

FCA 3D Committee Annual Meeting 2008 Minutes
August 7, 2008 - Selo Ukraina, Dauphin, MB

Present: Jude Hooley, FCA Vice-President
 John Webber, AANS Wil Reinhart, AANB Benoît Bolduc, FTAQ
 Peter Garrett, OAA Mano Navarro, ABAM Ross MacAngus, SAA
 Stan Schamuhn, ABAA Ted Kennedy, BCAA

Guests: Tom Paukovic, 2008 FCA 3D Championship Technical Delegate
 Robert Lakeman, SAA President
 Roger Garrod, Chairman of Judge Corps for 2008 3D nationals
 Kathleen Millar, FCA Executive Director
 Al O'Brien, ATAA representative Pierre Caron, FCA Judge

The meeting began at 19:05.

1. Welcome by the Chairman

Jude Hooley welcomed everyone and said it was an honour to represent the provinces for 3D. She asked that everyone keep to 3D issues because the agenda was quite full. She asked that everyone read the provincial reports as reference but ask questions only.

MOTION #3D2008- : To accept the agenda as amended.		
Moved by: BC	Seconded by: NB	Carried

2. Approval of the minutes 2007

MOTION #3D2008- : To accept the minutes from as published on the web site.		
Moved by: SK	Seconded by: BC	Carried

3. Old Business

a) Review of the Traditional Classes as submitted by Wil Reinhart

Wil's report was included in the AANB report. There is no class for Over 50 Recurve Unaided. M50 Traditional was discussed at length. Is there a need for a recurve traditional class? One issue is the use of arrow rests. Wil suggested to either: a) drop master 50 traditional or, b) change it to 2 separate classes of Longbow and Recurve Unaided.

ACTION: Wil Reinhart will chair a review committee for all optional classes. Peter Garrett will assist him. Greg Durward will be consulted. Wil is to report back to the committee at the end of December.

b) Chaperone issue

Jude Hooley reported that at the 2008 indoor 3D championships, the peewees did not shoot at the same time as the adults. Indoors is not as difficult to control younger archers as outdoors is. Cubs were kept in between experienced groups but pre-cubs need their parents.

MOTION #3D2008- : To amend the 3D rules to state that all pre-cubs shooting national 3D championships must have chaperones, and that the chaperone may be a parent-archer.		
Moved by: BC	Seconded by: ON	Carried

ACTION: Jude will amend the Hosting manual for chaperones to explain how the O/C will be put pre-cubs in groups with two other non-family members.

New Business

1. 2008 3D outdoor championship report

Jason Tompski gave a report: all 3 courses were walked-through with judges and changes were made per judge requests; where there are 2 vital scoring areas, the kill zone and stake have been detailed. Photos will be available at the registration shed. Pre-registration will close at 11am tomorrow.

Safety has been addressed. Pathways are marked; practice butts and field are operational; B course will be discussed during opening ceremonies; coloured stakes are indicated on the targets. Spectators will be accommodated with grandstands; spectators will be allowed on the course. Spectators rule was consulted; there is no rule saying that they are not allowed.

The turkey shot will be explained and the kneeling positions are marked. There was considerable discussion regarding the kneeling position, in particular longbow. The target was changed.

Animals on the course: Roger Garrod reported that if the group that the person is shooting with agree to it and the dog does not interfere with other archers, then the dog would be allowed on the course.

Chaperones on the 3D course: There should be no assistance to the archer during the shot.

2. Provincial Reports

No questions

3. 3D Rule Review –

a) Decision of FCA Crossbow Ad Hoc Committee re: crossbows

The FCA 3D Crossbow committee recommends that crossbows not be permitted at FCA 3D-sanctioned events, including national championships. Members were John Webber (NS), George Wagner (ON) and Brent Watson (AB). Jude Hooey chaired the committee. The proposal was not dealing with crossbows and hunting, but the decision does influence provincial government policy. The proposal deals with the use of crossbows at FCA sanctioned events. There was a discussion of the definition of what archery equipment is.

MOTION #3D2008- : To accept the proposal as read from the FCA Crossbow Ad Hoc committee.

Moved by: SK

Seconded by: AB

In favour: SK/QC/NS/NB/AB

Against: ON/MB/BC

Carried

b) Motion submitted by ABAA regarding optional classes added by host clubs

Discussion included the definition presented and the implications of including a draw cycle relative to developments in the archery industry today.

MOTION #3D2008- : The following addition to 3.3.9.4 should read, "The host club must demonstrate to the FCA 3D provincial representatives that the proposed class equipment is archery equipment. The guidelines should include drawn, held and shot by muscular power and be a continuous draw cycle."

Moved by: AB

Seconded by: SK

In favour: AB/NS/SK

Against: BC/MB/ON/QC/NB

Defeated

c) IBO 11 Scoring

Ted Kennedy wanted the committee to discuss IBO's return to 11 scoring instead of the x-ring. Jude pointed out that FCA was trying to move toward FITA rules, not IBO rules. There were issues with 11's and ties. The committee was not in favour of reviewing scoring at this time.

d) How to handle yardage discrepancies

Ted Kennedy felt that a set of rules should be included that dealt with distance tolerances and the use of either rangefinders or measuring tapes to check distances. Kathy Millar stated that field rules could be used as a guideline. The committee agreed that rangefinders could be used if calibrated with a steel taper measure. More than one rangefinder needs to be available to ensure the targets are correct.

ACTION: Ted Kennedy will compare the tolerances used in positioning field archery butts in order to come up with acceptable tolerances for whether a 3D target is legal or not.

e) Consequences of breaking 3D rules

The 2008 FCA Judges' Seminar reviewed the 3D rules and the 3D committee appreciates the efforts.

ACTION: All PSO members will review the recommendations from the 2008 FCA Judge Seminar and report back to the committee at the end of December 2008.

ACTION: Jude will contact FCA Rules Committee Chair Greg Durward regarding 11.19.3.

In the Junior Compound division: regarding "if a sight is used ...", in all other classes using a sight, the statement "may not be electronic" has been removed. Therefore, this rule has to be changed and then definitions for subsequent younger groups will be correct. Jude will look at hunter class for electronic sights as well.

f) Hunter Class

AANS wanted to talk about having the class at all instead of using it as an open class. The committee agreed that it is an equipment class that has nothing to do with the length of time in the sport, or the number of tournaments that an archer has been involved in. The committee needs to communicate this change in philosophy from its initial concept to what Hunter Class means today.

4. Hosting Manuals

Jude has divided the 3D host manuals into indoors and outdoors. They were sent out electronically to the representatives. If there are suggestions or omissions, send the comments to Jude. Then they will be translated. Then they will be posted on the website.

ACTION: For Hosting Manuals, the priority is approve the indoor manual by the end of September 2008. The outdoor version should be commented on by the end of October 2008.

5. Status Report on 2009 Outdoor 3D Championship – Québec

The host site is Amos, QC in 2009 the third week in July. Attendance might be limited if the event is held in a small community. Amos is located 600 km north of Montréal. Kathy reported that the organising committee has had a lot of experience hosting major events such as the Québec Summer Games. Airfare is expensive; archers may wish to fly into Montréal and rent a car.

6. Bids for 2009 Indoor 3D Championships

Originally, the President of the Trois-Rivières archery club sent in a bid and wanted the event to be held in an indoor soccer installation but he can not get permission now because he did not get an answer soon enough from FCA, and there are not enough volunteers. New Brunswick is interested in hosting it in 2010. The only other bid came from ABAM and Red River Archers. The bid was accepted.

7. Bowhunter Safety – concerns and issues

None

8. Criteria for selection to World Teams

Jude explained the history of the document circulated to the provinces. Jude took the results from the previous world championships and changed the scores into percentages. Then she sent it to HPC but HPC wanted numbers, not percentages. She used the same philosophy for sending target archers to target worlds on squads and the same thing with the 3D numbers as percentages. Up until last year, ABAA had 3 different 3D organisations with 3 different rules in Alberta but now all the Alberta sanctioned events will use the same rules. FCA wants to send 3D teams to worlds, so the 3D committee needs to design the programme. At the world championships, FITA uses one-arrow elimination rounds and two arrows per target in the qualification round. The other discrepancy is that FCA does not have face-walking and string-walking equipment division. Some committee members were concerned with scores being judged when some courses are easier than others.

ACTION: Jude asked for committee comments on the criteria for selecting world teams by the end of December 2008.

9. FITA 3D World Championships 2009

There is no site as yet. FITA is still looking for a host country. Discussion then turned to 2011. Canada may be interested in bidding. A site in eastern Canada would be preferred to encourage registration from European shooters. Six courses are required for a world 3D championship: 2 courses of 24 and then 2 courses of 18 and 2 courses of 12. There is a FITA Hosting manual outlining the technical aspects but, it is the ground transportation and judging requirements and costs that require a lot of planning. There were about 200 competitors in Hungary in 2007.

ACTION: Reps will ask their PSO Board for interest hosting a world 3D championship and which clubs are capable of hosting such an important event.

10. Marketing Strategies – Fund-raising for 2009 world team

ACTION: Jude asked all reps to send fund-raising ideas to her by the end of October.

11. Other Business

a) Hosting joints championships and tightening the schedule

Mano Navarro wanted to know if there could be overlap between national target/field and national 3D. Kathy Millar explained the philosophy of trying to encourage archers to experience as many types of archery as possible. Mano stated that financing is an issue. Kathy suggested that if the philosophy needed to be changed to due travel costs that Mano should bring this to the attention of the FCA Board in time for the 2010 organising committees to know about this change. Right now AANS is working under the current philosophy.

Long Term Athlete Development

Kathy Millar circulated overview document and made a very brief presentation, stressing the importance of the document to the future of the sport. Jude stated that she was sitting on the Competition Review Committee to represent 3D interests and encouraged delegates to answer surveys when required so that the committee had enough data to look at.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 21:58.

AANB VP Bowhunting & 3D report 2008

Total number of AANB members as at July 10th, 2008

DIVISION	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Peewee	29	7	36
Pre cub	19	5	24
Cub	35	10	45
Cadet	43	6	49
Junior	30	12	42
Senior	221	60	281
Master	92	8	100
Totals	469	108	577

Registered clubs in the province 17

35 Active Coaches: Men 30 Women 5

23 Active Judges & Range Safety Officers: Men 18 Women 5

Tournament participation is up from last year, despite rising fuel prices. Archers are shooting in nearby communities and not travelling long distances. There are fewer 3-D shoots this year than there was in 2007.

More rifle hunters picking up bows due to our archery season being the 3 weeks before the rifle season. New Brunswick is a "Sunday hunting" province now, but not in archery season. The three Sundays that are on the schedule fall in rifle season only. It's a start and we are working on getting the Sundays for bow season and also the complete week after the rifle season. There was talk of shortening the minimum 200 meter distance from a dwelling down to 100 meters to help control our urban deer population.

Clubs are promoting our sport through schools, fundraisers, Hunter Awareness Day and the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman Programme". We are looking forward to our AANB website being completely bilingual. We are also working on getting Team NB up and running again with some 3-D involvement and also recruiting more volunteers locally and at the provincial level.

New Brunswick's Woodstock Archery Club is seeking to bid on the 2010 Indoor 3-D Championships (subject to available existing buildings). Woodstock has one of the biggest clubs in the province and has a large volunteer base.

Master Traditional 50 Class Review

Master Traditional 50 is an optional class and is a combination of the Longbow and a Traditional Recurve.

M50TR(m/f) or M50TR(m) & M50TR(f)
(optional class)

1. Any type of traditional recurve or longbow may be used.
2. The bow may be shot with a glove, finger tab or bare fingers.

3. Sights are not allowed.
4. Stabilizers are not allowed.
5. While shooting, the archer will touch the arrow with the index finger against the nock. The archer will use a single anchor point - string walking and face walking are not allowed.

There is no Traditional Recurve class, only Recurve unaided. This optional class is unclear and needs reviewing.

Recurve Un-Aided - RU(m/f) or RU(m) & RU(f)

1. A recurve or longbow may be used.
2. The bow must be shot with a glove, finger tab or bare fingers.
3. No sighting device is allowed and there will be no markings on the bow or on the bowstring that could be construed as sighting marks.
4. A rest and plunger are all that may reside within the sight window.
5. There will not be any type of draw check on the bow string.
6. The arrows used will all be of the same material and will all be of uniform length and weight.
7. No stabilizers are allowed [*Note: This is different from the IBO definition of RU where short stabilizers are allowed.*]
8. While shooting, the archer will touch the arrow with the index finger against the nock. The archer will use a single anchor point - string walking and face walking are not allowed.

Traditional Longbow - TRD(m/f) or TRD(m) & TRD(f)

1. There is a 90-lb. maximum bow weight.
2. The bow must satisfy the following definition of a longbow:
When the bow is strung, the string touches only the nocks of the bow, at the shelf the bow will be cut no closer than 1/8 inch to the centreline of the bow. In case a bow cut centre shot is found, it may be re-qualified by adding a leather pad to a thickness that will meet the rules.
3. The bow may be shot with a glove, finger tab or bare fingers.
4. While shooting, the archer will touch the arrow with the index finger against the nock.
5. The archer will use a single anchor point - string walking and face walking are not allowed.
6. All arrows must be nocked at the same string location.
7. Strings must have single colour middle serving with no marks.
8. One or two nock locators, which may be snap-on type, tubing, thread or dental floss tied or served on the servings are allowed.
9. The arrow must be shot from the shelf or hand with no elevated rest. Only a piece of leather or similar material 1/8 inch thick or less is allowed on the arrow shelf.
10. Cushion plungers or rests with mechanical adjustments are not allowed.
11. No sights, stabilizers or counter balances are allowed. Attempts to circumvent this rule by building bows with massive or weighted handle-risers will disqualify the shooter.
12. Arrow shafts:
 - must have a minimum of 125-grain points.
 - must be identical in length, weight and colour; except for normal wear.
 - must be wooden.
13. An overdraw is not allowed.

Note

Master 60 class Masters 60 - M60(m/f) or M60(m) & M60(f)

(optional class)

Any type of equipment or style, subject to any restrictions above, may be used.

Masters 50 - M50(m/f) or M50(m) & M50(f)

(optional class)

Any type of equipment or style, subject to any restrictions above, may be used.

These classes are shot by BHO archers and rarely have other classes participate. Perhaps "optional classes" should be broadened to accommodate each class or eliminated completely.

Respectfully submitted

Wil Reinhart
AANB 3-D Director

ABA VP Bowhunting & 3D report 2008

3-D archery seems to be gaining in popularity here in Alberta. With anywhere from one to four shoots going on from May 1 to August 31, one can become 3D'd out by mid-summer. Learning to juggle 3-D, work, and at not least family, is a difficult act. While it may sound like whining, I enjoy every bit of the juggling. My passion for all three is great.

As a supporter of the ABA, I have always maintained that 3-D is an integral part of the ABA. To speak of ethics is to diligently practice with archery equipment to make the good shot when hunting. 3-D can be a fun way to practice.

Over the past years the ABA has held three sanctioned shoots per year to determine our provincial champions. The turnout for the two thus far is up over past years at around 120 shooters. Twenty to twenty-five percent are young people, 18 and under. It is encouraging to see that this is turning into a family sport. In most cases at least one parent bowhunts and encourages the children to shoot 3-D. So if they decide to hunt, the young person will have the archer's skills needed to know the limitations of their equipment.

On the bowhunting side of the ABA, crossbows are a burning issue right now. For now, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development has said that crossbows will not be allowed in archery season. However, the ABA executive feels that we must remain diligent in our efforts to keep this issue at bay or this could change. We all know that money can change some peoples' minds. That is why Brent Watson and I were so concerned with what was happening in the FCA Crossbow Committee. We showed that while crossbows were primitive weapons, they definitely were not archery equipment and for our efforts we were called good politicians. No one ever showed us that crossbows were archery equipment. The argument that more money and people involved in archery 3-D is not a compromise the ABA is prepared to make. Our BIG concern is that non-archery equipment is being allowed at a national archery event. The perception of crossbows being archery equipment recognised at a national archery event could seriously damage the bowhunting seasons enjoyed in some provinces. Some would say we are being selfish, however, I look at it as trying to maintain what the ABA has worked so hard to achieve here in Alberta. We do have some of the best archery seasons and are blessed with so many different animal species that we can hunt.

On that note, I will close by saying that I look forward to meeting and working with the other provincial 3-D reps in Dauphin.

Respectfully submitted
Stan Schamuhn
ABA 3-D Director

ABAM Bowhunting & 3D Director's report 2008

1. ABAM memberships: January 1, 2007- Dec. 31, 2007 - 721
ABAM memberships: January 1, 2008- July 25, 2008 - 804
2. Club level membership- 26 active clubs in Manitoba, 2 Indoor ranges in Winnipeg- Heights & Heartland
3. Provincial Team members:
- 3D Team: 14 - Target Team: 11
4. From January 6 – July 20, the ABAM through member clubs has hosted 15 3D Tournaments with two more to come, including the 3D National Championships in Dauphin in August. (see schedule below)
On the Target side, the ABAM through member clubs has hosted 21 FITA Tournaments with 8 more to come, including the FITA Field & Target National Championships in Sanford & Winnipeg and the FITA Provincials in Stonewall. Eleven other Tournaments were also hosted in Manitoba, some of which were in preparation for the 2008 Power Smart Manitoba Summer Games.
5. This year, the ABAM has seen some great accomplishments by our local archers. Jay Lyon from Winnipeg won the Olympic qualifier in his category and will be representing Canada at the 2008 Olympics held in Beijing, China. He also won the Gold in the 2008 MICA. Another local archer, Rob Cox, narrowly missed his spot on the team but is currently the alternate for the Paralympics. Kevin Tataryn from Stonewall recently placed second at the 2008 World Cup in Boe, France and also placed 4th in the team event. We are very proud to have such great talent in our province.
6. From August 7-10, 2008, the Vermillion Archery Club in Dauphin Manitoba will be host to the Canadian Outdoor 3D Archery Championship
7. 2008 3D Tournament Schedule

• January 6	Indoor 3D Provincials	Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB
• March 16	Indoor 3D	Minnedosa Archery Club
• April 20	Outdoor 3D	Snake Creek Archers, Birtle, MB
• April 27	Red River Boot Shoot	Red River Archers, Sanford, MB
• May 11	ABAM 3D shoot	Sanford, MB
• May 25	Red River Buckle Shoot	Red River Archers, Sanford, MB
• June 1	Outdoor 3D	Vermillion Archers, Dauphin, MB
• June 8	Outdoor 3D	Prairie Bowhunters, Portage, MB
• June 15	Outdoor 3D	Brandon Wildlife Archer, Brandon, MB
• June 15	Fathers Day 3D shoot	OCN Archery Club, The Pas, MB
• June 22	Outdoor 3D	Traditional Bowhunters, Sanford, MB
• June 28&29	Medieval weekend	Winnipeg Archers, Sanford, MB
• July 6	Outdoor 3D	Selkirk Archers & Bowhunters, Selkirk, MB
• July 13	Outdoor 3D	Asessippi Archery Club, Russell, MB
• July 20	Outdoor 3D Provincials	Prairie Bowhunters, Portage, MB
• Aug. 7-10	Outdoor 3D Nationals	Vermillion Archers, Dauphin, MB
• Aug. 16& 17	Outdoor 3D	North Star Archers, The Pas, MB
8. On March 30th, the ABAM ran a Bowhunter Ed course with 15 participants, instructed by Garry Glenn and organized by Darrin Shipp.

Respectfully submitted,
Honesto (Mano) Navarro, ABAM President

BCAA VP Bowhunting & 3D report 2008

The 3D events are moving along as usual. Attendance at the lower mainland shoots seems to be average in attendance. Some shoots are noticing lower than normal attendance and believe the cost of fuel is contributing to the issue. I have been personally involved in reinstating the Burke mountain shoot. We have two shoots scheduled; the first was well received, and have a second shoot scheduled in July.

The 3D Provincials in Fort St John were last weekend. I have received about a dozen declarations and received a few more in the final days. We used our updated handicapping system to select the team to compete in the Nationals in Dauphin Manitoba. We had just over a hundred archers competing. The remoteness of Fort St John and the cost of gas, and flights kept many archers away.

The United Bowhunters of BC has received the draft regulations from the Government. We had a representative, Jim Turner, attend a recent PHRAC (regulatory body) meeting to provide a 45min presentation and add input to the current draft proposals.

I have conducted three IBEP clinics this spring; one in Victoria, a second in Port Coquitlam, and a third in Quesnel. We had about thirty students and have developed 3-4 instructor candidates. This is an important program that we would like to see implemented all across the province. It is the shared view of the various bowhunting organizations that this course becomes recommended training for all bowhunters.

Just a reminder for those bowhunters who were successful with spring bear, to submit your results to receive your pin. Pictures and information can go to Garry Hornsberger or Ted Kennedy to be forwarded to the webmaster to go on the BCAA website. A special thanks to the Wrights for hosting the Quesnel IBEP clinic, and for Chris and Danny and Rene for helping me get my first bear with a bow.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Kennedy

SAA Bowhunting & 3D Director's report 2008

Saskatchewan Archery Association (SAA) continues to grow with over one thousand members already this year. Our biggest numbers continue to be in our youth, with over 50% of our membership being youth. We also manage to get some parents involved and they also start shooting. As long as all our clubs keep promoting our Junior Olympic Programme, our membership will keep growing.

Our numbers of competitors at 3D shoots are staying the same, but most shooters show up together. This is due to the price of fuel these days.

Saskatchewan Bowhunters Association is also growing with over six hundred members. SBA and the SAA are starting a letter-writing campaign to stop crossbows from being put into archery season, and to keep them in muzzleloader season. Again this year you can purchase eight big game tags over the counter: 3 mule deer, 2 whitetail deer, 1 moose, 1 elk, and 1 black bear.

Chronic Wasting Disease is a problem in the province. Eradication of CWD from wild populations is no longer a realistic option for the province. As a result, the management of CWS will now focus on province-wide sampling to determine the geographic distribution of CWD in wild herds and monitoring and managing the prevalence of CWD in areas where it is currently found.

Saskatchewan is a bowhunter's paradise.

Respectfully submitted
Ross MacAngus