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Annual General Meeting 2021

Date: 18th December 2021

Venue: Sydney Olympic Park Archers club conference room

Time: 8am

Attendance of members:

37 club members were present, 1 life member and parents of 3 Junior club members. 45 had voting rights and this met the quorum as per SOPA constitution. Attendance is as listed below.

	Members Name	Status
1	Angela Newman	Ordinary Member
2	Anton Zawadeckyj	Ordinary Member
3	Austin Hulse	Ordinary Member
4	Branden Tse	Ordinary Member (Junior)
5	Cirilo Almario	Ordinary Member
6	Darren Cardra	Ordinary Member (Junior)
7	Eleana Vasiliades (Non Member)	Parent of Junior (1 vote)
8	Elizabeth (Liz) Hole	Ordinary Member
9	Eric Tagudin	Ordinary Member
10	Felix Sudario	Ordinary Member
11	Fran Boyle	Ordinary Member
12	Garry Robinson	Ordinary Member
13	Giorgio Vasiliades	Ordinary Member (Junior)
14	Gloria Tse	Ordinary Member (3 Votes)
15	Greg Nguyen	Ordinary Member
17	Gregor Whiley	Ordinary Member (2 votes)
18	Imalia Oktrininda	Ordinary Member
19	Jel Datu	Ordinary Member
20	Jenny Hardja (Non Member)	Parent of Junior (2 votes)
21	Jon Barnard	Life Member
22	Katrina Robinson	Ordinary Member
23	Kevin Gillett	Ordinary Member
24	Kim Lavender	Ordinary Member
25	Laura Tresize	Ordinary Member
26	Marek Steiner	Ordinary Member
27	Michael Hennessy	Ordinary Member
28	Nasrin Ghashghaei	Ordinary Member
29	Peter Bennett	Ordinary Member



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30	Peter Boukouvalas	Ordinary Member
30	Peter Hale	Ordinary Member
31	Peter Marchant	Ordinary Member
32	Raymond Broady,	Ordinary Member
33	Ricci Cheah	Ordinary Member
34	Robert Young	Ordinary Member
35	Shiyun He	Ordinary Member
36	Sho Tzin Shim	Ordinary Member
37	Throestur Hrafnsson	Ordinary Member
38	Tim Tse	Non-Shooting Member
39	Tracey Hansford	Ordinary Member
40	Viet Thai Nguyen	Ordinary Member
41	Vashe Chandrakanthan (Non shooting member)	Parent of Junior (1 vote)

- *Junior members and non-shooting members are not eligible for voting, junior members voting rights will be held by parents*

Apologies:

AGENDA:

- 1) President welcomed members to country.
- 2) Attendance of members
- 3) Apologies: None
- 4) Minutes from last AGM as tabled were accepted by members
 - a. Correction to the name of Ms Elisa Barnard in previous AGM minutes was noted
- 5) Office bearers' reports were read and opened for discussion

Treasurer's report was tabled by Eric Tagudin

- Jon Barnard questioned the following:
 - Reasons for deficits over 2 years, eating into savings in the bank.
 - New Westpac account – savings as no merchant fees \$947. Jon questioned whether merchant fees from automatic payment system were now exceeded by fees from Sports TG system. Overall net effect should be made transparent to the members. Treasurer agreed to dissect this for future reports.
- Fran Boyle commented that the drop in active members during COVID lockdown had led to lower membership fees. Extension of AA membership due to closures had also delayed some membership payments to the following year. New members were now approaching the club since the reopening of SOPAC.
- Fran Boyle noted that when the club agreed to host the Australian Open, there was an expectation that there would be an option to host for two years in a row, so that the investment in infrastructure could be offset by fees from the second year.



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- Mitigating this financial loss was not possible due to COVID. Tangible benefits included the additional targets for the club, as well as the less tangible benefit of exposure to the Archery Community and continuing the Olympic Legacy, of interest to SOPAC.

Liz Hole confirmed she had audited the accounts, as per the Constitution.

Motion moved to accept the treasurer's report- All members voted in favour, no objection

Gloria Tse: Secretary Report including Membership

- 291 financial members
- 26 Associate members
- Breakdown of membership , 1/3 are female, 1/3 are veteran/master.
- Para membership stable. Event run with help of Ricci Cheah
- Jon asked for copy of report to be circulated.

Ricci Cheah: Coaching

There were a lot of changes in 2021 that were very challenging for coaches and athletes, exacerbated by COVID.

- Challenge to maintain coaching in the club in the year of Paralympics and Olympics
- Change in SOPA coaching structure to accommodate for national squad recurve program.
- Overseas coach (Oh Kyo Moon) working with national squad athletes from SOPA. 10 athletes from SOPA
- Assistant coaches Alex and Laura having more coaching involvement within the club programs. A team and B team plus continuing junior coaching.
- Coach Alex and Laura coaching the programs during lockdown.
- Coach Alex coaching the national youth squad whilst coach Oh was away in the Olympics
- Coach Alex coaching the para team whilst Ricci was at the Paralympics

Keeping the Flame Alive

- good results from juniors and seniors
- Opened the eyes of AA to the level of archery at SOPA

Australian Open

- Best performances by SOPA on home grounds
- Pete and Ameera winning the open division
- Multiple medals in team events

Olympic trials

- Melissa qualified for Olympic trials and made top 3 cut for Olympic team after a gruelling process.

Para nationals

- Took home all national titles 5 national titles
- 6 SOPA para archers qualified for paralympic trials



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Czech Republic final quota qualification for Paralympics

- team of 5 (Peter Marchant , Garry Robinson, Imalia Oktrininda, Ameera Lee)
- Peter Marchant and Imalia Oktrininda won gold in the final qualifying event winning two quota spots
- Ameera narrowly missing out by few points for a quota spot.

Paralympics

- 3 of 4 Paralympians were from SOPA
- Top 17 finishes and a top 8 finish

Peter Bennett and Liz Hole: Tournament coordinators report and recorder report (Pamphlet circulated and copy attached)

- Back to Archery series, high levels of participation in this postal event.
- World Archery indoor series as a virtual event was also well subscribed.
- Club championships will be announced in January at the Dinner.
- QRE program was intense early in the year, fortnightly events.
- AO – 38 SOPA archers, largest in 5 years, good feedback from participants. In future would need better financial structure.
- Oceania Tournament 39 SOPA members, 5 first places for SOPA members.
- Nationals: Penrith seniors, Warringah Juniors, many medal winners.

Noted that many learnings from 2021 would be implemented in 2022. Will have Keeping the Flame Alive, a matchplay series, and Unbreakable will be reactivated.

Prof. Fran Boyle: Safety

No lives of club members were lost during COVID, which was a great achievement. She thanked all members for assisting with ever changing safety measures. The booking system would be maintained for weekends, with a maximum of 2 members per target unless otherwise notified. Members were asked to be aware that some juniors were not yet vaccinated at this time, so it would be important to maintain distancing and hand hygiene, and to only handle their own arrows.

Members were reminded that when on the range, if they observed unfamiliar archers shooting in a dangerous manner, they could approach them, and ask to see their AA card. If any concerns remained after explanation of local rules (as per noticeboard), or membership could not be proven, the archer can be asked to leave. If any hostility is experienced, members are asked to care for their own safety first and call the Ranger, whose number is on the notice boards.

6) Election of Committee Members

2 nominations for president: Elizabeth Hole and Greg Nguyen nominated.
Each gave a speech.



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Greg Nguyen retracted his nomination, as he felt his inexperience had not led him to perform in this role as well as he would have liked. It had been a steep learning curve for him, but he had always tried to keep the club members interests at heart. He thanked the committee and members for their support.

Liz Hole the remaining candidate give her speech (Copy attached)

Committee members nominations were as tabled.

- Gloria Tse: Nominated for secretary and will also manage Membership Approved.
- Treasurer: No nominations received. Eric Tagudin has been the treasurer for 5 years, and would be willing to continue. Nominated by Kevin Gillett, seconded Liz Hole, Approved with show of hands.
- Head Coach: Alex King nominated. Approved. Peter Bennett noted a vote of thanks to Ricci Cheah for his many years as head coach.
- Tournament Coordinator: Peter Bennett nominated. Approved.
- Safety Officer: Fran Boyle nominated. Approved. Will also be Membership Wellbeing officer.
- Recorder: Angela Newman nominated. Approved. Will be assisted by Liz Hole.

Elected SOPA Committee Members for 2021-2022 as below:

Position	Name
President	Elizabeth Hole
Secretary	Gloria Tse
Treasurer	Eric Tagudin
Non-Executive positions	
Head Coach	Alex King
Tournament Officer	Peter Bennett
Safety and Wellbeing Officer	Fran Boyle
Recorder	Angela Newman

Elizabeth Hole thanked outgoing president Greg Nguyen for his contribution to the club and suggested that he would be welcome to join the committee.

7. Any other business

- Approval of additional minor changes to Constitution (Attached) in particular to clarify voting rights of parents of juniors.
 Motion moved to accept the by the members with no objection
- Logo change – Jon Barnard spoke sincerely about the value and heritage of the clubs logo
- Peter Boukouvalas motioned a vote - Vote to change the SOPA was unanimously defeated by the members



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- Uniform – Paragon will not be used again.
- Peter Boukouvalas motioned a vote on a new shirt and new company been found to supply SOPA shirts and other items like backpacks etc.
- Life membership vote.
Current life members are Olympic members Matt Gray (3 Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games Gold Medal), Elisa Barnard (Olympics), Jonathon Milne (Bronze medal at Para-Olympics), and Jon Barnard (15 years as President).
Discussion: Jon Barnard - This has a cost associated, as the Club covers their membership fees. Jon spoke to the achievements of those who have been nominated in the past, and what an honour it is to be a Life Member.
Nominations received for Imalia Oktrininda and Peter Marchant (Para-Olympians 2021), and Ricci Cheah (Head Coach). Voting by secret ballot with Zoom attendees voting online. Results: Ricci Cheah voted in as life member. Imalia Oktrininda and Peter Marchant not approved.
- Vashe Chandrakanthan: Regional Development Squad were grateful for allocation of some lanes for their training. He asked that other members be aware of how many lanes are available during these times. Agreed by Liz Hole that this would be updated in booking system in Archers Diary.
- Liz Hole again invited Greg Nguyen to continue on the committee. He will consider that.
- Signatory rights for SOPA bank account will be held by the newly elected executive committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 9.29am

Hi Everyone

- My Name for those of you that don't know is Elizabeth Hole but everyone calls me Liz, I first joined SOPA in 2011/12. And as some of you know I am very passionate about Archery and promote it when and where I can.

For the past 12 months I have held the position of Club Recorder and assistant to our Tournament Officer Peter Bennett.

I am also a member of the Olympic Delegates for ANSW. and have completed AA first part of training to become a judge.

Our Club

- This is a member's club and what the committee does is implement what the members want from their club. My vision for this club is what the majority of members want not what I want. It is extremely important to me that we engage with our members and try to achieve the desired outcomes for them and to be inclusive not exclusive and completely transparent.
- Non-competitive members are the Backbone of this club like Frank who shoots for exercise and has been with the club for more than 12 years. Without them it would be extremely difficult to keep this club operational.
- We have amazing non shooting members as part of our club and we need to engage more with them, for example ask if they would like to become a full judge or volunteer in other ways.
- I would love to see new ideas brought forward by the membership and yes, our communications needs to be better.
- I would like to hear from our youth and I am keen on appoint in a non-executive role a Youth captain
- Likewise with our Seniors Captain
- Occasionally I will be away shooting but I will also have 2 experienced and exceptional Vice Presidents to assist me in my role and more importantly assist the club.
- There will be a Vice President with special responsibility for archers with a disability and one with responsibility for Member well-being and Safety. We have gone through a great deal over the last 2 years and it has taken a toll on us all and this need to be recognised
- A new Recorder Team as the job is a lot bigger than I thought when I first took on the role and I will work with them closely
- Event volunteer Coordinator – why you may ask - The clubs biggest event last year was the Australian Open and it was very hard work for everyone involved and was a great event. However, it could have been better on our volunteer side, as some of you have told me.
- Membership Officer
- Kim Lavender - media - We will do features on FB about our members and not just about our wonderful and dedicated elite archers but everyone that would like to take part and it will take 3 years to do everyone!
- Engage with other clubs and learn from them. For example, Northern are going very fast - why and how, Liverpool has a great youth recruitment program - how does it work and can be benefit from their knowledge.
- Every member needs to know that their voice will be heard and where possible actioned on
- 2023 will be our 20 anniversary year and it would be great to do a special event (Like KFA) and shirt/memorabilia, I will look forward to working with the membership to celebrate this mile stone in our history

In conclusion, I would like everyone to know I will always work hard for our club and archery in general and give as much support as I can to everyone.

Thank you for listening.

TOURNAMENT OFFICER AND CLUB RECORDER REPORT FOR 2021

Peter Bennett our wonderful Tournament Officer and myself are delighted to let the membership know we have had a great year, even with COVID 19 always in the foreground.

First up were the **BackToArchery & World Archery Indoor Series**

So not time to dwell as it was full steam ahead and into 2 major remote tournaments.

Both were fantastic events and well supported by the membership with amazing results achieved in the Back to Archery - **18 GOLD, 8 SILVER and 7 BRONZE Medals.**

The World Archery Indoor Series went virtual for the first time. Archers worldwide participated in the “Open category” online competition over one designated weekend every month from November 2020 to February 2021.

More than 5000 archers took part from around the world and competition was fierce. The event saw some amazing world rankings from our membership and we should be very proud of the clubs’ achievements.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND QRES

We started working on the creation of the club championships which had never been done before. It was important to have championships that all ages, skill levels and division could take part in. It was a new era for the club and a time to celebrate all Members - no matter their age, bow type or ability.

The Distance and Short Course Championships are very competitive which was great to witness. *Final results will be available and published on our website and on Facebook*

In January, our **QREs** started in earnest with a full calendar which was extremely well supported both by our members and archers from other clubs.

Then came Keeping the Flame Alive!

Fantastic lead into the Australian Open. It was well supported and a great event.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2021

The Australian Open 2021 (Event Booklet on our website) – It was an honour to be participant and be on the AO committee. It took months to organising and we had the best on our team.

We were delighted with the level of support from our 2021 Australian Open Partners and Sponsors. It was brilliant to not only host a fantastic event but to also have world class sponsors on board showing their support in us and the athletes. Their support of this tournament really made it stand out as one of the best archery tournaments in Australia, ever!

A big thank you to all our hardworking volunteers and officials. Events of this size and standard means a lot of heavy lifting behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and successful tournament for everyone.

We also have the most archers from any club take part in the tournament with 38 out of the 146 competitors – 19 Recurve, 12 Barebow, and 7 Compound and won 6 Gold, 5 Silver and 6 bronze an incredible haul!



CLASSIFICATION MEDALS

When I took up the position of Club Recorder, I really did not know what I was getting into and it was a little challenging at the start. First came the databases that took weeks to clean up but had to be done.

This allowed me to start checking whom had missed out on awards - Classification, all and perfect gold and State and National Medals and there was a huge number! It has been wonderful to present our archers with their medals of achievements and of course this is an ongoing exercise and an important one. To date we have presented 240 national Classification medals and 85 club all Gold/perfect medals and numerous State medals to our members.

OCEANIA CHALLENGE

This event came out of the blue. The shoot was a WA60/900 and a shorter distance for those that had been shooting for less than 12 months. Scores were submitted from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Island, Tahiti, Tonga and Vanuatu.

39 SOPA members took part and the results were excellent! Congratulations to all.

Please visit WAO website for full results at <http://www.worldarcheryoceania.org/>

WA60/900 results

Open Recurve Female – 1st - Kim Lavender

Cadet Recurve Male – 1st - Georgia Vasiliades

Cadet Barebow Male – 1st - Darren Candra

Open Compound Female – 2nd - Katrina Robinson

Open Barebow Female – 2nd - Elizabeth Hole

Short distance results

Cub Barebow Male – 1st - Axel Clark

Cadet Recurve Female 2nd - Elaine Wang

Open Barebow Male 1st - Bellamy Mike

Open Compound Male 3rd - Law Vincent

Open Compound Male 4th - Cirilo Almario



THE YEAR WAS NOT OVER WITH THE NATIONAL ONLINE TOURNAMENTS BEING ANNOUNCED

What an amazing turnout from SOPA archers. It was fantastic to see our new members taking part in a national competition and doing so well, we are all very proud of you 😊

Standing so far

	720	1440	
Open Female Recurve	1st	1st	Lavender, Kim
	4th	0	Vashetharan, Ammrutha
	5th	4th	Trezise, Laura
	8th	6th	Kim, Yeji
Open Male Recurve	2nd	2nd	Boukouvalas, Peter
	3rd	0	Tse, Branden
	6th	1st	Steiner, Marek
	14th	14th	Hu, Eric
	27th	0	Abellera, John Phillip
Open Female Barebow Recurve	1st	2nd	Elizabeth Hole
	4th	4th	Kiefhaber, Kathryn
Open Male Barebow Recurve	6th	0	Candra, Darren
Veteran Female Barebow Recurve	1st	1st	Hole, Elizabeth
Veteran Male Barebow Recurve	3rd	2nd	Gillett, Kevin
	5th	4th	Sim, Norman
Veteran+ Male Barebow Recurve	2nd	0	Hale, Peter
Para Archer Female Recurve	1st	0	Oktrininda, Imalia
Para Archer Male Recurve	1st	0	Steiner, Marek
Para Archer Female Compound	1st	TBA	Lee, Ameera Christina
Para Archer Male Compound	1st	0	Marchant, Peter
	2nd	TBA	Robinson, Garry
Open Female Compound	2nd	3rd	Robinson, Katrina
	6th	5th	Zawadeckyj, Maryka
Open Male Compound	3rd	2nd	Milne, Jonathon
	8th	5th	Shim, Sho Tzin
	26th	33rd	Almario, Cirilo
Master Male Compound	2nd	2nd	Marchant, Peter
Veteran Male Compound	11th	13th	Sudario, Felix
	15th	7th	Zawadeckyj, Anton
Veteran Female Compound	8th	9th	Sim, Pearly
Master Female Longbow	1st	2nd	Wright, Julia

AT THE NATIONALS



AT THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP





REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



A PROUD HERITAGE - AN EXCITING FUTURE



GENERAL



NONE OF WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED IN THE LAST YEAR WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS, SUPPORTS AND VOLUNTEERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THE CLUB.

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