

Australian Bowhunters Association Inc  
Northern Territory Branch A

**Annual General Meeting**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.05pm

Venue: Dead Centre Bowhunters Clubrooms

**Minutes**

1. Welcome – Ken Henderson opened the meeting, thanked everyone for participating in the NT titles at DCBH, congratulated the winners of the 3D round and thanked everyone for their help over the past few days. He thanked Sonja, Steve, Brad and Stuart for all their work in preparing for the titles.
2. Attendance – Chris Manners, Sonja Wegert, Stuart Renwick, Ken Henderson, Steve Ings, Brad Hawkless, Mark Barnes, Wolfgang Amend, Brad Sawyer, Jim McWilliams.
3. Apologies – Geoff Stagg, Pete Bennet.
4. Minutes of the 2020 AGM circulated to members one month prior to the meeting. Acceptance of minutes of 2020 AGM –  
Moved: Brad Hawkless,  
Seconded: Steven Ings.  
**Minutes approved.**
5. REPORTS
  - Branch Controller – Ken Henderson’s report attached
  - Branch Treasurer – Stuart Renwick’s report attached. Stuart advised the audit report is available for members to view.
  - Branch Score Recorder – Sonja Wegert’s report attached
  - Branch Field Representative – Report attached. Pete submitted a proposal to apply to ABA members seeking a permit to hunt. Matter to be discussed at the next Branch A committee meeting.
  - Branch Coach – Steve indicated the training program has been interrupted by Covid19. He will advise on possible training of FAI for the next year.
  - Branch Bowhunting Instructor – Brad advised he plans to run a Bowhunter Proficiency Certificate course next year.

- Branch Risk Management Officer – Brad/Mark advised there was a problem with the dry surface of the practice range at Freds Pass where the wayward arrows were skidding across the range and possibly presenting a risk to other park users. Watering the range and a healthy grass surface would solve this issue. **Action: Ken to follow up with Freds Pass management.**

- Club Reports

**Dead Centre Bow Hunters** – Stuart advised a new shade structure has been built over the practice range, that the FITTA range is near completion, a new mower has been purchased and a roof has been built over the toilet block. Overall facilities are in good shape.

**Freds Pass Field Archers** - Report attached.

MOTION: That the above reports be accepted.

Moved: Steve Ings

Seconded: Stuart Renwick, carried.

6. Appointment of auditor for 2021/2022

MOTION: that the auditor for 2021/2022 be Suzanne Lee and Associates.

Moved: Stuart Renwick;

Seconded: Steve Ings

7. Election of Office Bearers: (Note all elected positions are declared vacant at the AGM and nominations for all 5 positions were called for on Monday 12th July 2021 (Notice of meeting) with nominations closing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August to enable voting for any contested positions.

Nominations received are as follows:

Branch Controller	Ken Henderson (only nominee)
Reelected: unanimous.	
Branch Treasurer	Stuart Renwick (only nominee)
Reelected unanimous	
Branch Score Recorder	Sonja Weigert (only nominee)
Reelected unanimous	
Branch Field Representative	Peter Bergin (only nominee)
Reelected unanimous	
Secretary	Chris Manners (only nominee)
Reelected unanimous	

8. Appointed Position

- Branch Coach: Steve Ings. (re-appointment unanimous)
- Branch Risk Management Officer: Nomination: Mark Barnes by Brad Hawkless 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Manners (unanimous)
- Branch Bowhunting Instructor: Nomination: Brad Hawkless by Ken Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Manners (unanimous)
- Club Representatives: Clubs to nominate their representatives at their next meetings.

**9. Signatures to the accounts**

MOTION: That the signatures to the accounts be the Branch Controller, the Secretary, the Treasurer, with any 2 being required to sign.

Moved: Chris Manners

Seconded: Stuart Renwick (carried).

**10. General Business**

1. FPFA to host the next NT titles from July 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 2022. The 3D round will occur on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and the ABA Vinyl round on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.
2. The 2022 AGM will occur on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> July after the 3D shoot at the Freds Pass Field Archers club house.
3. Note the ABA Annual General Meeting is to occur on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and Ken, Stuart, Peter and Sonja will participate in a virtual meeting.
4. Note that from 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 reaccreditation for Coaches, Field Reps., Measurers and Bowhunter Proficiency Certificate instructors is to occur. Further advice will be forthcoming on this.

**11. Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.**

## Branch Controller's Report

The past year has been testing times for our archery community with the restrictions on shooting due to Covid-19 virus.

DCBH and FPFA both initiated ways for members to practice on their ranges while observing the Health Ministers directions and have been holding shoots meetings adhering to their COVID – 19 safety plans and implementing the check in app at their clubs.

FPFA have shown reasonable attendance at their shoots with a few new members and some dropping off for various reasons

DCBH have struggled for numbers at their shoots which will need to be a priority for the Branch in assisting them to improve attendance this and member numbers

Both clubs have had some infrastructure improvements done to their club areas due to grant applications to the NT government being successfully accepted

All of these items will assist the Branch in acquiring and keeping members at the clubs by improving the shoot experience.

State titles will be held at Dead Centre Bowhunters Inc this September with a number of archers from Freds Pass Field Archers attending

New website is now operational [ntarchery.org.au](http://ntarchery.org.au) thanks to Sonya and is a vast improvement on the previous one and is a testament to her commitment in putting in the time to do this big task.

Kind Regards

Ken Henderson

Branch A Controller

## Treasurers Report 2021 AGM

A fairly normal year this year, we had another \$36k to spend over both clubs, covid in the background and a new set of rules to comply with.

We managed to buy some more 3D targets for both clubs and that just about covers it.

The website is going well, Sonja is doing a good job at keeping it up to date.

Ken and I attended a governance training course in Darwin which was very interesting and maybe a little bit useful.

We staged the NT Titles at Freds Pass with a pretty good turn out travelling from Alice to compete

We are still maintaining our TV advert as this seems to be the most useful in gaining new members.

Overall we finished this year with about \$13k in the bank.

Regards Stuart

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## **Field Representative's Report**

I have not received any game claims from members for the year 2021.

See attached report Re. members applying for a hunting permit through Parks and Wildlife N.T. Rough draft at this stage open for discussion.

Peter Bergin  
Branch 'A'  
Field Representative

## **Procedure to apply for Hunting Permit Through Parks and Wildlife N.T.**

1. Applicant/s must be a current financial member of the Australian Bowhunters Association.
2. Applicant/s must be a current financial member of Freds Pass Field Archers.
3. Applicant/s must have completed and passed the ABA Bowhunter Proficiency course.
4. Email/inform Hunting Co-ordinator 6-7 days prior to hunt of intention to hunt.
5. Submit Hunting and possibly Camping Permits to Parks & Wildlife (as per instructions on applications). The Hunting permit only if you are going for a day hunt. For overnight a Hunting permit plus a Camping permit are both required.
6. Within one week post hunt Parks & Wildlife are to be informed of game taken or nil game taken.

## **Branch A Score Recorder Report 2021**

FPFA and DCBH again worked very well together in organizing 'synchronized' InterClub Grading shoots throughout 2021 which have been submitted to the National Score Recorder. Multiple archers managed to either achieve their first Branch grading group or improve their grading group.

To date, there were 5 InterClub Grading shoots submitted to Nationals (3 ABA and 2 3 D Animal shoots) and the results are available either via the [ntarchery.org.au](http://ntarchery.org.au) or ABA National website. The Branch A even features on the ABA Nationals & Alliance

Shoot Calendar, available on the ABA National website. So the NT is back and has a place as an active Branch on the ABA National radar again.

### **NT Titles 2020**

The NT Archery Championship was again hosted by FPFA in Darwin and had

22 competitors for ABA Vinyl shoot (4 DCBH and 18 FPFA)

25 competitors for 3 D Animal shoot (5 DCBH and 20 FPFA)

No IFAA competition was run due to limited range capacity at the host club.

The NT Titles shoot results have been submitted to ABA Nationals and are available on the ABA National website.

Also, good feedback and compliance was achieved with the new online nomination system via *google forms* and most competitors were also able to complete their registration fee payment directly into the ABA Branch A account via online transfers. This helped for smoother, safer and speedier registration processes.

### **Score Recording Program**

The new proposed score recording program is not being released yet to the Branch Score Recorders. I believe this is still due to limited testing opportunities due to COVID. I will follow up with the National Score Recorder again at this year's National AGM in October.

### **Proposal/Request**

As the Branch A score recording laptop is a bit slow and outdated, I would like to request some money being allocated in this financial year to purchase a new one.

The current laptop can be donated to FPFA for their club business.

I also will run low on certain medals for ABA and 3 D Animal competitions after this year's NT Titles and would need a budget for new medals please.

### **ntarchery.org.au website**

To my understanding, the website works quite well, at least with DCBH. We actively use it as a communication tool for new or existing archers. I try to update the front page as required, but at least once per month to make it interesting for people to look at, to encourage them to visit regularly and display and advertise shoot results, reminders and events.

Also, if issues, questions or requests arise, I try to help, sort or improve it. FPFA has a couple of people who have access to their FPFA website part to customize and update it. If things happen slowly, I'm not a webmaster and mostly learn from trial and error. But overall, it seems to work very well to have amalgamated the 3 separate website into one. The feedback from the general public is that it is very well received.

### **Shoot Calendar 2022**

The next years Branch A shoot calendar is currently being established between FPFA and DCBH to be ready for timely submission to ABA National Score Recorder for approval on the this year's National AGM to be hopefully again included in the next years official ABA National & Alliance Shoot Calendar.

I would like to say thank you to all FPFA and DCBH archers and committee members for your great support, positivity and team work. With that we have achieved quite a lot of improvement over the past 2 year in bringing the NT ABA Archery Clubs

together, improve and make us stronger. Thanks very much for the good cooperation with the FPFA Committee.

Sonja Wegert  
*Branch A Score Recorder*

## **FREDS PASS FIELD ARCHERS – REPORT 2021**

Freds Pass Field Archers has enjoyed a reasonably good year with a number of things that have been achieved being:

- Renewing of a lot of the old target butts on the range
- Construction completed on 2 new shade structures
- Removal of containers and old clubhouse from site
- Clean up and removal of the range rubbish which had accumulated over a large number of years
- Adherence to our Covid-19 safety plan and initiating the Covid check in app to enable shooting to continue safely at the club

Ken Henderson

President FPFA