

West of Scotland Archery Association 18 February 2026 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Agenda

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Minutes

- **Resignation of Committee Members**

The following members have stepped down from the committee:

Alastair Shields (Chair) - Stood down before AGM
Craig Patterson (Vice Chair) - Stood down before AGM
Maree Shields (Secretary)
Kathleen Lodge (CPO)
David Killin (Social Media and Records Keeper)
Donald Gibson (OM)

- **Appointment of Committee Members**

56 votes were received by proxy so meets quorum. 36 members were also present online. The following members were approved to committee positions:

James Ross (Chair)
Megan Ross (Secretary)
Nikki Kennedy (OM)
Stuart Kennedy (OM)

The outgoing Secretary confirmed that she would add the new committee members to the Whatsapp group and pass on the email account details to the incoming Secretary.

It was also confirmed by votes that the following members retained their current committee positions:

Alastair Coutts (Treasurer)
Antonios Katris (OM - now Social Media)
Bryan Maison (OM)
Paul Stronach (OM)

The position of CPO remains unfilled. The Chair advised that he has spoken privately to a member who may be willing to be co-opted into the position. The member will not be named as they were unable to make the AGM and the Chair intends to confirm with them first. It was agreed that the CPO position would be ratified at a later date once confirmation of co-option is received.

The Chair thanked the previous committee members for their voluntary work over their tenure. He acknowledged that there was a query regarding his dual role as a Director of Scottish Archery. The constitution explicitly states that our aim is to support the objectives of the Regional Body, therefore, there is no conflict of interest. He noted that he intends to use this link to bring resources and opportunities down to clubs and provide a direct voice in national strategy.

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He pledged improved speed and transparency in communications including answering questions and the sharing of minutes and updates. He noted that due to the financial reserves dropping to under £2k, the first priority will be to review the budget with the Treasurer, and freeze non-essential spending until the finances have stabilised. He will also seek to appoint an independent inspector to give the accounts a final 'health check' before they are fully signed off.

- **Treasurer's Report**

As published.

The Treasurer noted that there was a £20,000 decrease in income from the previous year. He also highlighted that there has been a significant reduction in interest in the U21's team and that whilst clubs are now running competitions to help reduce costs, this also means that the WoSAA is not receiving income from entry fees.

The Treasurer then opened the floor to members for questions.

There was a query regarding the spend on equipment. The Chair noted that it would not be productive to go through specific lines of the Treasurer's report until the independent inspection has been completed. He noted that the Treasurer's report would remain in draft until this has been completed. Any queries regarding specific lines are to be sent to the WoSAA email and they will be included for review at the independent inspection.

There was also a query regarding the location of previous years' accounts and if they were audited. It was confirmed that previous years' accounts were not audited. They were approved at the previous years' AGM as per the standard procedure outlined in the constitution. The meeting noted inconsistencies in members' receipt of the accounts for the preceding four years. The outgoing Secretary confirmed that the accounts had been issued to Club Secretaries; however, it appears that onward distribution did not occur in all instances. To address this, the accounts for the current year were circulated directly to members.

Concerns were expressed regarding communication from the committee in previous years and the lack of updates on the website. It was noted that there were several gaps on the website where accounts and minutes have not been uploaded. The Chair confirmed that his commitment to improved communication included more timely and complete updating of the website.

It was highlighted that all committee roles are undertaken on a voluntary basis. Members are encouraged to consider becoming involved, including serving as OMs.

An asset list was requested to be made available to members. The Chair confirmed this would be provided. He highlighted that the new committee requires some time to establish the new members, but work would begin rapidly on the required tasks.

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- **Area Records- Open Category**

The question was posed to either change the male category to open or to create open as a third category for records. The general consensus from those present was to change the male category to open

- **AOB**

Outdoor Championship: The Chair confirmed emails would be sent out shortly to clubs to see if any would be willing to support this.

Counties Championship: The Chair confirmed that in principle, the committee would like to field teams, but this is fully dependent on the cost and budget. Spends that put the committee at significant risk will not be approved. Several options to be reviewed including fundraising, self-funding from archers, sponsors, and grants, to assess the feasibility of fielding teams this year.

Inter-Area Tournament: The Chair confirmed that this is on his agenda to discuss at his next meeting with SAA.

Volunteering and events: It was highlighted that the West has the highest number of candidate judges in Scotland at 4, compared to 1 in the North and 1 in the East areas. This achievement was praised and The Chair confirmed the desire to see this continue. Coaches and other volunteers are also to be encouraged. The sport relies heavily on people donating their time to allow many things to run including competitions, workshops, training days, and other events. It was also highlighted that participation in such events are critical for them to continue running. It was further stressed that feedback from attendees is the only way for these events to improve. An example was provided that some feedback received from a coaching day was that some more advanced archers felt that the coaching received was not as tailored as they would have liked. The result of this is that going forward, the event will trial providing different levels of coaching. This highlights the importance of feedback in improving events so that all archers can have the best experience possible.

Action Tracker

Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
New committee members to be added to Whatsapp group	Maree & Megan	23/02/26	Complete
New secretary to be given access to the official email account	Maree & Megan	25/02/26	Complete
CPO to be co-opted	James	29/03/26	
Accounts to be reviewed	James & Alastair	08/03/26	
Independent inspector to be appointed to	James	29/03/26	

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review accounts			
Independent inspection of accounts to be conducted	Inspector	TBC	
Asset list to be compiled and shared with members	James	29/03/26	

