

2023 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 @ 7:30PM EST
Virtual Video Conference

Minutes

ATTENDEES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Aaron Bull	President
Robert Tataryn	VP, Finance & Administration
Nada Ghaoui	Director-At-Large
Marie-France Dufour	Director-At-Large
Saribel Deslauriers	Director-At-Large
Kevin Booker	Director-At-Large
Jamie Brehaut	Athlete Director

PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL MEMBERS

Sonia Schina	BC Archery
Mike Downham	Archery Alberta
Adam Boyle	SAA (SK)
Chad Sanders	Archery Manitoba
Robert Piette	Archery Ontario
Gino Gualtieri	FTAQ (QC)
Anthony Steeves	Archery New Brunswick
Melanie Lefler	Archery Nova Scotia
Duncan Crawford	PE Archery

STAFF

Karl Balisch	Executive Director
Kylah Cawley	Program Manager
Zoe Meil	

Observers (Non-Voting)

Al Wills - Archery Foundation	Gabriella Cosovan
Adriana Arevalo	Jess Watson
Al Wills	Steve Gagne
Allan Saccary	Conrad Pura
Asif Khan	Kevin Fisher
Coreen Scott	Margaret Sampson

Sue Scherer - Sport Canada

1. OPENING COMMENTS, PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting began at 7:30 pm EST with an introduction on the format of the meeting and the general etiquette to be followed was outlined. Voting for all motions was managed through the Zoom platform raise hand function with Elections managed using Electionbuddy.

The President asked the attendees to take a moment and acknowledge the land that we are on and that we are gathering from many different territories and it is important that we recognize the original habitants of the land. Specifically, he acknowledged that he is located in Brandon, MB on the Treaty 2 territory and acknowledged that our national office is in Ottawa, on the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinaabe nation.

The meeting was formally called to order at 7:39 pm EST. There were no motions received in advance of the AGM.

A moment was taken in silence to remember those of our community who passed away in 2022.

Roll call of voting delegates was taken. It was recognized that with the current evacuation order in the Northwest Territories, no representative was expected and that our thoughts were with all those who are being impacted by the wildfires there and elsewhere in Canada.

2. APPROVAL OF 2022 ARCHERY CANADA AGM AGENDA

The circulated agenda was reviewed, and no additions were requested.

MOTION #1 AGM – August 22, 2023: To approve the agenda of the 2023 Archery Canada AGM as amended.		
Moved by: SK	Seconded by: NB	Carried

3. APPROVAL OF 2021 ARCHERY CANADA AGM MINUTES

MOTION #2 AGM – August 22, 2023: To approve the minutes of the 2022 Archery Canada AGM meeting, held by video conference on Saturday, September 24, 2022 as circulated.		
Moved by: MB	Seconded by: NS	Carried

4 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER

As the 2023 AGM features the election of 4 board members, a secure election platform, Electionbuddy.com will be used. To run this software and process the Members were asked to nominate Zoe Meil to act as scrutineer for the elections.

MOTION #3 AGM – August 22, 2023: To nominate Zoe Meil to act as scrutineer for the elections.		
Moved by: SK	Seconded by: NB	Carried

5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Refer to Annual Report

In addition to his circulated report, A. Bulls noted how exciting a year it had been these past 12 months since the last AGM with success at all levels from grassroots level in the clubs to national events and internationally, with most recently, the World Championship Silver medal by Eric Peters. Safety in sport, not just for athletes, but for coaches, officials, volunteers and parents who take part in the sport. Spoke to the challenges of the year due to inflationary pressures and the work we are doing to still raise the bar and implement our strategic plan. We have also seen organizational changes, and he wished to thank the staff who have left or are leaving the organization – Shawn Riggs, Zoe Meil and Alan Brahmst.

In closing he took a moment to thank the Members, the volunteers and their staff who have worked so hard to deliver the sport, as well as to the members of the AC Board of Directors, committee volunteers and the members of the staff.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Refer to Annual Report

Some highlights of the circulated report were mentioned, including the successful hosting of the international target competition in Halifax, the first since many years, the return of our outdoor competitions and the implementation of some changes to format of the Canada Cups and Outdoor Championships, plus the successful hosting of one of the largest 3D Indoor Championships in Calgary.

K. Balisch also took the opportunity to thank Shawn Riggs and Zoe Meil for all they did for Archery Canada and the programs they worked in, and more recently to acknowledge the departure and long-time work of Alan Brahmst; to thank the dedicated group of volunteers across Canada and within the PTSOs and to thank all of staff and Board members of AC.

A moment was then taken to recognize the key funding partners and sponsors of Archery Canada.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Refer to Annual Report

7.1 Finance & Audit Committee

In addition to the circulated report, Bob Tataryn acknowledged the challenges we have been facing. We faced some increase to expenditures and some unexpected increases to costs which led to a deficit as noted in the Statement. He noted that we have not had an increase to funding from our key partners however thanked the Government of Canada for their continued support.

7.2 Marketing & Communications Committee

In addition to the circulated report Nada Ghaoui thanked the committee and staff for the work in this area. Outlined the focus on enhancing the quality of our content on our social platforms and the launch of some new initiatives including the podcast.

7.3 Development Committee

In addition to the circulated report, Marie-France Dufour noted how proud she was to work with the many volunteers who have worked as part of the several sub-committees who are committed to delivering an archery environment that has excellence in hosting, has rules that are well developed and aligned with World Archery, professionalism and improved training for coaches and officials.

7.4 Athlete Council

In addition to the circulated report, J. Brehaut expressed how good it has been to work with his group and to see the return to our events. He recognized the achievements of Canadian Archers this past year at the Youth and Senior World Championships. Individuals were encouraged to reach out to Jamie whenever needed.

7.5 Canadian Archery Foundation

A report was circulated, and Robert Tataryn provided some additional comments concerning the activity of the Foundation of the past year including the Adopt-a-team fundraising program in support of the Compound Target and 3D teams. Thank you to the Members of the Foundation Board and the manager of the Foundation, Coreen Scott.

8. REPORTS OF THE MEMBERS (P/TSOS)

Refer to Annual Report.

The representatives of the Provincial / Territorial members were given the opportunity to provide any additional information to supplement the circulated written reports.

British Columbia – Report was circulated with nothing further to add.

Alberta – Report was circulated with nothing further to add.

Saskatchewan – Report was circulated with nothing further to add.

Manitoba – C. Sanders acknowledged that the report for Manitoba was submitted too late to be included in the circulated Annual Report, but will be circulated in follow up to the AGM. Some highlights include numbers of members returning to pre-covid levels and events of a similar participation to pre-covid. Saw good participation of Manitoba athletes on Canadian teams, and best results ever at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. This summer, the Federation contributed to the hosting of the Police and Fire Games. The organization is working on increasing organizational capacity, grassroots programming and hosting of events in the year ahead and up to the World Championships in 2024.

Ontario – Report was circulated with nothing further to add.

R. Tataryn began by updating the members of recent Sport Canada announcement concerning National Sport Organization requirements related to Governance. These will necessitate that Bylaw changes will need to be implemented next year that will have an impact on the composition of the Board of all National Sport Organizations along with other impacts in alignment with the Canadian Sport Governance Code. Archery Canada will be required to be compliant with all such requirements by April 1, 2024.

i. President

In accordance with Bylaw 26.2 the elections for the President is decided by a separate election process from Directors at Large. There was only one nomination received for this position. With only one nomination, the process as outlined in Bylaw 26.2 is to declare the winner by Ordinary Resolution. The motion was conducted as an election process.

MOTION #7 AGM – August 22, 2023: Be it resolved that Aaron Bull be acclaimed as President.

Moved by: NB Seconded by: MB 9 in favour **Carried**

ii. Athlete Director

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MOTION #8 AGM – August 22, 2023: That Jamie Brehaut be acclaimed as Athlete Director.

Moved by: SK Seconded by: NB 9 in favour **Carried**

iii. Directors-at-Large (2)

In accordance with Bylaw 26.3 the elections for Directors-at-Large are decided by a separate election process from that of President, VP Finance and Administration or Athlete Director. There were 3 nominations received for this position. A Ballot was cast to elect 2 Directors-at-large with the two nominees with the highest number of votes filling the available positions until all the available positions have been filled.

There were 9 voting Members present. A majority was identified as 5 or more votes. Each of the nominees was provided an opportunity to present themselves to the AGM.

Following the first ballot, Marie-France Dufour and Nada Ghaoui received 5 or more votes. The remaining candidate, Asif Khan, did not achieve a majority. As two candidates received a majority of the votes cast there was no further ballot required.

MOTION #9 AGM - August 22, 2023: That the election of the following individuals as Director-at-Large, Marie-France Dufour and Nada Ghaoui, be approved.

Moved by: SK Seconded by: NB **Carried**

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Recognition of Annual Awards Recipients

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, Archery Canada announces the recipients of the Annual Awards which are normally presented at the Awards Banquet at the Canadian Outdoor Championships. This year, fewer awards were presented, and will be presented Virtually. PTSOs were encouraged to recognize the following individuals:

D. M. LOVO AWARD - CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT OF ARCHERY IN CANADA :

The D.M. Lovo Award is awarded annually to an individual who has provided an outstanding contribution to the sport of archery in Canada.

The award is presented to: Sean McKenty of Ontario

GREG DURWARD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR :

The Greg Durward Volunteer of the Year Award is awarded to a volunteer who has made a significant contribution to the development of archery in Canada and has been an active volunteer on at least 2 levels of the archery network (NSO &/or PSO &/or club).

The award is presented to: Alec Denys of Ontario

DOROTHY LIDSTONE SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR :

Dorothy Lidstone Female Athlete of the Year Award is awarded to a member of the National Team who demonstrates excellence in archery performance by exemplifying the characteristics of fair play, good sportsmanship, superior performance in major competitions and a commitment to training.

The award is presented to: Senior recurve women's team of Eleanor Brug (BC), Stephanie Barrett (ON), and Virginie Chénier (QC)

FRANK JONES MALE SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR :

Frank Jones Male Athlete of the Year Award is awarded to a member of the National Team who demonstrates excellence in archery performance by exemplifying the characteristics of fair play, good sportsmanship, superior performance in major competitions and a commitment to training.

The award is presented to: Christopher Perkins of Ontario.

HANK WISEMAN COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Hank Wiseman Coach of the Year award is presented to a coach who clearly demonstrates a passion and dedication to developing archery athletes, promoting fair play and good sportsmanship, and shows a dedication to promoting the sport of Archery.

The award is presented to: Shawn Riggs of Ontario

JOAN MCDONALD JUNIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR :

Joan McDonald was one of the archery builders of our sport, who we lost in 2021 after a battle with Cancer. The Joan McDonald Female Junior Athlete of the Year is awarded to a member of the Junior/Youth National Team who demonstrates excellence in archery performance by exemplifying the characteristics fair play, good sportsmanship, superior performance in competitions and a commitment to training.

The award is presented to: Natalee Chan of Ontario

TOM MACK JUNIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR :

Tom Mack Junior Athlete of the Year Award is presented to a member of the Junior/Youth National Team who demonstrates excellence in archery performance by exemplifying the characteristics fair play, Good sportsmanship, superior performance in competitions and a commitment to training.
The award is presented to: Dustin Watson of Ontario

3D PETER GARRETT FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

In 2020 a new award was created – the Peter Garrett 3D Archery Builder Award and Athlete of the Year Award. This year we are pleased to recognize a 3D Female Athlete of the Year and a Male Athlete of the Year.
The award is presented to: Trudy Dryden of New Brunswick

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The award is presented to: William Alex Melnick of Ontario

SYLVIO BEAUREGARD JUDGE OF THE YEAR :

Sylvio Beaugard Judge of the Year Award is awarded to a judge who holds a minimum provincial level Judge status, has been an active Judge, and who upholds athlete development principles, fair play and sportsmanship and exemplifies dedication to judging by promoting judge certification.
The award is presented to: Mike Oneschuk of Manitoba

Presidential Citations

Presidential Citations were established to recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals or groups in the further development of the sport of archery and the progression of our organization.

This year, we would like to recognize:

Diane & Ron Minion

Rene Schaub (for 2024 Field successful Bid)

Kelly Taylor (for 2025 Youth successful Bid)

14. PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS & MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A. Bull thanked the membership for their participation in this year's AGM

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm EST