highland Games.

Glooscap is improving youth and family support by offering lessons to membership. Glooscap's coach Greg Wile is also involved in NASP, and Youth Coordinator organized a Halloween Fun shoot for its members. 97 Archers attended the Frozen Finger, with Travis McLeod winning the keeper trophy and Brian Knockwood attaining the highest score in the Class. Glooscap is broadening its image from a traditional 3D Club. Hants West Trail Association in partnership with the West Hants Municipality have improved the surrounding trail to be wheelchair assessable with future expansion of a 12 km mountain biking trail.

Currie noted that all Club reports will be included in the 2017 Newsletter. Also 2017 AC Membership fees will increase and therefore AANS will increase its fees.

Leon Laffin added that Cape Breton Bowmen are working with the Fortress of Louisburg to make an "ancient weapon" outdoor target range.

Gerry Sheehan motions to accept all reports, seconded by Gary Oickle. All in agreement, no opposed.

5. New Business:

5.1. Bylaw revisions. Currie commented that he wanted a recommendation from the Board to the AGM to accept the proposed by-laws 2015. The proposed revisions include deletion of proxy voting, changing VP AC title to VP HP as per High Performance Plan, rebranding AANS to Archery Nova Scotia (ANS) and to change the structure of AANS: Current members will become Archer registrants, current directors (one from each club) will become the members, current executive will become the board of directors. Archer registrants will have no vote at AGMs, each member (club representative) will have 1 vote at Members meetings. Jeff Cox motions to accept By-law changes as presented, seconded by Dwayne Publicover. AANS is adding Archery Nova Scotia to the names the association is known by. Joanne Spencer calls for the question, that the board recommend these by-law changes to the Annual General Meeting, all in favour, none opposed.

5.2. Northumberland Strait Shooters AC proposed amendments to the 2015 AANS by-laws.

After some discussion and clarification on members meetings and Annual General meetings, the amendment was withdrawn by Allan Collie.

5.3. Northumberland Strait Shooters AC proposed motion: That all archers, who are residents of the province of Nova Scotia, must have a current AANS membership in order to participate in any archery competition hosted by an AANS affiliated Club.

Allan Collie clarified motion to include four visits covered by AANS guest member supplemental insurance. Currie commented that BFL Canada (insurance provider)

acknowledges that any liability insurance for shooting is acceptable for archers to have. Currie advises to display proof of liability insurance i.e., Event Liability Insurance Certificate. BANS would request Host Club to obtain Event Liability Certificate from BFL. The meeting unanimously agreed that no one should be shooting arrows without liability insurance. The motion was amended to read: That all archers participating in any archery competition hosted by an AANS affiliated Club, must be a registrant with Archery Canada (included in AANS registration) or be able to show proof of liability insurance for shooting sports. Paul Robicheau called for motion, seconded by Gerry Sheehan. All in favour, no opposed, motion carried.

Currie suggested that there is no need to turn people away from a shoot. Give them a AANS registration form to fill in and take the current registration fee of \$35 from them. Once the money has changed hands, the archer is insured.

Gerry Sheehan suggests that the shoot schedule on website should indicate documentation to bring to shoots.

5.4. Club donations to athlete travel fund.

CFB Halifax donates \$150, Osprey AC \$200, to AANS athlete Travel Fund, and with commitments from several other clubs.

5.5.a. Increased participation at provincial championships. Currie commented on the low turnout at Outdoor Target and Field Provincial Championships. Clubs could send 2 or 4 person teams to championships.

5.5.b. Junior Olympic Program, Glooscap Heritage Archery Club. Gary Oickle presented information of the Junior Olympic Program that Greg Wile is promoting. Gary suggests a Junior Olympic Coordinator, Gayle Caudle suggested low intensity shoots/tournaments for youth.

5.6. Nova Scotia Performance Pathway

Currie commented on the summary of the plan is included in the meeting material. The quality of the plan will determine funding level. Funding level will be announced by mid-December.

At 12:15 the meeting was recessed for lunch and for the Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Directors meeting reconvened before 1:00 PM.

5.7. High Performance Committee

Currie commented that a High Performance Committee needs to be established but only after elections of Executive/Board members is completed. The new VP HP should chair the committee. The committee might include the VP target and VP 3D. The committee needs to establish job descriptions for provincial coach and review the job description for Canada Games Coach. The committee also needs to establish selection criteria for selection to Team Nova Scotia. Several people were volunteered to be considered for the Committee: Greg Wile, Bette Burton, Gayle Caudle, Trina Snooks, and Nick Cote were interested.

5.8. 2018 Canadian Archery Championships, Nova Scotia (Currie)

Currie commented that Nova Scotia is scheduled to host Canadian Archery Championships in 2018. No clubs had responded to the request for expression of interest to host. Currie acknowledged that the Championships were a big event for an individual club to organize and that AANS should be part of an organizing committee and several clubs should also be involved. The organizing committee needs to be formed soon (as in yesterday). There is a hosting manual to help the organizing committee. Gary Oickle commented that Glooscap has 200 acre facility and West Hants will give it to them for three weeks with no public access for the championships.

The executive has been talking; Don Lohnes was approached because he was on the organizing committee of the previous championships in Nova Scotia. Rob Laprade and Don Lohnes went to Acadia University to get a accommodations proposal. Glooscap cannot do it alone, too much for a single club. More than 1 club to participate, target and field go together, 3D alone. Currie asked if there are clubs that are interested in being a primary organizer for any of the events. Greenwood and Annapolis Royal were involved before – Greenwood is not in a position to help. Travis McLeod asked if there was a role in having executive and committee made of AANS members and having the committee go and find help and club to host at, coming up with a funding plan. Part of plan is to have 80 targets, new inserts with minimal damage to the body. New president and BoD to ensure that organizing committee gets organized by February 2016.

5.9 Criminal Records Checks and Vulnerable sector checks

Currie commented that anyone working with youth needs these two checks, \$35 is usual cost, but sometimes they are free if requested by a not-for-profit society. Laine has a letter that might work, requesting the coach to get a criminal records and vulnerable sector checks. Clubs should be paying for these for their coaches. These checks should be done before starting to coach. Records checks can be copying to Laine for archiving. It is usual for these checks to be done every 2 or 3 years.

5.10 Elections

Election of AANS executive/board members. President, Secretary, and VP Target are elected on odd number years. In addition our VP 3D is interim. The Treasurer and VP AC (now VP HP) continue. BANS appoints the Bowhunter director to the executive/board.

Currie was not reoffering for president so was comfortable conducting the elections. He was looking forward to being past-president. He would continue to support and participate with the new executive/board if asked.

President: Rob Laprade was nominated by Nicole Theriault – Rob accepted.

Gerry Sheehan was nominated by Dwayne Publicover — after much anguish Gerry declined the nomination. No other nominations. Rob Laprade was declared president of Archery Nova Scotia.

Secretary: Nicole Theriault nominated Melanie Lefler – Melanie accepted. No other nominations, Melanie Lefler declared Secretary.

VP Target: Nicole Theriault nominated Bette Burton – after much discussion Bette accepted.

Bette Burton nominated Gayle Caudle – Gayle declined the nomination promising to help Bette. No other nominations, Bette Burton declared VP Target.

VP High Performance: Currie introduced Trina Snooks who was not present. Trina has recently moved to Nova Scotia, is a Competition Development coach, has been a Canada Games coach and Archery Canada coach with youth World Championships. She is also a director at Archery Canada. Paul Robicheau nominated Trina Snooks for VP HP. Trina had communicated that if nominated, she would accept. No other nominations, Trina Snooks declared VP HP.

VP 3D: Jason Adams declared he would like to continue in this position. Bette Burton nominated Jason Adams, Jason accepted. Leon Laffin nominated Paul Robicheau. Paul accepted. No other nominations. Currie offered each an opportunity to express why they wanted the position and what they bring to the position. Jason: Time into provincials, sponsorships, loves 3D, gets to many shoots. Paul: Has time to put into the role, loves 3D, attends many shoots. Voting by ballot, Jason Adams continues as the VP 3D till the end of the term.

5.11 Shoot Schedule

The shoot schedule was developed with most clubs choosing to roll over their shoot dates. Exception were: CFB Halifax currently does not have a facility to shoot in. Their dates are open. ESDC will close. Their date is open. Provincial Championships are first ... clubs can bid to host. Atlantic provinces are separate entities – Rob will connect with Atlantic provinces to see who is hosting. Northumberland wants a new fixed date. Osprey wants a new fixed date. Greenwood wants a new date only for 2016, they are on Canada Day Weekend. If clubs are far enough away (suggest 250 km) they can have shoots on the same weekend. Names in hat to draw for dates for a second shoots.

5.12. Any other Business:

Black Hat Award: The awards committee selected the candidate who has invested lots of time, energy, effort, sweat, blood, etc., Bill Currie.

Currie thanked all for their attendance and participation in the meetings.

JoAnne Spencer moved to Adjourn at 3:00 PM



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1. Currie called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM and welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Review of minutes of 2014 AGM

Date in the minutes of the AGM to be changed from 2013 to 2014. Jeff Cox motioned to accept, Dan Kaye second, all in favour, none opposed.

3. Business arising: none identified.

4. Reports

Currie reported that all the reports including the president's, treasurer's and all others will be published in the Newsletter.

5. New Business:

5.1. To recommend to the members changes to the AANS By-laws as indicated in the file entitled "AANS by-laws 2015" that is available to all on the AANS.CA website and included in the meeting material. Paul Robicheau motioned to accept the bylaw changes as presented, seconded by Leon Laffin, all in favour, none opposed.

5.2. Other Business

The question was asked about use of the AANS Logo. Use of the AANS logo is encouraged by all. As soon as archers or clubs pay their registration or membership fees they are free to use the logo.

6. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

Gerry Sheehan moved to adjourn the AG meeting.