



MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27th November 2019

Location: NICVA Belfast

Present:	Marc Scott	MSc	Chairman
	Hazel Campbell	HC	Coaching Director
	vacant position		Development Director
	vacant position		Performance Director
	vacant position		Membership Director
	Andy Partridge	AP	AGB Director
	Neil Armitage	NA	AGB Director
	Eilish Ward	EW	Independent Director
	Kim Pegrum	KP	Company Secretary & Financial Controller
	Archery NI members		16 members representing 4 clubs; no proxy votes

Apologies for absence received from A. Halligey, S. McCormick, M. Stott, D. Wright, S. McCleery, D. McCann, A. Sholdis, D. Rodgers, D. Hurst, A. Willsher.

Marc Scott opened the meeting by stating that the meeting had again not achieved the required quorum of 30 senior members and 50% clubs represented. Under Article 81 the Chair has the prerogative to decide whether to abandon the meeting or to proceed; (MS) thanked those members for coming and considered it appropriate to continue with the AGM, but that a Special Resolution later in the agenda would be put forward to amend the quorum rule.

Minutes from 2018 AGM – these were made available to all members prior to the AGM. No amendments were forthcoming and the minutes were approved on a show of hands.

Report of the Board – the reports from the Company Secretary and Director of Coaching had been made available to all members prior to the AGM. The reports were accepted.

Annual Accounts – the full statutory accounts for the period 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019 had been made available to all members prior to the AGM.

(JW) asked what the £2,000 Legal and Professional Fees included. (KP) responded that this was the cost of employing a specialist consultant to draft the ANI strategic development plan and that this was now complete and details of plan were to be presented later, after the business meeting.

(JW) asked what was included in the £4,357 Championship Expenses. (KP) responded this included medals, trophies, record status fees etc. for six championship events. No further questions or comments were made and the accounts were approved on a show of hands.

Membership fees for 2020-21 – the Board's proposed fees had been made available to all members prior to the AGM. Proposed fees were not changed from previous year; this being six years without change.

An 'item of special interest' request from (MM) at MCoA submitted prior to the meeting had asked why the under 25 and junior fees were so much higher than the AGB fee (£17 v £12). (KP) explained this was a legacy from NIAS and had not been changed since ANI started. (JW) explained some of the history of the age group categories which gave rise to this.

The Board reminded members that a request earlier in the year for interested members to join a committee to look at membership rates had been poorly supported with only one person interested. In 2020 it was planned to carry out a full review of fees in conjunction with AGB. (NA) explained that AGB were requesting ANI's help on this matter, AGB fees also need to be reviewed. Any member interested to participate should make themselves known to the Board. A show-of-hands vote took place and the fees proposal was accepted.

Ordinary Business

Director changes – (MSc) expressed his thanks to Mark Saunderson and Susan Agnew who had stepped down from the Board during the year, for their work during their time as Directors. He also thanked and welcomed (EW) as a new Independent Director who brought a different perspective and experience to the Board.

Performance Director – Mr Mike Henry – Mike's citation had been made available to members prior to the AGM. No questions or comments were made and a show of hands approved his appointment. (MSc) welcomed Mike to the Board.

Special Business

No additional items of special business had been submitted from members but the Board proposed an amendment to the Articles of Association related to the quorum required for the AGM. This was being presented due to the small attendance at both last year's meeting and on this occasion.

Article 80 currently states *"The quorum shall be a minimum of 30 Senior Members and in addition 50% of Associated Clubs must be represented."*

Proposed Article 50 was presented as *"The quorum shall be a minimum of 50% of Associated Clubs must be represented."*

Discussion took place. At today's meeting only 16 Senior Members out of a possible 305 were attending, and only 4 out of a possible 15 clubs were represented. (JW) proposed from the floor that the revised percentage might be better lower, at 40% rather than 50%.

The Chair presented three motions for voting:

Motion 1: that the Articles remain unchanged. This was rejected on a show of hands.

Motion 2: that the Board's proposal be adopted. This was rejected on a show of hands.

Motion 3: that the amended proposal of a minimum of 40% of Associated Clubs be represented should be adopted. This was clearly carried by a show of hands.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

The non-AGM Business meeting followed:-

Safeguarding Awareness session

Immediately after the business meeting, Paul Stephenson from NSPCC(NI) made an informative overview presentation about safeguarding and child protection, which included a short quiz to emphasise some of the facts/myths around this subject. His presentation material will be made available to the clubs.

Information and Q & A session

Following the Safeguarding talk an informal presentation of other ANI information was made, which included a summary of activities during 2019, membership numbers, thanks to the clubs who hosted the ANI championship shoots during the year, and congratulations to the newly qualified coaches in 2019. A summary of the new ANI Strategic Plan 2019 – 2025 was also presented by (MSc) including the critical success factors needed to make it happen. This document will be posted to the website for detailed viewing in due course. This part of the meeting also included the opportunity for questions & answers.

Membership numbers: (JW) asked why the 2nd November membership document showed such a low membership number (358 members). (KP) responded that membership numbers were changing daily at the moment due to late renewals and time required for renewals to be processed by AGB. The actual membership at 27th November was 403 members, and would continue to rise.

Disability: (JR) asked a number of questions related to the Disability Committee and the progress with the ANI Disability Strategy policy, the Inclusive Sport Award and the Inclusive Club Award documents. (MSc) responded to say that he recognized and thanked the work done by (JR) and the committee but that the Strategic Plan needed to come first and then the disability initiatives would be driven from it. Now the plan was complete the Disability Committee would be re-engaged.

Strategic Plan: (CB) commented that he was impressed by the Strategic Plan, that it contained some good stuff, but wondered how it will be put out into the clubs, how it will be sold, presented to the clubs. (MSc) responded that he agreed and that he was disappointed with the AGM attendance. Maybe a specific membership forum is needed to work on this. (NA) added some comments from the AGB strategy experience and perspective, but recognized that the Strategy was the membership's view based on a sound consultation process.

(MH) asked if AGB was committed to ANI's success and what resources will AGB give. (NA) responded that already AGB supported ANI with (AP) on the ANI Board and overseeing the Performance Academy. Other possibilities included co-funding development roles with extra resources. AGB was also enthusiastic to host National Series events and other major competitions in N.I. (AGB already had an aim to host an international competition within the UK at least every other year). (MH) praised CoB for the success of the Nat. Series event in

August but archers outside of N.I. needed more encouragement to attend. (JMcC) added that yes, archers didn't come as it is too expensive to come across the water!

ANI Senior Indoor Championships: (KP) advised that a new date and venue had been set for this on Sunday 23rd February 2020 at the Lisburn Leisureplex hosted by Lisburn City club.

Closing remarks: (MSc) thanked everybody for attending the meeting and wished those shooting at the coming AGB Senior and Junior Indoor Championships the best of luck and for the team to bring back some medals!

Meeting closed at 9.05pm